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**IACLEA Statement
Recent University Shootings
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IACLEA extends its deepest sympathies to the families of the victims of the recent fatal shootings that occurred on the campuses of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. Our thoughts are with the entire university communities during this difficult time.

We are also aware of a report of a shooting at Oklahoma University, though it appears there were no fatalities. These incidents have occurred while many IACLEA members have gathered for the Southeast/Southwest Regional Conference organized by the Tulane University Police Department, from Jan. 20-23, 2014, in New Orleans, LA. These conferences underscore the importance of training and partnerships to prevent and prepare for critical incidents of all types.

Campus public safety agencies must and do prepare for a variety of scenarios in their active shooter training. Campus public safety agencies must and do establish partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to train and respond to critical incidents that may occur on a college campus.

These incidents re-enforce IACLEA's belief that each institution must have an updated emergency operations plan and provide regular training to campus public safety departments and all campus stakeholders. External emergency responders must be included in that plan and in training programs. Whether it's a tabletop exercise, a functional drill or a full scale exercise, the benefits of training cannot be understated. Training ensures a coordinated and effective response to critical incidents, whether they occur on or off campus.

IACLEA strongly urges all campus public safety agencies to review and update their emergency plans regularly and to provide training on a consistent basis, including external agencies. IACLEA provides resources and information to our members on how to develop emergency operations plans and training on critical incident response management.