Multi-Agency Emergency Response Training

On September 15, UCI was the site of a full day of training for UCI Police, City of Irvine Police SWAT, and Orange County Fire Authority officers and fire fighters. In the morning, the agencies practiced building searches and victim rescues in 2 different campus locations. In both scenarios, a person with a knife was randomly attacking individuals in the area.

In the afternoon, the scenario shifted to a violent protest and building takeover, requiring the responders to safely approach the area, regain control of the building and free some hostages.

UCI Community Service Officers, team members of Campus Search & Rescue and Irvine Community Emergency Response Team members role-played victims, protesters and hostages for the day.

The campus Emergency Operations Center was activated in the afternoon to receive real-time information from the protest scene and address response and recovery issues that would result from the protest.

The training day was rated a success with great inter-agency collaboration, communication and safe completion of each scenario.

Congratulations Spiked Punch!

In a ferocious two game sweep of Social Ecology, Captain Ricardo Cruz coached Spiked Punch Team Members, Steven Eros, Angela Geissbuhler, Marc Gomez, Brian Ohnewehr, Christian Ritter and Daniel Taylor, of the Department of Environmental Health & Safety to its fourth championship in five years! Once again, the Department of Environmental Health & Safety will be the team to beat next year!
Thank You to Our Safety Partners - Fall 2011

EH&S recently recognized and rewarded the following people for engaging in activities and behavior that foster a safe work environment.

**Safety Act Rewards**

**Campus Recreation ~**

*Drew McCrary*

**Safe Act:** Assisted and treated a staff member for heat exhaustion, and promoted the campus Heat Illness Policies to the Team Challenge Staff.

**Rewards**

_Congratulations_ to the following work units for the completion of Safety On Site Level 3! Each work unit member was awarded Starbucks gift cards and a SOS item for their completion of the Hazard Assessment & Corrections Tool as well as EH&S required safety training and work unit specific training.

For more information on the SOS program visit: [www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/iipp/](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/iipp/)

_Middlebrooks Lab - Department of Otolaryngology_

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**Congratulations to our Ergo Champions who won Ergo Aid Funds for their departments!**

_Upper $300 Ergo Aid_

Karen Kirkbride
University Advancement

_Upper $100 Ergo Aid_

Connie Malone—Housing
Linda Chandler—Dermatology

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**Welcome back to UCI: Be Mindful of Your Safety on Campus**

UCI is a safe campus. However, you should still keep safety in mind when attending classes, studying, working or enjoying campus life. Here are a few safety reminders:

- Become familiar with the Campus emergency plan and know the locations of emergency equipment, evacuation routes and how to report emergencies. ([http://www.police.uci.edu/](http://www.police.uci.edu/))

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Whether you are walking to a parking lot or the library, be mindful of your surroundings and any potential risks. Get to know the campus and learn where the lighted pathways are located. Do you know how to use the campus “Blue Light” system to contact the UCI Police and where they are located along your path of travel? ([http://www.police.uci.edu/safety/publications/bluelight.pdf](http://www.police.uci.edu/safety/publications/bluelight.pdf))

- Sign up for the campus emergency alert system. This will notify you in the event of an emergency, either through a text message or an email, letting you know what to do and where to go. ([http://www.nacs.uci.edu/zotalert/](http://www.nacs.uci.edu/zotalert/))

- Do you work with or have the possibility of being exposed to potentially hazardous materials? Whether chemical, radioactive or biohazardous in nature; know what you may be working with, follow all safety procedures, and use appropriate personal protective equipment. ([http://www.ehs.uci.edu](http://www.ehs.uci.edu))

- Avoid overloading your electrical systems. Extension cords should only be used as temporary sources of power and must never be strung together. Plug strips are OK to use but must be plugged directly into wall outlets. All electrical devices should plug directly into power sources without stretching the cord and when unplugging an appliance, pull on the plug and not the cord.

- Prevent slips and falls. Look where you are walking and avoid uneven surface areas or wet locations. Do not read or text when walking. Wear shoes appropriate for weather conditions with slip resistant soles.
HOSPITALITY & DINING SERVICES SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

January 2011 began the “kick-off” for Hospitality & Dining Services’ Safety Incentive Program sponsored by EH&S and supported by OP Be Smart About Safety.

The dynamic injury prevention program as supported by Director Jack McManus, Associate Director Lin Tang, Senior Resident District Manager Robert Perez and Food Service Director Kelly Kuehnert entails daily safety tips, weekly employee safety meetings, daily safety consultation from all location supervisors and monthly safety committee meetings as well as safety bulletin boards for each UCI Dining location.

With students returning this Fall quarter to UCI Residential Dining and Retail Dining locations, Dining Service supervisors have started awarding incentive gift cards to employees that practices outstanding “injury prevention work practices” on the job! The following individuals were awarded Target gift cards for their contribution to work place safety and injury prevention:

Catering – Armando Linares  
Brandywine – Mary Beth Medina  
Med Ed Café – Tania Ovalie - Perez

Subway – Marie Antiga  
Wahoo’s – Mario Ruiz  
Zot n Go – Kento Kameyama

NEW & IMPROVED TANGO 2011

Approximately 275 attendees completed the 2011 Teaching Assistant and New Graduate Orientation (TANGO) to Safety held at EH&S each fall for incoming hard science graduate students. TANGO 2011 featured 7 sessions over 3 weeks.

As suggested by past participants, this year’s attendees received the full compressed gas safety training rather than a limited introduction. Gas cylinder safety training replaced the morning computer lab session now that the on-line safety training component is conveniently completed ahead of time using the UC Learning Center. Perennial favorites such as fire extinguisher use, spill clean-up and personal protective equipment, risk assessment and fume hood / biosafety cabinet use were again incorporated. Students generally praised the TANGO to Safety for its hands-on nature over other traditional safety training approaches.

Students walking the injured to the eye wash  
Participants at the Hazardous Waste module  
Biosafety Cabinet demonstration
EH&S Welcomes the FM Fire Safety Group!

The Facilities Management Fire Safety Systems team have relocated to EH&S! They will continue to monitor, inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm systems at UC Irvine under the EH&S - Fire Safety Division. In addition, a new Fire Sprinkler Division was formed!

School Facilities Managers are welcome to meet with us to go over your buildings’ records, maintenance schedules and short/long term repair needs. We welcome your input and will be flexible with your needs. For more information, please contact Dale Saunders ext 4-4077 or Joe Rizkallah ext 4-9850.

Technical Exchange on CLEAN Room Lab Safety

On July 12th, a partnership between EH&S, Calit2 and UCOP led to the first ever technical exchange for University of California Cleanroom facility managers and EH&S staff at the UC Irvine campus.

Cleanrooms have unique hazards and special construction considerations that make this exchange valuable. Representatives from 8 UC campuses shared their experiences, Lessons Learned from incidents as well as best operating practices from their facilities.

The next meeting will be held at UC Berkeley. For additional information on the micro- and nano-scale technology research in process at UCI, visit http://www.inrf.uci.edu/