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ICAT: Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics
Question to Consider

- What are key tactical considerations for patrol officers responding to a man with a knife incident?
Pre-Response Considerations—what to think about and do before you arrive on scene
Police Communications: Cleveland/Tamir Rice incident – 911 Call
Nov. 22, 2014
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Police Communications: Cleveland/Tamir Rice incident – Dispatch
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Police Response: Cleveland/Tamir Rice incident
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Police Communications: Parma, OH incident
Feb. 21, 2016
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Police Response: Parma, OH incident
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- Pre-Response
  - Collect information

*Step 1 of the Critical-Decision Making Model*
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- Pre-Response
  - Collect information
  - “Tactical pause” (when possible)
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- **Pre-Response**
  - Collect information
  - “Tactical pause” (when possible)
  - Develop a working strategy
Pre-Response

- Collect information
- “Tactical pause” (when possible)
- Develop a working strategy
- Prepare/manage yourself
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- Pre-Response Considerations
- Effective Response Tactics
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- Response
  - Continue gathering information
Response

- Continue gathering information
- First impressions – how do you want to start the interaction?
Response

- Continue gathering information
- First impressions
- Respond as a team
San Francisco: Mario Woods incident
Dec. 2, 2015
Response
- Continue gathering information
- First impressions
- Respond as a team
- Distance + Cover = Time
Response

- Continue gathering information
- First impressions
- Respond as a team
- Distance + Cover = Time
- Tactical Positioning/Repositioning
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- **Response**
  - Continue gathering information
  - First impressions
  - Respond as a team
  - Distance + Cover = Time
  - Tactical Positioning/Repositioning
  - Put yourself in a winnable situation
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Camden County (NJ): Man with a Knife
Nov. 11, 2015
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- Pre-Response Considerations
- Effective Response Tactics
- Post-Response Considerations
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- Post-Response
  - After-Action Review basics
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  - AAR ground rules
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  - AARs and the Critical Decision-Making Model
Quick Recap

- Collect information, strategize before you arrive on scene ("tactical pause")
- Once on scene ... think teamwork, distance + cover = time, tactical repositioning, "winnable situations"
- After actions are all about improving future performance
Thoughts?
Questions?
Observations?