




MEMORANDUM

Senior Vice President
Administration

To: Faculty and Staff

From: Todd R. Dickey 
Senior Vice President, Administration

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In response to the tragic events which took place at the Virginia Tech campus, we would like to assure you of the university's continued dedication to crisis and emergency response.

The university has developed comprehensive plans in preparation for critical incidents on our campus. Our emergency response personnel are fully trained and equipped for a multitude of crises. The university's Department of Public Safety is one of the largest campus law enforcement agencies in the country, and we are in the process of increasing the number of our officers. We work closely with the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Fire Department to outline emergency management and response procedures. The university has an on-going Crisis Management Team comprised of senior leadership to oversee the review of emergency plans and ensure appropriate execution of their multiple components. These plans include, but are not limited to tactical response, rescue operations, first-aid, food and supply disbursement, security services and up-to-date emergency communications.

The Crisis Management team will be looking closely at the Virginia Tech incident when analyzing the state of our own preparedness. We continuously review and discuss our emergency communications and response procedures to best protect our students, staff and faculty in case of a similar incident. We will continue to plan and train every single day to ensure the safety and security of the University of Southern California and the continuity of our important mission.

For more information about the Career and Protective Services Division's Emergency Response and Preparation plans, please visit <http://capsnet.usc.edu/EmergencyPlanning>.