

Mt. SAC Reopens After Bomb Threat

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Walnut, Calif. – Los Angeles County Sheriff's officials have cleared the Mt. San Antonio College after a bomb threat forced a campus closure on March 24, 2016.

College officials learned at 10:30 a.m. about a bomb threat to the campus that would occur at 2:45 p.m. As a precaution, college officials evacuated the campus at 11:30 a.m. and sent out an emergency alert asking the campus community to calmly leave campus and that classes and services were closed until at least 4:30 p.m.

Local law enforcement agencies responded to the incident including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Cal Poly Pomona police and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Campus officials followed emergency procedures to clear buildings.

"Evacuations from buildings went smoothly," said David Wilson, chief of police at Mt. San Antonio College. "We want to thank our law enforcement partners for their assistance. In addition, we want to acknowledge the campus community for calmly evacuating."

Law enforcement agencies assisted with traffic control in the surrounding area and clearing the buildings on campus.

Approximately 12,000 people were on the 420-acre campus at the time.

All buildings were cleared by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at about 3:15 p.m. Classes that started at 4:30 p.m. and later continued as usual.

The campus community was notified through the Emergency Notification System, which can send messages through calls, text messages and email. The alerts were also posted to the campus website, Facebook and Twitter. To sign up for the Emergency Notification System, log into the portal.