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### **Citrus College Stages an Emergency Preparedness Drill**

On the morning of Thursday, March 19, 2015, Citrus College held a collegewide emergency preparedness drill to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and guests. The drill was one of two planned, collegewide emergency drills which the college conducts every academic year.

Citrus College has a long-standing practice of providing a safe environment for its students, faculty, staff and guests, which has been achieved through a current and well-developed emergency plan. Emergency preparedness and collegewide safety practices are carried out through drills, such as the one that occurred on March 19, and staff development activities.

“Overall, the emergency drill went well,” reported Benjamin Macias, Campus Safety Supervisor. “Citrus College has consistently offered professional development activities where faculty and staff learn to protect and care for students, guests and others during an emergency. I commend those who worked so diligently to provide this opportunity to foster a safe learning environment.”

At the time of the emergency lockdown drill, there were an estimated 3,500 students, faculty, staff and visitors on the Citrus College campus. They received emergency messages through the campus-wide Citrus Alert system, which sent emails, text messages and voice mails to telephones, computers and personal electronic devices. In addition, another emergency notification system delivered emergency messages to Citrus College instructors’ podiums, as well as to staff and faculty desktop computers.

With every safety drill and emergency preparedness session, the college community is afforded an opportunity to gain valuable information and skill sets for handling a potential emergency. Training and drills provide the opportunity to test the college’s emergency plan and communication systems and reinforce everyone’s ability to react and respond effectively in an emergency situation. The college’s productive working relationship with the Glendora Police Department and other local agencies supports Citrus College’s efforts to ensure a safe campus.

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