

## SVCC Students Simulate Disaster Scene

Paramedic students evaluated and appropriately treated 10 victims of a simulated active shooter incident in the student lounge; 4 were dead, 3 suffered non-life threatening injuries, and 3 required immediate emergency medical procedures. One victim, portrayed by a high tech mannequin, was transported by ambulance under the care of paramedic students. The next phase followed the remaining victims into the emergency room, where they were treated by nursing students. Finally, two critical victims were treated by nursing students in the simulated ICU. Medical procedures included advanced life support, trauma care, lifesaving measures, and teamwork among multiple health professions. Victims were portrayed by a combination of high tech mannequins and coached actors.

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