Emergency Management, a Collaborative Endeavor: Active Shooter Exercise

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Campus Drill Tests Emergency Response of College's Students and Staff

Rio Hondo College held an elaborate, multidisciplinary emergency drill for its students in May to help them prepare for their many different careers in public safety.

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In May over 100 Rio Hondo College students tested their skills as firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT), nurses and theatre actors as part of an emergency drill.

For the past three years the college, in Whittier California, has held annual drills that have grown in size, scope and complexity. The inaugural combined emergency drill was a capstone venture between the nursing and public safety departments (including the administration of justice, police and fire academies and the emergency medical technician programs) that had been exercising their respective students in separate drills. Since then, through collaboration with local police departments and ambulance companies, the emergency drill has grown to include four major events.

Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California, has ran the emergency drills each of the last three years. Each time it has expanded to incorporate more students, staff and safety professionals.

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