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## **Diné College Conducts Active Shooter Training** *College Keeping Safety, Security As Priorities*

**TSAILE, Ariz.** — Shortly after 9 a.m. on a recent work day, an unknown man wearing a black long-sleeved T-shirt, grey pants and red athletic shoes became so upset as to how he felt he was treated by members of the Diné College staff, that he left the registration office, went to his car, got what appeared to be a handgun and returned to the building.

That hypothetical scenario, and others, were played out July 27 and 28 — fulfilling a first-time employee professional development training put on by the departments of Human Resources and Security at Diné College. Even though college staff is prepared for all kinds of violent and non-violent circumstances, there remain instances that are unpredictable.

"The first day of training was about learning the different techniques that are necessary to take down an active shooter," Anjeanette Lang, an executive assistant with the Diné College human resources department and a co-organizer of the training, said. "The objective of the active shooter training is to run, hide or fight. You get into things like where should you go? Who should you call? Where should you run or hide?" Lang said.

The active shooter training was conducted by Diné College security personnel Adrian Lewis and Cherokee Dee of the Shiprock campus. The training, which included lectures and exercises, was done at the Tsaile campus.

Goals included scenario-based training, awareness, minimizing violence, developing cohesiveness and promoting positive inter-agency relationships.

"I would say it went very well," Emery Deschine, a Tsaile-based security officer at the college, said. "We assisted with lock down and just with anything that needed our assistance."

The active shooter trainings followed two days of basic physical defense training for women at the Shiprock campus. Lewis, chair of the Campus Security Emergency Response Committee — and Dee instructed those classes, too. There are more workplace violence training sessions planned for September, October and November in Chinle, Shiprock and Tsaile, Lang noted.