

To the Anteater community:

Many of us know of the horrific shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. We extend our condolences to the victims, their families, and the community impacted by this devastation.

Active Shooter incidents, where a suspect has started shooting, are highly unpredictable and volatile. While active shooter incidents are rare, this tragic event is a reminder of the importance of knowing the steps to take if a similar event happens in our community. An active shooter behaves erratically, they have no pattern and their victims are random; being prepared can be your best defense. Click the following link to view a list of recommended actions: [Active Shooter](#).

[UCI Public Safety](#) is committed to serving in partnership with the community, supporting a safe and inclusive University. UCI Police Department officers train every year on active shooter response and our most recent exercise was on campus in November of 2017 in partnership with Irvine Police Department and Orange County Fire Authority. In addition, throughout the past five years, we trained over 5,000 members of the UCI community in active shooter response. See additional campus resources below to learn more:

- **Active Shooter Training:** Consists of one hour preparedness training that is available to any class, department, or campus organization. Classroom-specific training is also available for faculty and teaching assistants.
- **Emergency Procedures Flip Chart:** All classrooms, public gathering areas, departments, etc. should have a [red emergency flip chart](#) posted in visible areas.
- **Classroom Emergency Procedures Poster:** All general assignment classrooms should have this posted in a highly visible and accessible area.
- **zotALERT:** During an active shooter incident, zotALERT is the best way to receive campus notifications. Under this system, notifications will be sent to your registered cell phone via text.

To request training, additional or replacement resources, or if you have questions about the zotALERT system, please contact Anne LeSage (awidney@uci.edu; 949.824.7147).

In any time of need, we as a community have support services available. Students can access services at the [UCI Counseling Center](#) and faculty and staff can receive support through the [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\)](#), your personal insurance provider, or Dr. Negar Shekarabi, Coordinator of [Faculty & Staff Mental Health Care](#).

We all have a responsibility to keep our campus safe. Reporting safety concerns increases the Public Safety Department's awareness of relevant issues on campus. *If you see something, say something.* Please call UCI Police Department at 949.824.5223 or email police@uci.edu with any questions, concerns, or comments regarding campus safety and emergency preparedness.

Sincerely,

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