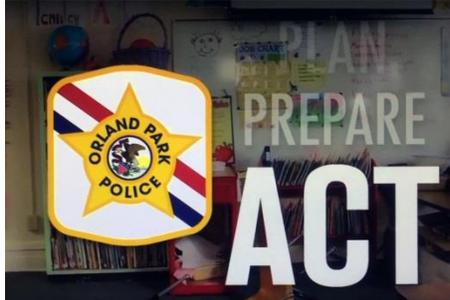


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## Orland Park Police Department's Active Shooter Video Receives National Award



"Plan, Prepare, Act" Used to Educate School Personnel for Active Shooter Scenarios

The Orland Park Police Department created its active shooter video to present potential scenarios and options for faculty and staff at area schools.

"We wanted a tool that we could use to illustrate the different options available if an active shooter enters a school," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy. "Plan, Prepare, Act" makes teachers think about what options they have --- and helps them be prepared should they be faced with this situation."

The department's video, produced in cooperation with Eyclight Studios of Orland Park, was named a Bronze People's Telly Award winner in the Non-Broadcast Production Category.

"We are very proud of the Orland Park Police Department and their ongoing efforts to prepare area teachers should the unthinkable happen in their buildings," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "Having a well-educated faculty and staff can make the difference between life and death."

Founded in 1979, the Telly Awards were created to honor excellence in local, regional and cable television commercials. More than 13,000 entries are received from all 50 states and five continents. The Telly Award is one of the most sought after awards by industry leaders from international firms to local cable programmers.

"Orland Park was named the winner of the People's Choice Category," said Trustee Dan Calandriello. "This means people watched all of the entries and voted for the one they thought was the best. School safety is very important to communities across the country and training for these types of events is essential. It's so important to have the training in place and I'm very proud of our police department for producing the video to keep our community safe."

Orland Park Police Commander Joe Mitchell oversaw production of the video that lasts just more than 11 minutes.

"The purpose of the video was to illustrate the methods the police department and fire protection district uses and how faculty and staff should prepare for an incident before it happens," Mitchell said. "We are grateful to Eyclight Studios for their excellent production work, to our friends at the Orland Fire Protection District for being a part of this project, to the many volunteers appearing in the video and to our local school districts that helped with making this video a reality."

Orland Park Police Officer Charles Barth, who teaches the department's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in the village's schools, also helped coordinate the video's production.

"School personnel who have seen the video know how important it is to be prepared and aware of every option if ever faced with this situation," Barth said. "It's a reality based video that makes people think, which is what we want them to do."

"No parent wants to think about this happening in their children's school; however, we understand the value of being prepared," McLaughlin added. "We thank and congratulate the Orland Park Police Department for helping to educate the educators on how to best protect our children and themselves."

The Orland Park Police Department national award winning video can be viewed on the village's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0NPcbAuJ84>.

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