Run, Hide, Fight

The response to an active threat event, based on situational appropriateness and personal decision, is to 1) Run, 2) Hide, or 3) Fight.

Upon identification of such an incident or initiation of alerts reporting an armed assailant, TCC personnel should assess their surroundings, quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect life and take life-preservation actions as necessary. Regardless of response action, it is essential to

- Remain calm.
- Take responsibility for advising any visitors and guests in the area of the threat; inform them of the response process and assist with getting them to a safe area.
- Keep silent; turn off mobile device ringer, music, and other sources of noise.

Run

1. Exit your area/building as quickly as possible, leaving belongings behind.
   Stay low and alert when moving through corridors.
2. Assist others if able to do so safely.
3. When safe, contact Police at 911 and inform them of the armed assailant in your building/on campus.
   Provide exact location and descriptions if able.

Hide

1. Retreat to a secure suite/room (classroom, office, etc.) and lock the door if possible.
   A room without windows is ideal.
2. Keep low and move away from the door to the far end of the area.
3. If able, move a sturdy object (desk, chair, or bookcase) directly in front of the door.
   Hide behind a desk, under a table, or in a closet.
   The more furniture and doors between you and the threat will increase your margin of safety.
4. Close any blinds, turn out the lights and/or cover the door’s vision panel.
5. Remain still and silent in your location until police arrive or provided with an “All-Clear”.
6. If position is compromised by intruder and occupants are in imminent danger, take action

Fight

1. Only as a last resort when all other options are unavailable.
2. Attempt to overwhelm and incapacitate the armed assailant.
3. Be aggressive and be loud. Anything that can be picked up can be a projectile.
4. Throwing objects at the intruder can prevent them from accurately using their weapon.
5. If you are in a group, use your numbers to your advantage.

When the threat has been neutralized by public responders an “All-Clear” message will be distributed through E2 Campus Alerts to let personnel know the situation is back under control.

Remember, always use common sense.
There are exceptions to all guidance and prescribed directions.