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UVI Medical Simulation Center Organizes Active Shooter Drill on St. Croix Campus

The University of the Virgin Islands Medical Simulation Center teams up with VI Fire and Emergency Services and the Police Department to stage a mass casualty event simulation

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The University of the Virgin Islands Medical Simulation Center (UVI MSC) has announced a comprehensive Mass Casualty Exercise scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 2:30 p.m. on the Albert A. Sheen Campus.

This drill is a collaborative effort involving Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS), the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD), and other local agencies.

The exercise, taking place during National Emergency Medical Services Week, will simulate an active shooter scenario to enhance readiness and response capabilities. Attendees can expect to hear simulated gunfire as part of the drill, which will also feature VIPD officers acting as armed assailants to create a realistic emergency environment.

Charlene Navarro RN, executive director of the UVI MSC, emphasized the importance of the exercise, stating, "This exercise is aimed at improving active shooter scenario preparedness for VI FEMS, students and staff on the UVI's Sheen Campus, and the whole community. We are pleased that the center is coordinating this type of exercise in collaboration with FEMS, VIPD, the VI Department of Health and UVI's Campus Security."

Participants in the drill will include simulated patients and emergency responders, all working together to demonstrate the correct procedures for neutralizing threats and treating injuries. Special effects makeup and realistic simulations will add to the authenticity of the training.

The Department of Health and UVI's Counseling Services will provide on-site mental health support during the exercise, which is open to the public in designated viewing areas. The event will also be videotaped for future training and educational purposes.

The UVI MSC urges the public to respect safety protocols and follow the directions of uniformed personnel during the exercise. For more information about the event or media inquiries, contact the UVI MSC at msc@uvi.edu or (340) 692-4101, or reach out to the public relations office at pr@uvi.edu.