Active Shooter Response

With the events of school shootings in recent years many people have asked what they should do in the event that they are caught in an active shooter type incident on campus. These types of incidents are always unpredictable but there are things that should be immediately done to protect oneself.

Upon recognizing the danger, as soon as it is safe to do so alert responders by contacting 911 with clear and accurate information as possible. Massachusetts Maritime Academy adheres to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and US Department of Education with the following Active Shooter procedures:

**Run**

When an active shooter is in your vicinity and it is safe to do so:

- If there is an escape path, run away from danger to safe location
- Vacate area whether others agree to or not
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape
- Prevent others from entering the area
- Call 911 when you are safe

**Hide**

If unable to vacate, find a place to hide.

- Lock and/or blockade the door
- Silence your cell phone
- Turn off lights
- Hide behind large objects
- Remain very quiet and in place until “All Clear” from identifiable law enforcement

**Fight**

Only as a last resort, and if your life is in danger:

- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression
- Improvise weapons
- Commit to your actions
When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Keep your hands visible at all times
- Avoid pointing or yelling
- Know that help for the injured is on its way