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Compton College Set to Join Millions Worldwide for Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

At 10:18 a.m. on Oct. 18, Compton College students and employees will participate in the annual Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill for the 10th consecutive year. As one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States, Compton College will be joining millions of people worldwide in practicing the *drop, cover* and *hold on* technique as if a major earthquake were occurring. California is at a higher risk of experiencing an earthquake when compared to the rest of the country, so it is important to be prepared no matter where you are: at home, at work, at school, or even on vacation. Practicing how to take earthquake-safe action when seconds count can save lives and prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

The Police Department at Compton College will help coordinate this event on campus. On the morning of Oct. 18, an alert will sound, and those who are inside should remain indoors, while those who are outside should remain outdoors. All students and employees will then practice how to *drop* to the ground, take *cover* under a sturdy object, and *hold on* as if a major earthquake were happening.

Compton College will also take advantage of this drill as an opportunity to carry out its evacuation plan. When given notice, participants on campus will be led outside to designated assembly areas where an emergency responder will provide further directions, ending with instructions to return to the buildings.

ShakeOut drills create the sense of urgency that is needed for people, organizations and communities to get prepared, practice what to do to be safe, and learn what plans need to be improved. The Great ShakeOut began in 2008 in Southern California as an effort by scientists and emergency managers to inform the public about earthquake preparedness. Today, millions of people participate in the International Shakeout Day of Action each October.

For more information, contact the Police Department at Compton College at 310-900-1600, ext. 2790. General information about the event and helpful earthquake safety resources are available at www.ShakeOut.org.

About Compton College

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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