

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 94**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Rodriguez**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 94—Relative to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 94, as introduced, Rodriguez. Emergency services: active shooter incidents.

This measure would recognize that active shooter incidents are increasing and would encourage local fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services agencies to develop standard operating procedures and coordinated training programs in an effort to more efficiently respond to active shooter incidents in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1     WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation defines an  
2 active shooter as an individual actively engaged in killing or  
3 attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; and  
4     WHEREAS, Since the Columbine High School attack in 1999,  
5 active shooter incidents have captured a substantial amount of  
6 public and law enforcement attention; and  
7     WHEREAS, Eighty-four active shooter events occurred between  
8 2000 and 2010, 16 of which occurred in 2009 and 21 of which  
9 occurred in 2010; and  
10    WHEREAS, More than 250 people have been killed in the  
11 United States during active shooter incidents since the Columbine  
12 High School shootings in 1999; and

1 WHEREAS, Active shooter incidents often occur in small, and  
2 medium-sized communities where police departments are limited  
3 by budget constraints and small workforces; and

4 WHEREAS, The average active shooter incident are 12 minutes  
5 in duration, with 37 percent of incidents lasting less than five  
6 minutes; and

7 WHEREAS, Fifty-one percent of active shooter incidents have  
8 been found to occur in the workplace, while 17 percent occurred  
9 in a school, 17 percent occurred in a public place, and 6 percent  
10 occurred in a religious establishment; and

11 WHEREAS, During 56 percent of active shooter attacks that  
12 were ongoing when police arrived, officers had to use force to stop  
13 the killing; and

14 WHEREAS, Patrol officers are most likely responding alone or  
15 with a partner to an incident, with one-third of those officers who  
16 enter an incident alone being shot by the intruder; and

17 WHEREAS, The recent shooting incident at Los Angeles  
18 International Airport (LAX) in November 2013 serves as a grim  
19 reminder that a mass casualty incident can happen at any moment,  
20 in any location; and

21 WHEREAS, In response to this incident, LAX created an Airport  
22 Response Team, composed of airport employees who will  
23 voluntarily mobilize during future airport-related emergencies to  
24 specifically assist with passenger communication and care; and

25 WHEREAS, The entry of emergency medical services to an  
26 attack site are often delayed because law enforcement must conduct  
27 a thorough search of the scene in order to declare it secure; and

28 WHEREAS, The inability, or severely delayed ability, of  
29 emergency medical services personnel to access an active shooter  
30 scene have caused a paradigm shift in law enforcement training  
31 and tactics, as victims are not necessarily expected to escape or  
32 even survive these situations; and

33 WHEREAS, Recent active shooter incidents have underscored  
34 the need for a coordinated response by law enforcement and others  
35 to save lives; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
37 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes that active*  
38 *shooter incidents appear to be increasing and further encourages*  
39 *local fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services*  
40 *agencies to develop common tactics, communications capabilities,*

1 and terminology to enable seamless and effective operations during  
2 an active shooter incident; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That local fire, law enforcement, and emergency  
4 medical services agencies are encouraged to establish standard  
5 operating procedures and coordinated training programs for these  
6 volatile and dangerous situations in an effort to mitigate risk to  
7 law enforcement officers, as well as the general public; and be it  
8 further

9 *Resolved*, That airports, college campuses, and entertainment  
10 venues, where large groups of people often congregate, should  
11 consider implementing response teams, similar to that employed  
12 by LAX, in order to streamline communications with persons  
13 trapped inside a venue and to maximize crowd control measures  
14 and evacuation procedures; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
16 of this resolution to the Office of Emergency Services, the  
17 Department of Justice, and to the author for appropriate  
18 distribution.