

## **First responders visit Chino High academy presentation**

Firefighters, police officers, SWAT teams, and a lifeguard descended on Chino High April 22, but there was no emergency.

The first responders were on campus to critique emergency scenarios devised by 44 students enrolled in the school's first-year Law, Justice, and Public Service Academy.

The students, working in teams of four, created scripts and storyboards for a mock emergency situation, and role-played first responders and legal professionals they believed would be involved in the event. "The objective of the project is for students to identify and act out specific skills and duties of professionals in the LJPS career fields," said Chino High health teacher Melanie Kent, who is involved in the Academy.

The law enforcement and public service officials visiting that day viewed the storyboards and scripts, offering advice on what they would do in those situations.

"What an awesome morning with all those professionals in our community," Ms. Kent said. "Lots of connections were made and many were asking how they can help with our academy."

Among the first responders attending were emergency dispatchers, police officers and SWAT officers from Chino Police Department; emergency medical technicians, firefighters, and hazardous material specialists from Chino Valley Independent Fire Department; crime scene investigators and forensic technicians from Corona Police Department; hazardous material specialists from the County of San Bernardino; and a beach lifeguard from the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

The Academy is offered to incoming freshmen interested in careers in law, justice, and public service. Among the careers associated with the Academy are law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical specialists, social workers, and legal professions such as attorneys and paralegals. For information about enrolling in next year's Academy, contact a Chino High counselor.