



Criminal Justice takes aim



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The use of deadly force is something that should not be taken lightly. Proper training is necessary to ensure a safe and reasonable outcome when engaging a potentially unstable shooter.

Josh DeTar, a certified pistol instructor at Threat Dynamics helps train students how use deadly force in a safe and reasonable manner. Students get the chance to participate in mock situations with the help of DeTar's instruction.

"Move together, communicate together, and work together," he said. "After each scenario ends, we will go over what we saw, and what we did."

Students from the college's criminal justice department visited the company based in Tualatin last week to experience law enforcement shooting simulations. The company offers cutting-edge threat response technology that previously was only offered to law enforcement and military.

"I'm able to take tactical experience that I've learned, and bring it to our real world and help civilians," said Dave Beaty, an instructor for Threat Dynamics. "We do empower people in our own way. What we do here isn't just how to shoot, it's how to carry yourself in the real world."

Instructors highlighted things such as how to hold a gun, and what kind of stance to take.

At Threat Dynamics, participants engage suspects in a safe environment without the dangers of live ammunition.

In one training scenario, Juan Moralez had the opportunity to experience potentially dangerous shooting situations.

"Get down on the ground!" said Moralez as the simulated assailant drew his gun. "Drop your weapon!"

Assailants on the screen can either obey the commands given by a student or defy them. It's up to the student to make the split second decision to shoot or not.

"You don't know if they have a weapon," said Moralez, "you don't know if they're going to

try and hurt you. You have to use your judgment."

Students were able to get their hands on real guns with CO2 as the ammunition. The targets were projected on the giant screen that simulates wind direction and speed along with the accuracy of each student's shooting.

After students had a chance to target practice and get a feel for their weapons, the instructors at Threat Dynamics explained some of the possible scenarios.

"You're two officers doing a routine traffic stop for expired tags," said DeTar. "Based on what you see, you're going to respond to that event."

The program allows one to interact with the villains on the screen. Students were able to make shooters stand down by yelling commands. The overall goal of the program is to make the student capable of making quick judgments.

Ida Flippo, criminal justice instructor, utilizes the training to help expose students to situations that may prepare them for a future career as law enforcement officers.

"Right now in that class we

are talking about making that life and death decision, and how it can just happen in a split second," said Flippo, "and then how the officer is judged after that, especially by the media and the public."

According to Flippo, it was good exposure to the students who want to become police officers in the future. After target practice, the students were led in to a big hexagon with interactive screens on every side. This exercise was designed to encourage team work and to watch out on all sides. Students donned interactive belts that shocked them if they were shot by the simulated assailants. According to those who were "hit," the shock was mild and did not really hurt.

"I think that this was a good educational exercise," said Flippo. "It was fun."

Threat Dynamics offers simulation packages for as low as \$35 and private lessons for around \$65.

Sam Willits, Emmilie Boley, Mary Cotton, and Justin Harmon shoot at targets.

Campus Jeep-jacked

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Grand theft auto has become the newest concern at the college as the it reels from last month's termination of Kurt Nelson as Campus Safety Director.

Is Campus Safety in chaos? Have crooks noticed a flaw and taken advantage? It's not often that an official police vehicle is stolen from Barlow.

The patrol car's keys were stolen the night of Sun. Oct. 28 from Barlow along with tools and engine analyzers. The vehicle was recovered by Marion County Sheriff's Department near Mt Angel. The other stolen items are still missing. Oregon City Police

and MSSO are still investigating the case. Interim director of the department and Dean of Campus Services, Bob Cochran is relieved the patrol Jeep was recovered the next day after being stolen.

"We're fortunate to get it back," he said.

Criminal Justice Instructor Ida Flippo expressed her concerns about Nelson's absence from Campus Safety.

"I think it's a loss. He is a great guy and he was professionalizing our [Campus Safety] department," said Flippo. "We are just going to take a step backward in my opinion."

Flippo worked with Nelson in the criminal justice department previous to

his employment as Director of Campus Safety.



REGISTER

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The floodgates of registration are about to open for students attending Clackamas. Tomorrow the schedule of classes will be posted on myClackamas website, and by next week students will be able to sign up for classes.

Priority registration begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. Students who have 80 credits or more have priority and can begin pre-registering then. The rest of returning students have the opportunity to register with priority depending on completed credits until open registration begins the following Friday.

Priority Registration gives students with the most completed credits a chance to enroll in classes before new students. This helps to ensure that students closer to graduating can enroll in the classes they need.