



Office of the Executive Vice President

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Dear Campus Community,

I'm sad to report that one Evergreen student is dead and two injured with symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning, after a student residence manager called campus police when unable to contact the students Monday evening, December 11.

An Evergreen police officer performed emergency CPR after gaining entry to the building at around 8:30 pm. Two students were taken to area hospitals. The officer himself was also hospitalized but released earlier this morning, according to Evergreen Police Chief David Brunckhurst.

McLane Black Lake Fire Department promptly responded to the scene and conducted carbon monoxide testing in the impacted areas. Later Monday evening, campus officials contacted Evergreen students in nearby campus housing to make sure they were safe. Earlier in the day, a contractor responded to carbon monoxide alarms in the Modular.

An investigation is being led by the Washington State Patrol and further details will be released as they become available. This will take some time. On campus, we are doing everything to make sure everyone is safe, and to seek to prevent any reoccurrence.

This is a tragedy, and we are grieving for our students and families. The safety of students, staff and faculty remain Evergreen's top priority. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

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