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PRESS RELEASE:

First Responders Active Shooter Training

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On Tuesday, May 24th, police, fire, and EMS personnel from across Marin County participated in active shooter response training. The event scenarios simulated a school shooting at the College of Marin's Indian Valley campus in Novato. Over 80 personnel were involved in the day-long training which consisted of four different scenarios and included actors playing the part of injured victims and bystanders.

The goal of the exercise was to conduct a fully integrated response to these types of significant and catastrophic events. The training, coordination, and partnership of first responders is critical. Public safety, medical personnel, and hospital staff all benefit from the opportunity to work together and practice a countywide response. Studies have shown that this type of integration is vitally important in life-saving efforts. According to statistics from the FBI, between 2000 and 2013 there were 160 active shooter incidents in the U.S.

The exercise cost approximately \$45,000 and was funded through the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services and coordinated with the Marin County Fire Chiefs' and Marin County Police Chiefs' Associations.

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