

MERCED COLLEGE CAMPUS FORUM

DISTRICT SAFETY & SECURITY

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OVERVIEW

- Current climate
- What has Merced College done
- What is Merced College currently doing
- Next steps
- Questions



CURRENT CLIMATE

- Recent campus shootings
- Recent threats
- Recent Merced College threat



WHAT HAS MERCED COLLEGE DONE

- Completed a Security Vulnerability Assessment report for the Merced campus – the District has been working on this 25-page report
- Updated the District's Emergency Preparedness Plan: Incident Command System (ICS), Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Active Shooter threats
- Panic buttons installed in various locations around campus
- Repaired campus Mass Notification System



WHAT HAS MERCED COLLEGE DONE (Cont.)

- Converted our mass messaging system to the 911 Shield application
- Conducted Active Shooter Flex trainings the past few years
- Installed inside door locks in specific classrooms facing the quad – this was only the first phase of the process and primarily included the Science building
- Installed window blinds and tinting – this was only the first phase as well and included the LRC, Los Banos campus and Student Union
- Installed brighter bulbs to improve exterior lighting

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WHAT IS MERCED COLLEGE CURRENTLY DOING

- Installing 911 Shield desktop applications (keystroke panic alarms) in classrooms and on staff workstations – rollout has started but still working through a few glitches
- Revision of emergency procedures poster (one-page reference guide)
- Fine-tuning the District’s Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Expanding installation of inside door locks – current phase is focusing on classrooms. The parts are on order and we anticipate the work to begin the week of March 19.



WHAT IS MERCED COLLEGE CURRENTLY DOING (Cont.)

- Working with local and regional agencies to coordinate emergency response efforts
- Conducting inventory of additional locations for window blinds and tinting
- Enhancing the campus camera surveillance system by purchasing 34 new cameras to deter crime and enhance safety
- Ongoing internal meetings to address recommendations from the vulnerability study



WHAT IS MERCED COLLEGE CURRENTLY DOING (Cont.)

- Departmental trainings for disruptive/violent students have already been scheduled: Student Services, Area 5, Area 2, and LRC
- Campus police staffing requests are being discussed

NEXT STEPS

- Schedule Active Shooter trainings at all campus locations
- Develop a training schedule to conduct ongoing security drills at District locations
- Explore grant funding opportunities specific to campus safety
- Complete final phases for installation of inside door locks and window blinds at all District locations
- Work with city leaders in Merced and Los Banos to coordinate emergency response efforts

NEXT STEPS (Cont.)

- Work with city leaders in Merced and Los Banos to coordinate emergency response efforts
- Complete a Security Vulnerability Assessment report at the Los Banos campus
- Develop onboarding process for new faculty and staff
- Continue working on recommendations from the vulnerability study
 - Adding mirrored ballistic film to glass windows at District locations
 - Child Development Center
 - Lesher Building
 - LRC

QUESTIONS

- What security measures are being considered for the Los Banos campus?
- How do we address areas in buildings where there are open windows or counters (Leshar Building)?
- Have we worked with UC Merced to coordinate emergency response efforts downtown (BRC)?
- What else?

