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### Civilian Response Class

ABILENE, TX – The average police response time to an active attack event is three minutes. The police have trained for years how to effectively respond to such events, but for the past three years, the Police Department seeks to train citizens on their response during the first few minutes of such incidents.

The Civilian Response program was designed by members of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) center in San Marcos, Hays County, Texas. The program details proper citizen action and what to expect when the police arrive on the scene. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options and medical issues. These incidents can be chaotic and citizens must have a plan. This program will help create a plan for individuals and entities alike.

The Civilian Response program is now available online and is free of cost. Upon completion, the student will receive a Certificate of Completion, which will take four to five weeks to receive. The class will take roughly two to three hours to complete from your computer. To access the website, go to the Texas State University ALERT website at <https://alert.org/> and click the CRASE ONLINE link and create an account.

Respectfully,

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