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RCC/SOU Higher Education Center plans lock-down drill

(Medford, OR) – The RCC/SOU Higher Education Center will test its lock-down procedure starting at 10 a.m. Jan. 25.

Jointly built, owned and operated by Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University and completed in 2008, the HEC was designed to allow all exterior doors to be locked simultaneously with the push of a button. A lockdown could be initiated at the request of local police if an armed assailant were on the loose in the downtown area or if an armed intruder were seen near or on the HEC grounds.

The two institutions have been working together to finalize the procedures should a lock down be necessary. During the drill, RCC and SOU personnel will be on hand and will use the time to educate students, staff and faculty about the lockdown procedure and what they can do to protect themselves.

“The safety and well being of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is our first priority,” said Grant Lagorio, RCC director of facilities and operations in Jackson County.

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