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Taft College Conducts In-Service Active Shooter Response Training

Taft, CA – On January 17, in compliance with Department of Homeland Security guidelines, Taft College conducted planned in-service active shooter response training exercises. On south campus near the science building, campus representatives were asked to appropriately respond to simulated threatening scenarios. The specific locations where training activities took place were clearly delineated by signage and physical markers.

Prior to the day's active shooter response training exercises, Taft College Campus Safety and Security took the appropriate measures to notify staff and faculty well ahead of time so as to mitigate any potential cause for concern for those on campus who might witness these activities. The college also proactively informed neighbors and local partners who needed to know in order to eliminate any apprehension or alarm.

It should be noted that these active shooter response training exercises took place when students were not on campus. Taft College students return to campus when Spring classes begin on January 21.

Visit <https://www.ready.gov/active-shooter>, the official website of the Department of Homeland Security, to learn more about how to best prepare in the event of an active shooter.

ABOUT TAFT COLLEGE

Established in 1922, Taft College is one of the oldest California Community Colleges. Located in Western Kern County, Taft College provides continuous learning opportunities for over 12,000 students through more than 50 vocational and professional degrees, transfer programs, and certificates. These innovative programs are made available at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges. Proud to transform the lives of highly-diverse students and adult learners, Taft College delivers vital pathways to advanced education and enhanced employment. In 2019, Taft College was ranked 5th best Community College in California by Niche.com. In 2022, Taft College will celebrate its 100th anniversary of student success.