

Associated Students of Skyline College
Q&A's Regarding the Campus Shooting on September 2, 2009

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1. **What is the current status of the investigation?** The shooting at Skyline College is still under investigation. Police suspect the incident stemmed from a dispute between two rival gangs. There were four individuals arrested early on in the investigation for a variety of charges; one individual was subsequently released due to lack of evidence; one individual was arrested for parole violation, and two suspects have cases that are going through the court process. Police are still seeking the identity of four additional suspects, and investigators are asking anyone who witnessed the incident, or who may know the identity of the individuals, to call the San Bruno Police Department at (656) 616-7100. The Police Department has critiqued its response to the September 2nd shooting, and will continue to collaborate with officials from Skyline College to incorporate lessons learned into future training and planning endeavors for critical incidents that occur on campus.
2. **Was it gang related?** The police believe that it was.
3. **What is being done to deal with gang related items on campus? For example, I have seen possible gang related graffiti on buildings and in the restrooms. What is the protocol for reporting this?** We have a zero tolerance for graffiti policy in our district. As soon as our Facilities Department is notified, they paint it out. Students can tell the Public Safety Office or use the tip-line to report graffiti.
4. **What is the current policy and protocol for emergencies on campus?** We have an Emergency Response Plan that defines how we handle emergencies including who does what and how.
5. **What training will be provided for students and employees regarding emergencies? When will training take place?** Skyline College is currently working with the District office and the Department of Public Safety to establish training modules for staff, faculty and students. Some of these are already planned. Training for Building Captains is scheduled on December 8, 2009. A campus-wide emergency exercise will be scheduled in the spring, 2010. Shooter on Campus presentations will be held for all employees and one for all students in spring 2010.
6. **What is the plan to improve the emergency notification at Pacific Heights?** This has been done; there is now public address system availability at Pacific Heights.
7. **Are there any buildings that do not meet earthquake code requirements? If so, which ones and what is the plan to fix them?** All campus facilities meet the codes that apply to them. Newly constructed buildings must meet stiffer requirements than older ones.

8. **Is there a plan to install emergency phones in parking lots?** We have looked into doing this and found that it is extremely expensive and not within our means at this time.
9. **What is being done to improve emergency communications on campus? Many individuals did not receive the text messaging not only because of the provider but particularly due to lack of cell phone reception while here at Skyline.** The text messaging system has been changed to a new provider, AlertU, and messages now go out immediately. We had the opportunity to verify this on the occasion of the recent power outage on campus when we sent emergency text messages.
10. **Are classrooms equipped with emergency items such as 1st aid kits?** First aid kits are available in division offices and other administrative areas across the campus. The campus Public Safety Department can be called if needed, and the Health Center in Building 2 is available for assistance with first aid issues that arise during the day.
11. **Many students feel unsafe during the campus at night, especially in the isolated parking lots. What will the school do to make students feel more secure?** The college has made recent improvements to the lighting on campus to ensure much brighter and more even lighting throughout the campus and in the parking lots. The Public Safety Department also offers a staff/faculty/student escort service from the campus buildings to parking lots during the evening. They can be reached at (650) 738-4199 or 4199 from any campus phone.