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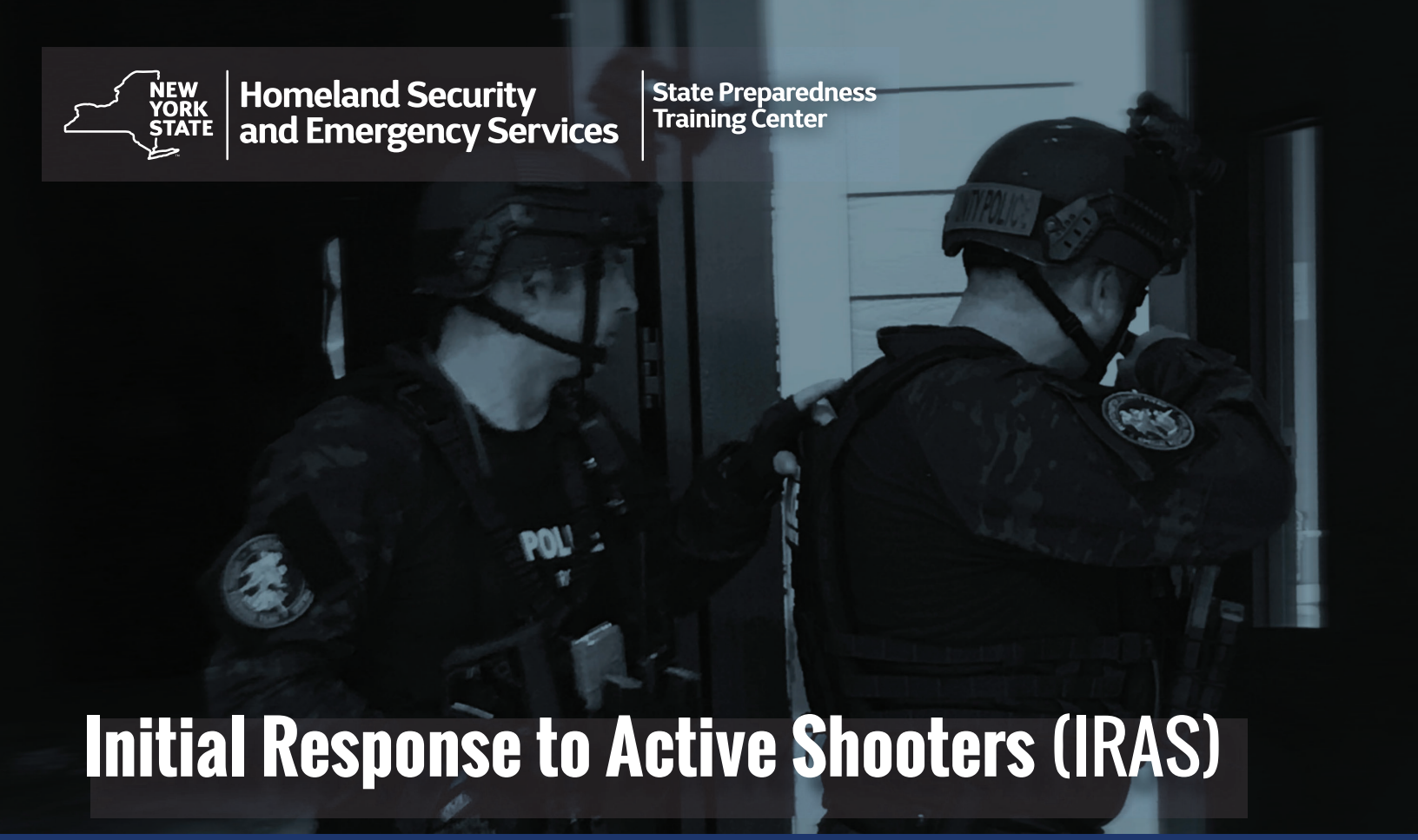

Initial Response to Active Shooters (IRAS)

October 15-16, 2026

Course Description
Initial Response to Active Shooters (IRAS) is a basic active shooter course designed to prepare law enforcement officers for an initial response to an Active Shooter Event (ASE) but also applies to other types of Aggressive Deadly Behavior (ADB). First arriving officers will need to establish incident command or decide to relinquish command, choosing instead to make entry or establish a contact team to engage the shooter(s). This course emphasizes techniques and tactics that will allow officers to quickly and decisively engage attackers and mitigate the threat. The instructors will stress the "why" with each tactic taught so that students can choose the best tactic for the given situation. The tactics will range from room clearing, hallway movement, team movement, to stairway clearing.

Topics Include
Anatomy of an Active Shooter Event and Aggressive Deadly Behavior, Tactical Mindset, Clearing Operations, Skill Lanes, and Scenarios.

Course Provider
This course is being provided by the State Preparedness Training Center

Location
State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC)
5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424

Cost
There is NO FEE for this course. Lunch will be provided. Travel and all other meals are the responsibility of the course participant.

Times
Registration and Check-In (7:30am-8:00am), Course (8:00am-5:00pm)

Audience
Attendees must be a certified Police/Peace Officer who is authorized to carry a firearm in the normal course of his/her duties. You must also be a U.S. citizen or have prior approval. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) reserves the right to determine eligibility for this course.
NOTE This course is comprised of several activities requiring physical exertion. This includes a great deal of time walking, jogging and standing, as well as the negotiation of stairwells between multiple floor levels. Some of this activity may be conducted in low-light conditions. Accordingly every student should be aware of this and consider self-exclusion if s/he has concerns about their physical condition or suffers from any health or other physical abnormality that may place them at risk during periods of significant physical exertion.

Student Equipment Requirements
Students should bring their duty belt and wear comfortable clothes conducive for force-on-force, reality-based training. Jeans and BDU pants are acceptable, as well as long sleeve t-shirts or button down long sleeve shirts and shoes that you normally wear during the course of duty. You may bring a ballistic vest if you wish, but it is not mandatory. All necessary protective gear required for force-on-force training utilizing non-lethal training ammunition (NLTA) will be provided to you. If you have your own protective gear, such as Simunition® or ATK® that you normally wear during FoF training, you may bring it, but it must be approved by staff before allowing you to use it during the training. Each officer is responsible for properly securing his or her weapon(s) during the training course. No personal or agency weapon (including impact and less-than-lethal weapons), live ammunition, weapon magazines, or flash bangs are to be on the officer or in the training area (including classroom) at any time during this course.

Registration Process
Registration for this course will be handled via DHSES's new Learning Management System (LMS). Please use the link below to access LMS and register for this course:
https://lmsportal-dhses.ny.gov/AcadisViewer/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fAcadisViewer%2fRegistration%2fRegistrationHome.aspx

If you need an LMS account or have any questions about LMS, please email LMS@dhses.ny.gov.

All student registrations will be reviewed by the SPTC with approvals sent to students NO LATER THAN two weeks prior to the start of the class. Registration does not guarantee a seat in the class. If you are accepted into this course, you will receive a confirmation email from the Center.

No Show Policy
Failure to attend a class you have registered for can result in restriction on future course attendance and agency notification. **If you have not received a confirmation or denial two weeks prior to the course date, please contact the SPTC at (315) 768-5689 or SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov**

Lodging
Lodging will be provided on the nights of October 14 & 15, 2026
for participating public sector personnel.

You are eligible for lodging if your residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the SPTC and you a State or Local responder. Lodging is not available for federal employees or private industry participants. You must be enrolled in the course and have received lodging confirmation from the SPTC before arriving at the Center, or your lodging will not be covered and you will not be allowed in the class.

Questions
If you have any questions, please contact the SPTC at 315-768-5689 or SPTC.INFO@dhses.ny.gov prior to arriving at the center.