ACTIVE THREAT EVENT
Quick Reference Guide

**AVOID** when there is an active threat.
Once you are safe, call 911.

**DENY** when getting away is difficult or even impossible.
1. Block the door.
2. Avoid windows.
3. Silence your cell.

**DEFEND** because you have a right to protect yourself.

You should provide to law enforcement or 911 operator:
- Location of the active threat
- Number of threats
- Physical description of threats
- Number and type of weapons held by threats
- Number of potential victims at the location

When law enforcement arrives:
- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands (e.g., bags, jackets).
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help when evacuating.

**Be aware, be prepared**
- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.
- Think about where you could hide in places you frequent (classrooms, labs, offices, etc.).

MTSU CAMPUS POLICE 615-898-2424 (911 calls from cell phones go to Murfreesboro Police.)