



APPLICATION FORM

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. **Deadline: June 1, 2016.** Please include this application form with electronic entry.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: _____

Program Title: _____

Program Category: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Website: _____

Email: _____

SIGNATURE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Arlington County High Threat Response Model

Problem and How it is Addressed:

In 2012, the Arlington County Fire Department recognized the need to address the growing threat of complex high threat events including active shooter/active killing, fire as a weapon, use of explosives, attacks on first responders, diversionary attacks, or a combination of all of these.

Recognizing this need from their personal experience in responding to multiple events in Arlington County and observing events in localities around the world, an ad hoc group began working together in an off-duty or overtime capacity to create effective responses to these situations. Their collaboration has now gained official recognition and become an Arlington County Fire Department operational unit.

The High Threat Response program's mission is to organize, develop, and deliver Fire/EMS and Police department inter-agency operational and medical plans, logistics, protocols, and training in response to these complex growing threats.

Members of the team cross-train so they can address these issues on a local, regional, and national level, and train other communities to respond. They continue to break new ground and continuously improve responses and training.

Results:

Since the initial protocols were developed, the team members have continuously refined the concepts to share with other local governments, and state and federal government agencies. Among the accomplishments

1. Developed High threat medical concepts of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care
2. Held regional medical Tactical Emergency Casualty Care and Rescue Task Force active shooter response training (familiarization and/or competency level) for the following organizations and agencies:
 - a. Pentagon Force Protection Agency
 - b. Army Readiness Center
 - c. DC Metropolitan Police Department
 - d. City of Fairfax Fire Department
 - e. Ft Myer Fire Department and Police
 - f. Lewisville, TX Fire Department
 - g. Philadelphia Fire Department
 - h. Arlington County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers
3. Developed regional distributive didactic and direct practical Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training program for all Northern Virginia Fire/EMS agencies, and all Northern Virginia Police agencies.
4. Created the regional Tactical Emergency Casualty Care cache for Fire/EMS.
5. Created Regional Law Enforcement (LE) officer 'blow out' first aid kits for all LE officers in northern Virginia.
6. Developed active shooter response and Tactical Emergency Casualty Care videos for all of the National Capitol region public safety agencies.

7. Developed and shared lessons learned with London Fire Brigade and London Metropolitan Police including serving as exercise evaluators for large-scale complex attack drill in metropolitan London.
8. Lead development of NOVA regional High Threat Response Standard Operating Procedures.
9. Produced multiple articles in national journals and several position white papers for national organizations regarding the need for integrated public safety response to high threat events.
10. Developed initiative to change public safety response paradigm for integrated warm zone operations during high threat events.
11. Provided Logistics Support to Ferguson, Missouri Fire/EMS through donation of High Threat Response Personal Protective Equipment.
12. Served as members of the inter-agency planning team for the FBI/NCTC/FEMA Joint Counter Terrorism Awareness Workshop Series
13. Presentations on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, Rescue Task Force and/or High Threat Response program and theory including:
 - a. 2013/2015 IAFF Redmond Conference
 - b. 2014 IAFC conference
 - c. 2014/2015 ALERRT active shooter conference
 - d. 2012/2013/2014/2105 VA state EMS conference
 - e. 2014 Wisconsin state EMS conference
 - f. 2014 Broward County EMS conference

- g. Multiple presentations to large metropolitan area public safety agencies as part of the Joint Counter Terrorism Awareness Workshop Series.
- 14. Lead participation in the 2014 InterAgency Board active shooter summit with significant contribution to the resulting national white paper.
- 15. Developed Fire Department specific open-source intelligence and lessons learned reports in real-time after significant national/international high threat events.
- 16. Developed Tactical Emergency Casualty Care first care provider and 'Beyond Lockdown' active shooter response training for teachers and school administrators as part of the VA DOJ back-to-school training.
- 17. Initiated research on unique perspective aspects of High Threat Response events with real-time application of lessons-learned.
- 18. Consulted with DHS/FEMA on national High Threat Response programs and publishing subsequent operational recommendations

Overview and Summary:

The Arlington County Fire Department has collaborated with the Arlington Police Department and regional partners to create a protocol for responses to complex high threat events such as active shooter/active killing, fire as a weapon, use of explosives, attacks on first responders, diversionary attacks, or a combination of all of these. As a result, a new operational unit within the Fire Department has been created, and it has been instrumental in training other local governments, and state and federal governmental agencies. Additionally, it has shared its recommended protocols through

written materials, videos, trade journals, presentations and real-time applications of lessons learned.