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Education and Research Resources Guidance for Civilian First Responders

Recent mass shooting and IED incidents reveal that some traditional practices of first responders need to be realigned and enhanced to improve survivability of shooting victims and the safety of first responders caring for them. USARL served on the PPE subgroup of the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy IED working group, and co-authored the "First Responder Guidance for Managing Incidents with IEDs and/or Mass Shootings", which was published in FY14. This multidisciplinary, Federal first responder guidance translated evidence-based strategies from the US military's vast experience in responding to and managing casualties from IEDs and mass shootings, and its significant investment in combat casualty care research, into the civilian first responder environment. Additionally, civilian best practices and lessons learned from similar incidents, both in the US and abroad, were incorporated into this guidance. This work has potential to improve the survivability of the civilian population to terrorist events by better preparing first responders.