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### Chief Ramirez offers tips in case of campus shooting

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If someone comes on campus and starts randomly shooting, there are things people need to remember that could save their lives: run, hide and fight.

Some 125 people, mostly EPCC faculty and staff, attended the “Active Shooter” presentation by EPCC Police Chief Jose Ramirez at the Administrative Services Center on Friday, Feb. 1.

“This is done in an effort to bring awareness and educate everybody,” he said.

NW math tutor Renzon Magallon said he learned something from the presentation.

“I came to be better informed on how to react readily in cases such as those happening in schools lately, in case it’s needed if that were to happen here,” Renzon said.

“Just as the [chief] said, there is no exact way one should react, only to

safeguard ourselves and to try to do our best for others.”

Renzon said his supervisor encouraged to attend the session.

Ramirez said he is planning to repeat the presentation at various campuses in the future.

The measures come from the title of the six-minute video *RUN. HIDE. FIGHT. Surviving an Active Shooter Event* with which Ramirez started his hour-and-a-half presentation.

The video was produced by the City of Houston Mayor’s Office of Public Safety and funded with a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

The three self-protection measures are listed in the order they should be taken, depending on the situation, which the video described as “unpredictable and may evolve quickly.”

“I am giving the information to make people think about the possibili-

ties that could happen and what can you do, what would you do, and how to protect yourself,” Ramirez said.

In his talk, Ramirez covered the definition of an active shooter, a list of measures that can be employed to reduce the effectiveness of someone shooting at people in a public space, a description of the actions that can be expected from the law-enforcement officers’ response and what to expect following the incident.

“Prevention is the best option,” Ramirez said.

“Report threats immediately like strange or suspicious behavior.

“If the incident is already happening: Stay calm, assure others, stay away or get out, secure areas and block doors.”

A couple of dozen students attended the Friday event, and Ramirez said he would reach more students when he visits the various EPCC campuses in the future.



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EPCC Police Chief Jose Ramirez gives advice on what to do during a campus shooting.

As an additional strategy, Ramirez encouraged both the students and the faculty to join the Tejano Alert Emergency Notification System in which text messages are sent to students and faculty staff in case of police emergencies, weather precautions or other unexpected events.

“In case of an active shooter, the text message will inform you to stay away from a particular campus or particular area

in a campus,” Ramirez stated.

More information and cellphone registration for the Tejano Alert system can be found at the web-

site [alert.epcc.edu](http://alert.epcc.edu)

The *RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.* video is available on YouTube.

Ramirez encouraged people to watch it.