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Citrus College: Campus Safety Presentation 4/12

Officers in the department of Campus Safety at Citrus Community College displayed a presentation on emergency response presented at 10 a.m. on April 4 in the Informational Services building in room 108.

Campus Safety Director Ben Macias discusses how to respond to a lockdown during an active shooting. He acknowledged that it's best to present emergency response techniques after Citrus's past lockdown incident of a threat of an alleged shooter on campus, on January 15.

"An active shooter is defined as an individual engaged in actively killing or trying to kill people in a confined area", Macias said. "The response goals to incidents like these are the preservation of life, protection of property, and to restore back to normality."

A video of a campus shooting simulation was shown to students, giving perspective of procedures during an active shooting. "Do not answer or unlock the door", Macias said.

Macias said that in an event of a lockdown, lock or barricade all doors, move away from the door, turn off all lights, silence cellphones, get into the most secure position and stay inside until notified of the clear.

Students should move away from the affected area or a classroom when outside of a lockdown to be protected from firearms, Macias said.

Students surviving an active shooter should run if safe, help others escape when possible, follow police instructions, call 911 or campus safety, and provide information about the incident. In case the student is confronted with the shooter, fight.

“Be violent and ruthless,” Macias said. “Students should work as a team, look for improvised weapons and disrupt the shooter’s ability to see, breath and control themselves.”

Expectations from first responders are to contain the area, locate the shooter and eliminate the threat, Macias said.

In case of emergency or any other suspicious incidents, The Citrus Alert App allows students alert campus safety via calling, texting, email, and Twitter.

Students can take pictures of the incident, provide directory and send their location when the incident occurs. Other ways to contact campus safety is through the campus radio system and Blue light emergency phone.

Campus Safety is located at the main entrance of Citrus and Foothill and are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The officers are on duty 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Campus safety services include parking enforcement, parking permits, parking information, vehicle jumpstarts, general college information and safety escorts. Campus Safety also collaborates with GPD and APU Campus Safety.

Above all, Campus Safety ensures to be the first responders to every incident on campus.

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