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SDPD LOOKING FOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

The recent shootings at Virginia Tech brought back memories for members of the San Diego Police Department's Crisis Intervention program. The volunteer interventionists responded to assist after the shootings at both Santana and Granite Hills high schools in March 2001.

"It was a very difficult situation for everyone involved," said Officer Anna Knuth, program coordinator. "The volunteers provided emotional and logistical support to students, their families, and others in the neighborhood. The crisis interventionists were able to spend extended time with these people, allowing law enforcement and other emergency personnel to tend to their duties."

The Crisis Intervention Team is looking for new volunteers to join their program. Anyone interested is invited to attend an informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 7 p.m., at the San Diego Police Officers Association building, located at 8388 Vickers Street.

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