

Thinking the unthinkable

VB sheriff and LMC team up for active shooting training

SOUTH HAVEN — It's a situation no one wants to have to be prepared for — an active shooter.

But the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department wants to be ready, and its members want you to be ready, too.

The sheriff's Office of Domestic Preparedness is hosting the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, the department announced. The event is 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Lake Michigan College's South Haven campus.

The trainer will provide strategies, guidance and a plan for surviving an active shooter event, according to a press release.

The class is designed and

built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by ALERRT — Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, medical matters and drills.

The event is open to the public, but attendees must be at least 18 years old.

A separate course will be held for LMC students, staff and faculty 2:15-3:30 p.m.

The South Haven campus is at 125 Veterans Blvd. The training will be held in Room 141.

For questions about the program contact Lt. Robert Kirk, Office of Domestic Preparedness at the Van Buren County Sheriff's department at (269) 657-7786 or kirkr@vbco.org.