



RÍO HONDO COLLEGE

SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 15, 2024

Dear Campus Community,

College administration and the Campus Police and Safety Department are aware of and monitoring the shooting incident, which occurred Monday night at Santa Monica College. We understand it was an act of workplace violence and not random in nature. Although the suspect remains at-large, there is no ongoing threat to the general public. Our thoughts go out to the victim who remains in critical condition.

While Río Hondo College remains a very safe place, we must all remain vigilant against any public safety issues that could disrupt our campus and educational centers or endanger our students, faculty, or staff. To this end, we are reviewing and refining our safety protocols, and the newly established Campus Police and Safety Department is in the process of expanding and ramping up its capabilities. We encourage every member of the Río family to become familiar with all available campus emergency response plans, fully participate in emergency preparation drills, always remain aware of your surroundings, and immediately report any suspicious activity. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!** You can either call our dispatch at (562) 908-3490 or email or campussafety@riohondo.edu. These simple strategies will go a long way toward keeping us all safe. Please visit the [Campus Police and Safety Department](#) dedicated pages to learn more.

At Río, we offer support services to our staff and students who may be experiencing trauma from this tragedy:

- For our staff and faculty: Our TelUs Program offers confidential support from caring professionals. Please visit www.telus.com/health or call 877-234-5151
- Students may access help through TimelyCare by visiting timelycare.com/riohondo.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Respectfully,

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Superintendent/President

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