



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

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- ▶ Professors Schultz & Dodd-Butera are employed by the California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB) as Department Chair and Graduate Coordinator, respectively
- ▶ 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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<http://www.wnd.com/2015/12/mass-shooting-in-san-bernardino-california/#!>

Purpose

- ▶ 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.