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PHILCONGEN LA HOLDS WEBINAR ON ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS



03 February 2023, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles organized a webinar on Active Shooter Incidents via Zoom on Thursday, 02 February 2023 at 6:00 p.m. PST. The webinar aimed to provide safety tips to the Filipino-American community in light of recent mass shootings in California.

Police Liaison Officer, Col. Roland A. Vilela, delivered the main presentation. Resource persons from the Los Angeles Police Department's Community Relations Section, including Deputy Chief Danny Chao, Officer Christian Costales and Senior Lead Officer Joseph Orlanes also shared their insights on the subject.

Fil-Am community leaders and media representatives from around Southern CA, and even from as far as Las Vegas, NV who were in attendance noted that, as a community, it is imperative to address risk factors such as mental health that can lead to mass shooting incidents.

Consul General Edgar B. Badajos encouraged the Fil-Am community to be proactively involved in keeping each other safe and to exercise all caution while constantly being vigilant during these uncertain times. Noting that one's safety is ultimately a matter of personal responsibility, he also called on community members to immediately report any suspicious activities to local law enforcement as a way of watching out for each other.

As of January 2023 alone, there have been 72 deaths related to mass shooting in the United States. END.