THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM
DURING AN ARMED ATTACK

1. In the event of an armed attacker on any of the University campuses, the Emergency Alert System will be used to warn the campus community of the danger.

2. The Emergency Alert System (or EAS) is comprised of a number of interlinked processes and technologies. It is designed to use multiple means of communicating in order to reach the greatest number of people.

3. The first stage of the process is an employee or student calling the University 911 Communications Center, either by dialing 911 on a campus phone, or by using a Help Phone. The more information you are able to give the 911 dispatcher, the quicker they will be able to inform others of the danger.

4. The next step will be using the campus voice warning system to warn persons in the building where the armed person was seen. The announcement will advise persons in the building to:
   • If it is possible to do so safely, leave the building by the nearest exit.
   • If it is not possible to leave, take shelter in a room that can be secured. This may be by locking the door, or by barricading the door with furniture.

5. Further information will be given as it becomes available. While this is occurring, armed police officers will be entering the building to located and stop the attacker.

6. After the warning is given to the occupants of the building directly in danger, an announcement will be made to all the other buildings on the campus. This will be to advise of the emergency in progress, and warn persons to stay away from the area of danger.

7. Further information will then be distributed by the University home page (www.uc.edu), e-mail messages to all students and employees, the Blackboard home page

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