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JSRCC conducting mock shooter drill on Goochland Campus

Local emergency response teams will participate

RICHMOND, Va. (September 22, 2008) – J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Police and Security Services Department will lead a multi-jurisdictional active shooter mock drill on Sunday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the College's Western Campus located in Goochland County.

The drill will simulate a shooter coming to the College's campus with a gun intending to kill as many people as possible. The mock drill will involve joint training with the Virginia State Police, the Goochland County Sheriff's Office, the Goochland Volunteer Fire -Rescue Association and nearly 50 volunteer participants.

"We hope the drill tests us in a lot of different ways," says JSRCC Police Chief Garth Wheeler. "We hope to find out how good our communications capabilities are and how we will interact with different agencies."

JSRCC is the second community college in the Virginia Community College System and the first institution in the Greater Richmond Region to conduct a mock active shooter drill. The Western Campus is located at 1851 Dickinson Road in Goochland.

Media are invited and an interview session will be available following the drill.

Serving over 18,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

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