



Myth:

Hospitals, and medical office buildings, are safe. There's no threat of an active shooter attack.

Fact:

Over 60% of active shooter events take place in non-academic buildings of all kinds including hospitals.

Mitigating Active Shooter Incidents in Hospitals.
From the Only Provider of Indoor/Outdoor Gunshot Location Technology.

Overview

Hospitals are taking a closer look at their security procedures due to an increase in active shooter incidents. In the past 18 months alone, there have been 14 active shooter incidents at hospitals around the country. This is not including the countless violent acts in emergency rooms and hospital grounds that could have led to gunfire. FBI statistics show that all "active shooter" incidents, in hospitals and elsewhere, have jumped from 6.4 per year between 2000 and 2006, to 16.4 per year between 2007 and 2013.

Americans were shocked to hear the news of the recent death of cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Michael Davidson at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Hospitals are no longer safe-havens. An active shooter is just as likely to enter a hospital as a commercial building regardless of whether a security guard is present. More aggressive systems must be put in place to mitigate hospital shootings and protect both employees and patients who assume they are safe in hospitals.

In the month before Davidson was killed, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a guide to help health care facilities incorporate active shooter planning into their

154 Hospital-related shootings in the U.S. between 2000-2011: 235 injured or dead

Hospital Shootings



Top 3 Places



Active Shooter Motive



Source: Hospital-based shootings in the United States: 2000 to 2011. Annals of Emergency Medicine, (December 2012). 790-798.

emergency plans. Accreditation already requires planning for active shooters. Yet, active shooter events in healthcare settings present unique challenges: a potentially large vulnerable patient population, hazardous materials (including infectious disease), locked units, and special equipment such as MRI machines which contain large magnets that could potentially interfere with effective use of firearms.

ShotSpotter® SiteSecure™ acts as an “active shooter alarm” system providing indoor and outdoor detection in the event of an active shooter attack on your facility. SiteSecure can monitor and protect buildings of any footprint, or square footage regardless of number of floors. SiteSecure instantly detects indoor and outdoor gunfire and notifies those who most need that information in real-time; hospital Security Operations Center personnel and law enforcement first responders. ShotSpotter has an 18-year proven track record of detecting gunfire in a wide-variety of environments.

Benefits

- SiteSecure is the only gunshot location technology capable of detecting both indoor and outdoor threats.
- SiteSecure can instantly provide fully contextualized alerts (number of rounds fired, the location of gunshots, and audio files of the event) to designated recipients including your hospital’s security operations center, and local police.
- Knowing precisely where shots were fired enables first responders to stop the shooting and aid victims faster.
- SiteSecure provides rapid incident detection and location placing dots on floor plans and facility maps. When coupled with the rapid deployment of armed first responders, it can reduce the impact of an active shooter who penetrates hospital building security checkpoints.
- Cost Effective: cloud-based system requires no customer overhead.

Indoor/Outdoor Protection

- SiteSecure is the only gunshot location technology capable of detecting indoor and outdoor threats.
- Wide area incident detection: fired and directed anywhere within coverage area, inside or outside of the building, providing a dome of protection.
- Detailed hospital building level floor plans including chronological mapping of identified gunfire locations (dot on map).

Monitoring Service

- 24x7 Monitoring Center staffed with acoustics experts verifies event as actual gunfire and provides real-time gunshot alerts.
- Audio snippet of gunfire incidents in real-time.
- No on-premises equipment other than sensors.

Trusted by First Responders

- ShotSpotter has a proven, credible track record with law enforcement so ShotSpotter alerts are given high priority.
- Court accepted evidence case law—proven accuracy.

Security System Integration

A number of associated and related technologies—video, PSIM, CAD—can be integrated to provide a 360-degree solution for end users. Contact SST for more details.

“We would like to think that hospitals are not an area that would be subject to harm, and maybe that’s why we want them to be free and accessible and not overly secure like a fortress. But I think times are changing.”

– Dr. Eli Adashi, former dean of medicine, Brown University

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