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Cerritos College Increases Safety Measures with New Mobile Alert System; More Blue Lights

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NORWALK, Calif. – August 13, 2019 – Cerritos College added another safety feature to its campus safety plan with a new mobile alert system. The College adopted the award-winning Rave Mobile Safety (Rave) system that is used by more than half of the nation's Ivy League schools and Big Ten campuses. The College's new mobile notification system streamlines critical communication by sending emergency and non-emergency emails, text messages, and voicemail through one platform.

Over the last three years, the College has installed 19 solar-powered emergency blue light towers on campus to provide students and staff with direct access to Campus Police if users need to report a critical incident. More emergency towers are being installed throughout the campus parking lots along Alondra Blvd., Studebaker Road, and 166th Street. The College is also enhancing interior building emergency phones for more visibility.

In 2016, the College facilitated a multiagency active shooter drill. The Cerritos College Campus Police Department, along with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's Norwalk Station, L.A. County Fire Department, and local first-responder agencies practiced a real-world response to a potential campus threat. The safety exercise included two simulated active shooter scenarios staged on campus. The Campus Police Department has participated in similar training off campus with local agencies in 2018 and 2019.

In October, the College will participate in the annual Great California Shake Out to practice disaster preparedness.

"Campus safety is our top priority," said Felipe Lopez, vice president of business services, Cerritos College. "The College is enhancing its emergency responsiveness and security features to provide our students, staff, and faculty with the best learning and work environment to better serve our students."

To receive Cerritos College campus safety alerts, opt in to the new system by texting the keyword "Cerritos" to 226787 or at the RAVE Alert web site <https://getrave.com/login/cerritos>.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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