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### **Vestal Central School District partners with Town of Vestal Police to offer free presentation “How to Respond to an Active-Shooter Situation”**

What would you do if you found yourself in the middle of a violent situation?

- Do you have a plan?
- Are you prepared to act?
- Are you prepared to save yourself and/or others?

The Vestal Police Department, in partnership with the Vestal Central School District, will be offering a presentation on **“How to Respond to an Active Shooter Situation”** beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday August 24, 2022. The presentation will be hosted in the African Road Auditorium, 600 South Benita Boulevard, Vestal, New York.

Research has shown that many mass shootings, or active attack events, are over before the police arrive. Civilians who find themselves in an active-shooter event must be prepared to take immediate action to save their own lives before law enforcement arrives. During this presentation, attendees will be provided with some history of active-attack events and the background science of how people behave in high stress situations.

Working with this information, attendees will be given effective strategies that can dramatically increase their chance of surviving one of these incidents. **Once an active attack begins, it is too late to develop a strategy.** That is why it is imperative that you PLAN for these situations in advance. You will learn **what you do matters!**

The program is designed to provide civilians with knowledge that will empower and instill the confidence to survive an active shooter attack whether at work, church, the movie theater or anywhere else they may be. It is **not intended to frighten, but to empower and strengthen** a person’s ability to survive. Due to the seriousness of the content, you must be at least 18 years of age to attend.

This presentation of the AVOID, DENY, DEFEND program will begin at 6 p.m. in the African Road Auditorium, 600 S Benita Boulevard, Vestal, NY 13850. This event is free, but you must register in advance to attend. Email [saugostini@vestalny.com](mailto:saugostini@vestalny.com) or call 607-754-2386, Ext. 334 to register.

***Please join us for this very important presentation...  
The information you receive may save your life and the lives of others.***