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Portage Department of Public Safety to Offer Training for How to Respond to Active Shooter Event

Schools, businesses and community members often ask the Portage Department of Public Safety (PDPS) for advice about how to react to a potential active shooter event. The PDPS is pleased to announce a new training program – *Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)*. CRASE is a nationally recognized training program developed by Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) in partnership with Texas State University that provides strategies and guidance for surviving an active shooter event. ALERRT is funded in part by the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Criminal Justice Division of the Texas Governor's Office.

PDPS staff received training from ALERRT to provide CRASE instruction to the Portage community. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, medical issues and more. This program can be customized to different sizes and types of organizations, including retail/commercial stores, medical facilities, manufacturing sites, schools and places of worship. The training is approximately 3-4 hours and can be held at the organization's location or a City of Portage facility. A safety analysis of the organization's building(s) can also be performed to assess safety risks and areas where improvements can be made. The PDPS offers this training at no cost to the community.

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