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## **El Camino College Compton Center to Participate in the Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill October 20**

On October 20, 2016 at 10:20 a.m. El Camino College Compton Center students and employees will participate in the annual Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill for the eighth consecutive year. This is one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States and is designed to educate the public on how to protect themselves during an earthquake.

The El Camino College Police Department will help coordinate this event at ECC Compton Center. On the morning of October 20, an alert will sound and those who are inside should remain indoors, while those who are outside should remain outdoors. All students and employees will then practice how to: Drop to the ground, Take Cover under a sturdy object, and Hold On as if a major earthquake were happening.

In addition, ECC Compton Center will carry out its evacuation plan. When given notice, participants on campus will be led outside to designated assembly areas where an emergency responder will provide further directions, ending with instructions to return to the buildings.

ShakeOut drills create the sense of urgency that is needed for people, organizations, and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved. The Great ShakeOut began in 2008 in Southern California as an effort by scientists and emergency managers to inform the public about earthquake preparedness. Today, millions of people participate in the International Shakeout Day of Action each October.

For more information, contact the El Camino College Police Department at ECC Compton Center at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2790. General information about the event and helpful earthquake safety resources are available at [www.ShakeOut.org](http://www.ShakeOut.org).

### **About El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.