Crime Alert

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Threatening Graffiti at UC Santa Cruz

UC Santa Cruz Police Department recently discovered threatening graffiti in a campus academic building over the winter break. The graffiti warned that a violent incident would occur on the UC Santa Cruz campus on January 18, 2011. While graffiti is common on college campuses, the administration at UC Santa Cruz is erring on the side of caution by notifying their campus community and making appropriate preparations for any incidents that may occur.

As a precaution and to ensure your safety, UCSF PD is providing this information to our campus members who may have planned activities at the UC Santa Cruz campus during this time. Please take time to re-familiarize yourself with the “Active Shooter Presentation Page” found at the following UCSF Police Department link: http://police.ucsf.edu/index.php/?/What-To-Do-If/active-shooter.html

Personal Safety Tips related to Active Shooter situations:

1. Awareness
   - Get into your survival mindset.
   - Take time to understand the situation.
   - Be ready to take rapid, effective actions.
   - Be mindful, not fearful.

2. Preparedness
   - Look at your work environment through the lens of survival.
   - Ask yourself “What if…” questions.
   - Develop effective response strategies.

3. Rehearsal
   - Practice your plan.

In the event of an active shooting – If you hear gunshots

1. Figure Out! - Decide your best course of action.
   a. Get out: can you safely escape?
   b. Hide out: is there a good place to hide?
   c. Take out: will you take out the shooter?

2. Get Out!
   a. If you can, escape. Get out.
   b. Trust your instincts.
   c. Leave belongings behind.

3. Hide Out!
   a. Find a hidden location.
   b. Find protection.
   c. Avoid places that trap or restrict movement.
   d. Spread out (don’t huddle) – this gives options for escape and movement and makes you a harder target.

4. Call Out!

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This alert is a public service to the University community and in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act of 1998.
a. Don’t assume someone else is calling.
b. Call police for help.
c. Be persistent when calling. Telephone lines may be jammed.
d. Calmly state where you are and what is happening.

5. Keep Out!
a. Find a room that locks.
b. Blockade the door.
c. Be silent.
d. Turn off the lights.
e. Turn off the noise (i.e. silence, but don’t turn off cell phones, etc.).

6. Take Out! (last resort)
a. Make a plan.
b. Act as a team.
c. Commit completely to your action plan.
d. Do whatever necessary to neutralize the situation.

7. Help Out! – if possible
a. Help others stay calm.
b. Help others escape.
c. Warn others.
d. Help the injured.
e. Keep others away from danger area.

When law enforcement arrives
1. Give location of the shooter(s).
2. Tell officers number of shooter(s).
3. Provide physical description of shooter(s).
4. Describe type and number of weapons.
5. DO NOT approach officers.
6. DO NOT point.
7. DO NOT scream or yell.
8. DO NOT pose a threat.
10. Follow directions.

Additional Safety Information can be found at the UCSF Police Department web page listed below:
http://police.ucsf.edu/index.php/?/What-To-Do-If/active-shooter.html

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 9-911 when using on-campus land lines and (415) 476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial (415) 476-1414.

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