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## **Re: Mansfield Police and DeSoto District Attorney's Office hold active shooter training at North West Louisiana Technical College.**

Police Chief Gary Hobbs reports that the Mansfield Police Department, along with the DeSoto Parish District Attorney's Office, held an active shooter training program at the North West Louisiana Technical College on Tuesday- April 10.

The staff at the college were shown a power point presentation explaining how to be prepared, both mentally and physically, to deal with an active shooter situation before law enforcement arrives on the scene, as well as how to respond once they do arrive.

They were also given information on how to recognize a potential threat, how to respond to such an encounter, and steps to take to isolate the shooter from staff and students.

Representatives from the District Attorney's office also explained the importance of witness statements, steps that can be taken to provide the best recollection of the incident and details about the behavior of the suspect, as well as what to expect as the potential court case makes its way through the court system.

Chief Hobbs spoke to the group about the importance of such training and commented on the frequency of shooting incidents across the country. He commented that we should not become complacent and think that these incidents only happen in major cities, but have the potential of happening anywhere. He added that we should not live our lives in fear but should take every precaution we can to be aware of our surroundings and take simple steps that can drastically improve our safety as we go about our daily lives.

This active shooter training is one part of the crime prevention program offered by the Mansfield Police Department. Other training seminars include home safety tips, identity theft, and how to protect yourself with online activity. The seminars are free of charge and available to any group who requests the training. For more information or to schedule a seminar contact Chief Hobbs at 872-0520.

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Lt. Billy Locke looks on as George Winston, Chief Felony Prosecutor for the District Attorney's Office, speaks to the group.



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