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## **NEWS**

### **Golden West College Receives State-of-the-Art Criminal Justice Interactive Simulator** Congressman Dana Rohrabacher made technology possible with appropriations grant

HUNTINGTON BEACH - The Golden West College Criminal Justice Training Center is the first law enforcement training institution to receive the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (V.I.C.E). This interactive shooting simulator enables up to 13 students to work simultaneously on emergency situations that would otherwise be impossible to simulate. The training device was made possible through a \$500,000 appropriations grant through the Office of Congressman Dana Rohrabacher.

“This technology is extremely unique because it allows a group to work together on a mission that is constantly evolving,” said Ron Lowenberg, Dean of the Criminal Justice Training Center. “For example, squads can be virtually working through a school shooting scenario and the instructor can add people or other dangers to the situation as it is happening.”

This technology allows for almost limitless training scenarios, as each is unique and spontaneous. While the students are going through the scenario, the instructor is able see the situation through the eyes of the participants and from an overhead view, which makes correcting errors easy.

“This is just one example of the many advanced learning technologies that the Coast Community College District brings to students,” said Jerry Patterson, President of the Board of Trustees. “Not only does this mean better-trained peace officers, it means the community will reap the benefits of law enforcement professionals who have enhanced decision-making and tactical skills.”

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