Campus Security During a Shooting

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Question(s):

1) What measures are in place to alert the campus community of a shooting on campus?

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2) What kinds of notices, posters, web-pages, informational videos, etc have been offered to inform students, staff and faculty of what to do in the event of a shooting on campus?

_The University’s Office of Public Safety provides information through its website and social media, to include an informative video and slideshow._

_In addition, the Office of Public Safety provides a seminar each month, which is open to all faculty, staff, and students. This seminar is a comprehensive, one-hour lecture and slideshow. The seminar is also provided upon request to any university department, organization, or association._

3) What training has been offered to prepare the campus community to respond to possible gun violence on campus? If none, why not? If some, how many members of the campus community have received such training?

_The Active Shooter seminar is offered monthly and upon request, to prepare the campus community. Seminar attendance is recorded and retained in the Office of Public Safety Crime Prevention._

_The Office of Public Safety also provides a security assessment upon request. This assessment is conducted in collaboration with the requesting department or facility staff. It includes a walk thru of the facility, recommendations for surveillance systems, panic alarms, locks, evacuation procedures, and general crime prevention information._
The Armstrong campus is equipped with door locking mechanisms, faculty and staff on that campus have been trained on the mechanism, and information about the mechanism has been provided on the Armstrong website.

4) What system redundancies are in place to ensure that alerts reach the entire campus community if one alert system fails to reach its intended audience?

The Office of Public Safety is equipped with vehicle public address systems. The office is exploring other systems that can be employed as an alternate or secondary line of communication throughout the campuses.

Rationale:

Campus Shootings are a weekly occurrence in the US, yet not a single faculty member I have spoken to knows what to do during a shooting. This could be disastrous.

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