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Pikes Peak Security Offers Free Active Shooter Training to Community Members Veteran-Owned Security Company Takes Stand Against Gun Violence Through Free Course

**Colorado Springs, CO:** Pikes Peak Security, a veteran-owned security company serving Colorado Springs and Denver, will be giving away 8 seats in their Active Violence Emergency Response Training (AVERT) course occurring on Mar. 26th. Nominations will be accepted on Pikes Peak Security's website until Mar. 14th.

With over <u>647 mass shootings</u> nationwide in 2022, including the Club Q tragedy in our own community, Pikes Peak Security wants to equip local individuals to take life-saving action in an emergency. AVERT, a training program offered through the <u>Health & Safety Institute</u>, teaches critical first aid and tactics to escape, evade or attack in an active shooting situation. This course normally costs \$85 per person.

Nominations should include the nominee's full name, email address, and explain why they should be chosen for the training. Anyone can be nominated to participate, but priority will be given to people working in these industries:

- Bars and restaurants
- Events
- Retail
- Education
- Healthcare

Pikes Peak Security founder Adrian Smith says, "We work everyday to make our Colorado community a safer place. Offering this type of training is just one more way that we accomplish that goal."

Smith believes everyone should complete active violence training because you never know when you might be in a position to use it. He hopes that this free course will help remove economic barriers to completing this essential safety training.

The AVERT program was developed by a team of medical experts and law enforcement personnel to train first responders. Now AVERT is accessible to individuals in any industry through HSI-certified instructors, like Pikes Peak Security's staff. AVERT is a hybrid online and in-person training program, and the classroom portion can be completed in 3-5 hours.

**About Pikes Peak Security:** Pikes Peak Security is a veteran-owned business providing security services and safety training in southern Colorado. Pikes Peak Security staff have extensive military and law enforcement experience and complete 100 yearly hours of additional training,

including first aid, customer service and industry-related skills. Visit the <u>Pikes Peak Security</u> website to learn more.

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