

Yuba Community College District Police Department

Yuba College (530) 741-6771 or 6772

Woodland College (530) 681- 8782

BACKGROUND

The potential for a shooting or a shooting in the workplace exists on every college campus throughout the United States. Although the possession of firearms on or around our campuses is rare, their availability and past national and county shootings dictate the need for a response plan, in case a shooting or other violent attack occurs.

WHEN A SHOOTING OCCURS

- On Yuba College, Woodland College, Clear Lake Campus telephones **CALL 9-911**.
- Public Pay telephones **911**
- Cellular telephone **911**
- Identify your college or workplace and exact location. Remain calm and answer the police operator's questions. They are trained to obtain the necessary and required information for a proper emergency response.
- Instruct students and employees to drop to the ground immediately, face down as flat as possible. If within 15-20 feet of a safe place or cover, duck and run to it.
- Move or crawl away from gunfire, trying to utilize any obstructions between you and the gunfire. Remember that many objects of cover may conceal you from sight, but may not be bulletproof.
- Try to get inside or behind a building and stay down.
- When you reach a place of relative safety, stay down and do not move. Do not peek or raise your head in an effort to see what may be happening.
- Wait and listen for directions from the police.

IF SUSPECT IS OUTSIDE YOUR CLASSROOM

- Duck and cover. Keep students inside the classrooms and down on the floor. Move behind available cover inside the classroom.
- Close and lock the outside door to the classroom if possible. Close the blinds, turn off the lights and stay on the floor. Do not peek out the door or windows to see what may be happening.
- Report location of the assailant.

OFFICE PERSONNEL

In keeping with effective emergency planning, office personnel should have pre-designated assignments to ensure an effective response in case of a shooting. Actions by multiple persons must be taken simultaneously to expedite a response.

In response to a report of a shooting from a classroom or other area of the campus have all persons in the office duck and cover onto the floor behind protective objects or into side rooms. Make required emergency telephone calls to the police from this position. It is crucial that telephone calls be limited to emergency calls only.

Note: Phone calls, other than for emergency purposes, should be made only after the police have cleared a phone line for that purpose. A phone call to friends or family will bring onlookers, bystanders or concerned loved ones to the campus, interfering with the operation of emergency personnel and unnecessarily placing more people in danger.

CALLING "911"

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When you call "911" identify your exact location. Remain calm and answer the operator's questions. Police dispatchers are trained to obtain the necessary and required information for a proper emergency response. As the police are being dispatched, answer the questions asked of you by the operator or police dispatcher. Although you are not expected to know all of the answers, answer them to the best of your ability.

Although you may think the questioning is wasting valuable time, the information you provide will enable phone personnel to dispatch officers and other emergency personnel safely and effectively. While you are being questioned, emergency personnel have been dispatched and are on the way.

You will be asked Questions. such as:

- What exactly is happening and how do you know? Is it still happening now?
- Where is the suspect now? What was his/her last known direction? Is the suspect still on campus?
- Is anyone injured? Are there wounded and how many?
- Where did it happen? What's the specific location of occurrence?
- What weapons were used if you know? Knowing the number and types of weapons will assist the police in their response. Describe the weapon(s) or other dangerous object(s) if possible, and any visible ammunition:
- Were any shots fired? Describe the sound and the number of shots fired.
- Do you know who the suspect(s) is? If yes, identify him/her/them, and provide any background knowledge you may have.

Note: It is important to tell the YCCD Police dispatcher if your office has called or is on the line with the 911 operator.

POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY:

Law Enforcement or the Fire Department will take charge of the operation and maintain full control throughout the duration of the incident.

Police/fire departments will establish a command post(s) at or near your campus where all operations pertaining to the event will be coordinated.