



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

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## Emergency Management Plan

California State University Channel Islands has developed a *Campus Emergency Management Plan*. The Campus Emergency Management Plan is designed to effectively coordinate the use of University and community resources to protect life and campus facilities



immediately following a major disaster. The plan clearly defines the emergency management command structure as well as the priorities and responsibilities for each position within the structure. It is activated whenever an emergency affecting the campus cannot be managed through normal channels. Examples of the types of emergencies where the plan may be activated include:



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- Earthquakes
- Fires and Explosions
- Hazardous Materials Releases
- Extended Power Outages
- Floods
- Civil Disturbances

California State University Channel Islands response to an emergency on campus is guided by the following fundamental priorities:

1. Life safety
2. Secure and preserve infrastructure and facilities
3. Restoration of the academic program

## Emergency Operations Center

California State University Channel Islands has adopted the Incident Command System (ICS) to manage emergencies on campus and within the surrounding community. The university maintains a staff of trained managers who will staff the campus Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when an emergency is declared. The university EOC is in direct contact with the Ventura County Emergency Operation Center, as well as state and national centers.



## Law Enforcement Participation



The CSUCI Police Department is associated with the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement under the Office of Emergency Services (OES). This association teams the CSUCI Police Department up with other regional law

enforcement agencies, fire services, Department of Emergency Services, and various other emergency service providers.

## Successful Disaster Drill Highlights University's Emergency Plan Efforts

Picture this scenario: A controversial figure is giving a speech at The Hub, when suddenly an explosion occurs, seriously injuring dozens of people. Through the smoke, victims lie helpless, many of them bleeding.



The scene could easily develop into chaos—but doesn't.

Swinging into action in a coordinated effort to respond to the incident are the University's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team as well as area law enforcement and fire officials.

What happened in this simulated disaster drill held last summer was a valuable practice session to integrate and coordinate emergency activities. "The drill was made possible by a Homeland Security grant," said Jeff Cowgill, administrative sergeant, Public Safety patrol operations. "The purpose was to test University operations, local police, and fire departments. We had fire engines, an ambulance, even a helicopter. More than 100 volunteers participated, many of them wearing life-like blood makeup and acting as victims." On scene to assess the efficiency and ef-

fectiveness of emergency operations were independent evaluators, including officials from Homeland Security, CSU, and the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Prior to the event, the University's EOC team members from across the campus met frequently to conduct simulations and practice sessions as a prelude to the actual disaster drill.

"The drill verified our emergency operations training," Cowgill said. "These were valuable lessons in the field. We're very pleased. We're very happy with the unity of command. We learned a lot."

