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Rio Hondo Students Combine Skills for Crisis Response Drill

Nursing, public safety and theatre arts students team up for bomb simulation

WHAT: More than 100 Rio Hondo College students studying nursing, public safety and theatre arts will apply skills learned in their respective divisions as they collaborate in responding to a staged crisis event.

The fifth annual crisis response simulation – held twice to accommodate the high number of participants – will test students' ability to apply classroom learning to hands-on emergency. Theater arts students, the only participants aware of the scenario, will act as victims.

Nursing students will assess and care for the wounded. Fire academy students will conduct ground operations to rescue trapped victims and EMT participants will transport the injured to the Roadrunner simulation hospital for treatment.

Following the drill, participants will analyze the scenario in a debriefing session.

WHEN: 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, May 12

WHERE: Administration of Justice Annex, Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier

DETAILS: The debriefing session will allow students to evaluate reasoning and problem solving skills. Deans, faculty and staff will serve as safety officers during the drill. CARE and Cole-Schaefer Ambulance companies will provide ambulances to transport victims.

MEDIA: This is a highly visual and dramatic event that will lend itself to strong visual and video coverage. Students will be available to share perspectives after each run.

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