

Gunman opens fire on Virginia Tech campus

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BLACKSBURG, Va. - A gunman opened fire on the Virginia Tech campus Monday, killing at least 22 people and injuring 28 others, campus officials in Blacksburg, Va., said.

Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said relatives of the "multiple fatalities" were being notified as officials worked to identify the dead and injured from at least two shooting incidents in a residential dorm and a building used for engineering classes.

Steger told a news conference he was "shocked and horrified" by the tragedy that began to unfold with a call to campus police at 7:15 a.m. local time reporting the first wave of shootings.

Police were on the scene of the shootings in West Ambler Johnston Hall when about two hours later the second wave of shootings was reported at Norris Hall, Steger said. The majority of dead were killed in a classroom, police said.

The gunman was among the dead, but it was not immediately known if he died by his own hand, police said.

Students were told to stay in dorms and university buildings away from windows and all entrances to the campus were closed off by authorities, the university Web site said.

Classes were canceled through Tuesday.

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