



ABOUT THE **FUSION CENTER**

The Fusion Center was established to provide campus Emergency Management with a tool to monitor external and internal events that have the potential to adversely impact the campus, our students, faculty, and staff. These events range from natural disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, or wildfires to human-caused events such as civil disturbances or dangerous intruders on campus.

When an event such as these occurs the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated to manage the university's response. These activations can last a few hours, several days or weeks or even years (as we saw with COVID-19). The EOC is very skilled at this. However, keeping the EOC activated to monitor potential threats is not an effective use of resources. The Fusion Center functions as the campus' eyes and ears, working with university staff and our regional partners to stay abreast of potential hazards to UC San Diego.

In this way, the Fusion Center functions as an advanced planning arm of the Emergency Management and Mission Continuity Division of the Environment Health and Safety Department. It monitors large events on campus (e.g., SunGod, Commencement, etc.) as well as events off campus, providing an early warning mechanism. Our dashboard also provides a daily Threat Matrix as a way to keep UC San Diego leadership apprised of any potential or developing threats to campus.