

City of Monrovia

Active Shooter Incident

Thursday, October 13, 2022



October 18, 2022
City Council Meeting

Dylan Feik, City Manager
Alan Sanvictores,
Police Chief

Agenda

- **Overview of the Call on Thursday, October 13, 2022**
- **Explanation of MPD Response**
- **Timeline of Events**
- **Next Steps**

On Thursday, October 13th 2022, at 11:46 a.m. MPD Dispatch received a call on the non-emergency line

- 11:46 a.m. Caller (male) advised he is a student and there is an active shooter at Monrovia High School**
- 11:47 a.m. Caller advised shooter is on 2nd floor of MHS**
- 11:48 a.m. Caller stated shooter is a male Hispanic, wearing a black shirt and blue pants**
- 11:49 a.m. Caller stated 10 students have been shot**
- 11:52 a.m. Caller disconnected**

When MPD arrives on scene between 11:48 a.m. – 11:55 a.m., they are looking for -

- Signs of the actual threat reported**
- Signs of 10 student victims**
- Shells, casing or bullet holes**

Immediately upon arrival, the school was calm and there were no signs of an active shooter

Students were at lunch (open campus / 1,500 students / 300 staff)

Law Enforcement & City Response

- **11:48 a.m.** Officer Nolasco is first to arrive on scene, followed by –
 - **11:51 a.m.** School Resource Officer Montes, Officer Peres
 - **11:52 a.m.** Agent Vanderburg, Officer Alvarez, Sgt. Burkhalter
 - **11:55 a.m.** Detectives Pacheco, Bartholomy
- **11:58 a.m.** City staff set up in Police Station for public notices and social media engagement
- **12:00 p.m.+** Pasadena Air Support Team, Arcadia, Sierra Madre and CHP all arrive

Difference between Sweep and Search

- A protective “**sweep**” is a method of tactical room clearing where officers take a broader look around the premises if they have reason to believe there is an actual threat. In other words, police must be able to point to facts that would lead a "reasonably prudent" officer to believe that the area to be swept actually contains a threat.
- The term “**search**” is used to describe an officer’s examination of a person’s home, vehicle, or business to find evidence a crime has been committed. A search involves officers going through part or all of individual's property and looking for specific items that are related to a crime that they have reason to believe has been committed.

Upon Arrival at Monrovia High School

- **11:53 a.m.** Monrovia High School placed on lockdown
- **11:54 a.m.** MPD sent team into MHS to begin clearing 2nd floor of 100 Building
- **11:58 a.m.** MPD Announcements to go back to classrooms
Parents attempted to enter school buildings, jump fences, enter spaces that had been cleared
Students left the buildings including jumping from windows, running from campus making it difficult to keep track of student locations

Upon Arrival at Monrovia High School (cont.)

- **12:11 p.m.** San Marino PD advised they received a similar Active Shooter call with 10 student victims at 11:40 a.m.
- During sweep, report received regarding Student #1 in Room 927 who claimed seeing Student #2 with a firearm
 - Student #1 was unable to provide any personal description of Student #2 in possession of firearm
 - When further questioned, Student #1 unsure if she saw handgun or rifle

Upon Arrival at Monrovia High School (cont.)

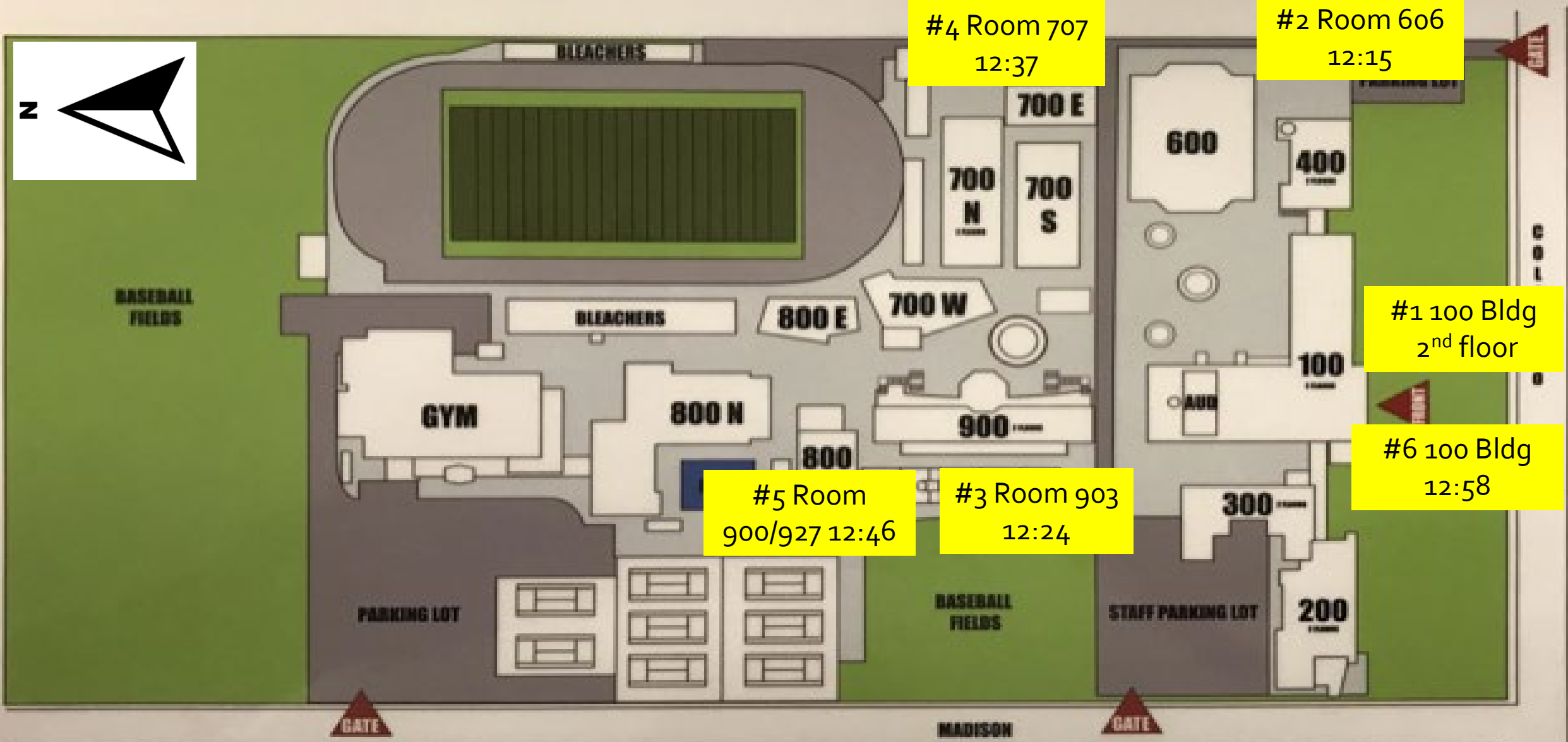
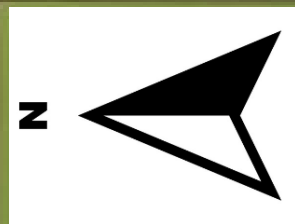
- 12:14 p.m. Parent advised daughter's classmate ran into a room and the shooter was hiding (cleared 12:18)
- 12:15 p.m. Suspicious student ran into Room 606 Library (cleared 12:18)
- 12:24 p.m. Student caller claimed to hear noises in Room 903 (cleared 12:27)
- 12:37 p.m. Teacher called from Room 707 and claimed active shooter on campus (cleared 12:38)

Upon Arrival at Monrovia High School (cont.)

- 12:46 p.m. Caller claimed fight earlier in the morning, possible male with a firearm in Room 900 or 927 (cleared 12:52)
- 12:58 p.m. Parent reported a student was in 100 Building w/ a gun
 - Building 100 was originally cleared at 12:22. Officers were already staged in the building. At 1:36, officers conducted follow up and did not find any evidence of a student with a gun

MHS MAP NUMBERING

CLASS NUMBERS ARE BASED ON BUILDING NUMBER AND FLOOR. EXAMPLE: CLASSROOM 601 OR 619 ARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF BUILDING 600. CLASSROOM 620 and UP ARE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BUILDING 600.



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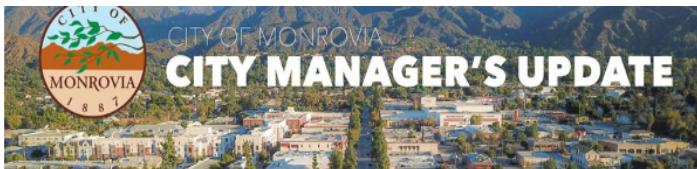
Upon Arrival at Monroe Elementary School

- **11:57 a.m.** Monroe Elementary School placed on lockdown
- **12:04 p.m.** Suspicious person reported in hallways during lockdown
- **12:38 p.m.** Suspicious person identified as parent of student (SMPD)
- **12:51 p.m.** Monroe Elementary School lockdown lifted

City Press Releases

#3 - 5:17 p.m

#1 - 12:00 p.m



October 13, 2022

Hello Monroviens,

Around noon today, Monrovia Police Department (MPD) received a single call to report an active shooter at Monrovia High School. As per protocol and out of an abundance of caution, the school immediately went into emergency lockdown. Due to the proximity to Monrovia High School, Monroe Elementary was also placed on lockdown.

MPD responded immediately and is currently on site and clearing the scene. MPD has not found any evidence or proof of a credible threat and there is no evidence of an active shooter at the high school. We have heard that schools in other districts may have received similar calls. We'll continue to update the City's Facebook and Twitter as more information is available.

Sincerely,
Dylan

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#2 - 2:02 p.m



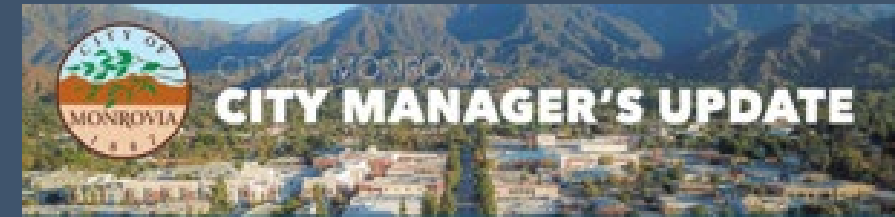
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Update on Today's Incident at Monrovia High School-

We have cleared Monrovia High School (MHS) and are releasing MHS from lockdown. The school has a reunification plan to reunite parents with their children, if desired. MHS will remain in session through the remainder of the day for the students who can't go home at this time. MPD continues to maintain a presence on site but have not found any evidence or threat of an active shooter. The City will continue its investigation into the call and any reports we've received today. The City will provide a formal update later with specific information about today's incident.

We'd like to extend our utmost thanks to our district staff, teachers, employees, students and responding agencies.

Sincerely,
Dylan



October 13, 2022

Hello Monroviens,

Today Monrovia Police Department (MPD) received a single call at 11:45 AM of an active shooter on the 2nd floor of Monrovia High School (MHS) which involved victims. MPD responded and the campus was immediately placed on lockdown while officers began sweeping the 2nd floor. MPD officers were on-site within three minutes from the time dispatch received the call to entry of the 2nd floor of the high school. There were no visible or audible signs or indication of a shooting so officers began sweeping rooms. MPD stationed a command post at the perimeter of the school to coordinate our response across the school campus where sweeps were already underway, but also to coordinate with incoming police units from outside agencies reporting to the call. In situations like these, neighboring law enforcement agencies will assist and receive directions from the command post where to go. Monroe Elementary was also placed on lockdown due to its proximity to the high school and after receiving a report of suspicious person walking around. The person was quickly identified as the parent of a student. The first high school building was cleared within 20 minutes of the call and MPD continued a thorough check of the entire campus, each room, as a precaution. The campus was ultimately cleared within approximately 90 minutes of the call.

Both Monroe Elementary and Monrovia High School lockdowns were lifted by 1:35 PM. At MHS, a reunification plan to reunite parents with their children was used. However, school remained in session through the remainder of the day for the students who were unable to go home, unable to be picked up by a loved one, or who simply wished to stay. MPD maintained a presence on site and throughout the remainder of the day. MPD will continue to investigate the source of the false threat and any reports received today. Other communities are reporting similar threats reported and the MPD is already working to report this incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

If you have any questions about today's incident or would like to know more, please reach

Report of On Campus Fight

- **Several students alleged a fight occurred prior to MPD's response**
- **Students alleged to have seen a gun**

MPD has not been able to substantiate a fight actually occurred. Also, MPD has not been able to verify existence of a gun

Claims, videos and information shared via social media

- *Students were yelling and shouting "gun" on campus*
- *Stories about a student in a ski mask*
- *My student saw a gun*
- *One of my son's friends felt he was hit with some "tear gas"*
- *My daughter said they are shooting*
- *Is there actually a video of a gun going around? Has anyone actually seen this video?*
 - *Spoke to one of them and rumor is a fight broke out and a gun was brandished*
- *There also needs to be more information about the gun. The rumor is too strong and the MPD did not search everywhere*

Next Steps for City of Monrovia

- Joint meeting with MUSD staff scheduled for this week
- Follow up with FBI on this “swatting” call
 - San Marino PD - Thursday, October 13th at 11:40 a.m.
 - Arcadia PD – Sunday, October 9th
 - 10/15/22 - [ABC7 reported](#) 6 schools in Bay Area received swatting calls on Wednesday, October 12th
 - [Segerstrom High School](#) Santa Ana, CA – Friday, October 15th
 - Similar calls in South Carolina last week, and New Jersey & Florida on Friday, October 15th
- City of Monrovia is debriefing our operational plan and preparing future Active Shooter drills w/ schools and possibly other community partners

Active Shooter Training with MUSD

The following schools have conducted Active Shooter Training for this school year. This is only taught to school staff and administrators, NOT to students. The schools have “Lock Down” and “Shelter in Place” drills for the students.

Completed Training

Mayflower School	September 14, 2022
Bradoaks School	September 14, 2022
Wildrose / Plymouth	September 28, 2022
Monroe School	September 28, 2022

Upcoming Training

Clifton Middle School	October 19, 2022
Santa Fe Middle School	October 26, 2022
Monrovia High School	November 2, 2022
CELC	November 4, 2022

Questions?

If you have any information which will assist Monrovia Police Department in this ongoing investigation, please contact MPD at 626-256-8000

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