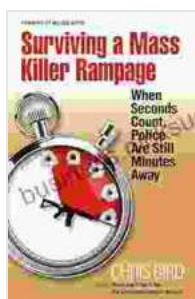# When Seconds Count, Police Are Still Minutes Away: The Growing Problem of Police Response Times

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According to a 2016 study by the National Police Foundation, the average police response time in the United States is 10 minutes. However, in some cities, response times can be much longer. For example, in New York City, the average police response time is 15 minutes. In Los Angeles, it is 18 minutes.

These delays can be deadly. In 2017, a woman in Chicago was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend. The police were called, but they did not arrive until 15 minutes later. By that time, the woman was dead.

In 2018, a mass shooting occurred at a high school in Parkland, Florida. The police were called, but they did not arrive until 4 minutes after the shooting began. By that time, 17 people had been killed.

These are just two examples of the deadly consequences of long police response times. In the United States, thousands of people are killed each year because police are not able to respond quickly enough.

What is causing police response times to increase?

There are a number of factors that are contributing to the increase in police response times. One factor is the increasing number of 911 calls. In 2017, there were over 240 million 911 calls in the United States. This is a 10% increase from 2010.

Another factor is the increasing complexity of 911 calls. Today, 911 operators are receiving more calls about mental health crises, domestic violence, and other complex issues. These calls require more time and resources to resolve.

Finally, police departments are facing budget cuts. This is leading to a decrease in the number of police officers and a reduction in police training. As a result, police officers are being spread thinner and taking longer to respond to 911 calls.

What can be done to reduce police response times?

There are a number of things that can be done to reduce police response times. One is to increase the number of 911 operators. This will help to reduce the wait time for 911 calls.

Another is to provide more training for 911 operators. This will help them to better handle complex calls and to dispatch police officers more quickly.

Finally, police departments need to be given more funding. This will allow them to hire more police officers and provide them with the training and resources they need to respond quickly and effectively to 911 calls.

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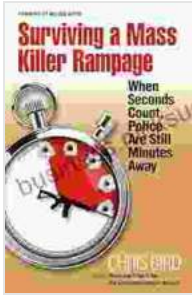
It is important to remember that when seconds count, police are still minutes away. We need to do everything we can to reduce police response times and to ensure that everyone has access to the protection and services they need.

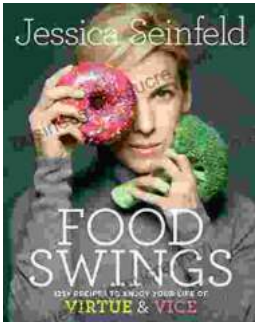**Surviving a Mass Killer Rampage: When Seconds Count, Police Are Still Minutes Away** by Chris Bird

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