

# Gov. releases active shooter response plan

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (WALA) - Governor Robert Bentley on Wednesday, April 10 announced the creation of a strategic plan for preventing and responding to active shooter events at various types of facilities.

The plan was compiled by Secretary of Law Enforcement and Alabama Department of Homeland Security Director Spencer Collier. Collier compiled the plan at the direction of Governor Bentley and delivered the plan to the Governor.

"We have been working for some time on various methods of preventing and responding to active shooters, and this formal plan will help us coordinate those efforts," Governor Bentley said. "By increasing law enforcement training, educating the public and preparing response plans, we can take steps now that could help save lives in the future."

"From the perspective of law enforcement, we are not at a point where we can predict active shooter incidents, but we can be as trained and prepared as possible should they occur," Collier said. "To be able to notify the public regarding how to handle themselves during an active shooter situation will hopefully save lives."

"While no strategy can completely prevent an active shooter event, certain steps can be taken to decrease a potential shooter's chances of successfully carrying out his or her plan," the Active Shooter Response Plan states. "Being prepared is the best defense."

**Three top priorities are outlined** in the formal long-range plan: law enforcement, general public and the education community.

"We also recognize there is sometimes a mental health aspect to the prevention of certain crimes," Governor Bentley added. "Some criminal conduct can be addressed by identifying problem behaviors at an earlier age and taking appropriate actions. We are currently working with the Alabama Department of Mental Health on additional strategies for prevention."

"By taking a comprehensive approach, we can develop methods that will continue to increase our safety and preparedness," Governor Bentley concluded. "While nothing could ever prevent all crimes, we will do everything we can to increase safety for our citizens and improve response plans in the event of an emergency."

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