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State Police Train Airmen In Active Shooter Response

#### TRAINING

HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. -- The Hanscom Air Force Base 66<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron received tactical training provided by the Massachusetts State Police Special Tactical Operations team on Oct. 17-18 at the dormitories.

The training was part of an ongoing partnership between state police and the squadron.

This was the second time the STOP team has worked with the squadron.

Last year's training covered general tactics, and the squadron hopes to do this again next year said Tech Sergeant William H. Boyden, the noncommissioned officer in charge of training the squadron, as the airmen benefit tremendously from the state troopers' wealth of field experience.

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“Any interaction with outside law enforcement organizations is a positive interaction for us,” said Boyden.

The morning portion of training consisted of classroom lectures and discussing recent active-shooter scenarios, including events at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina, on June 17, 2015, and in San Bernardino, California, on Dec. 2, 2015.

The afternoon portion took place in the dorms and consisted of field exercises with scenarios involving an unstable person with a firearm threatening people in a confined area. The training replicates a building with lots of corridors, rooms, and stairwells like an office building or school.

“Unfortunately, it’s not a question of “if” but “when” something like this happens again,” said trooper James C. O’Donnell, STOP team member. “We have learned, however, that the loss of life in these kinds of situations can be limited with a professional response.”