What Has an Active Neighborhood Shooter To Do With a University Department of Nursing? Plenty!

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After this presentation, the participant will be able to:

- Describe two preparedness measures that their university nursing department should take relative to potential mass-casualty events.
- List components of the ALERT system.
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Department of Nursing
CALIFORNIA MASSACRE

1. To raise awareness about the ubiquitous nature of disaster and mass-casualty events such as the presence of an active local shooter.

2. To demonstrate to nurse educators and leaders in higher education how a university department of nursing responds to such an event with an emphasis on every-day alertness principles.
Role for Nurses

Nurses provide 90% of the healthcare services in the world (WHO, 2008) and must be ready for natural disasters, bioterrorism, and man-made events, such as active shooters in the area in which care or education is provided.
Environment & events

- The County of San Bernardino is the largest (by land) county in the United States.
- The City of San Bernardino is the County Seat with a population over 200,000.
- CSUSB is an 18,000 urban commuter campus just celebrating 50 years of operation and the Department of Nursing is a prominent unit offering a variety of nursing programs since the late 1970s.

- Inland Regional Center 1159; 14 dead 22 seriously injured.
- 1115 Twitter post & arrival of police with battering ram.
- 1500 police chase ending with shooting of the terrorists.
- 1915 DON verified the remaining one student left a facility on lockdown.
Information

- How was it obtained?
  - Campus alert system
  - Internet-based news services
  - Social media & phone calls
  - Handheld devices

- Challenges

- Stakeholder responses
Leadership

- Community
- Campus
- Department
  - Responsibilities for investigating student and faculty safety
Unique role of nursing faculty

Provider
Educator
Provider-Educator
Administrator

-Assessing the needs of faculty-peers, colleagues or students & other stakeholders
Lessons Learned

- Communication! Communication! Communication!
- Evacuation: Benefits and risks of evacuation versus staying in place
- The Changing Nature of Evolving Information
- Role of the Nursing Department facilities and personnel (including office staff)
- Future planning for multiple types of emergency preparedness
ALERT

- Awareness of evolving information
- Legitimacy of the nursing process
- Emergency procedures and preparation
- Rehearsal, response, recovery, and reflection
- Teamwork throughout the difficult events.