## <u>Practical Lifesaving Solutions Review – Hamburg Supermarket Knife Attack</u>

On Friday, July 28, 2017, a man with a knife fatally stabbed one person at an Edeka Supermarket in the northern German city of Hamburg and wounded four others as he fled. A 26-year old man, born in the United Arab Emirates, entered the supermarket in the Barmbek district on Friday afternoon. He stabbed a 52 year-old German man who died at the scene. As he fled, he wounded another four people; a 50 year old woman and four men aged 64, 57, 56 and 19. A 35-year-old man was injured while tackling the attacker, police said.

A police spokesman said a kitchen knife was used in the stabbing, which he described as "indiscriminate" and "totally unexpected." An unconfirmed video widely shared on social media showed a group of people wielding chairs trying to subdue a man armed with a large kitchen knife. He was overwhelmed by passers-by and slightly injured in the process. Officers then arrested him.

Authorities are investigating all options in the attack. One news agency quoted two witnesses at a nearby bakery as saying they heard the assailant shout "Allahu akbar!" as he held up the knife. "Allahu akbar" means "God is great" in Arabic and has been used by Islamic extremists when carrying out violent acts.

## **Summary**

We have previously written about knife and edged weapons attacks. They account for a significant percentage of the murders and assaults in this country as well as abroad. The wounds they cause can be horrific with significant blood loss. Public access bleeding control stations and basic "stop the bleed" training can save lives during the immediate aftermath when victims are most vulnerable and may likely succumb to blood loss without intervention. Please review the options below that are available to you or contact us directly to discuss a customized program.

