Active Shooter Drills Successful, Including Test of New Alert System

Thursday’s day and evening drills included a full-scale activation of the new emergency notification system, including texts and calls.

Thursday’s active shooter drills provided the opportunity for the College community to prepare for a scenario that everyone hopes will never happen. The survival mindset — as discussed in the training video included as part of the drill — is one important aspect, one that is enhanced with an engaged preparation process. A second, and equally important component, was the first-ever full test of a new alert system that was implemented this semester.

This new text messaging system enhances our messaging capacity and improves reliability. Unlike the two stand-alone systems we previously relied upon, the new mass-notification system offers a one-stop solution to reaching out to both students and employees with text messages, emails, and phone calls. While text messages distributed by the old system were often delayed, sometimes for hours, the new system performed immediately and in a robust manner on Thursday in both the morning and evening drills.

More about this system, including how to update phone numbers and email addresses, is available at http://news.cypresscollege.edu/wordpress/drills/.

In addition to the mainly positive feedback on the messaging system, the College also received validation and suggestions from members of the Cypress Police Department who participated as observers of the drill. Officers walked the campus, checking on the shelter-in-place portion of the drill and interacting with people they came across. As part of their participation, they also hosted an open house in their SWAT vehicle and regional response unit in front of the Campus Theater.

Nearly 300 local High School Students Welcomed to Cypress College at Senior Day

High School seniors from neighboring campuses were greeted by staff and student leaders on Wednesday as part of the annual Senior Day outreach activity.

The visiting students had the opportunity to review the programs offered at Cypress College and participated in a presentation in the Theater that provided an overview of the campus, enrollment deadlines for the upcoming semester, and student support services.

This year’s participation rate represented in increase of about 50 students over last year’s event.

Senior Day is one of the College’s signature outreach events. It is planned and coordinated as a joint activity of our Marketing and Student Activities programs.
GIRL RISING
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL
FILM SCREENING

Thursday, March 5, 2015
Time: 3:30-6:30pm
Cypress College- Humanities 131
www.cypresscollege.edu
Sponsored by the Cypress College Diversity Committee
www.girlrising.com
Share Your Luck!
Save a Life and Donate Blood!

BLOOD DRIVE

CYPRESS COLLEGE

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 and Thursday, March 5, 2015.
10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Conference Room, Students Activities, Bldg. 8

For appointments, please go to www.donatebloodcedars.org,
group code: CYC or call Becky Rojas at (714) 484-7199

Before Donating:
Be in good health
Weigh at least 110 lbs
Drink plenty of water and eat a good meal
No tattoos within the last 12 months

Walk-Ins Welcome! and bring a friend!

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All donors will receive a t-shirt or a coupon for a pint of Baskin Robbins Ice Cream!

Sign up for the registry!

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