The Poster That Can Save Your Life

The Emergency Procedures posters are placed all around the NOVA campuses. Most of these posters can be found in hallways and near exits at NOVA. The purpose of the posters is to remind everyone about emergency procedures and how to handle these incidents. When you have a chance, find one near your office or the classroom you teach in. Take some time to review the material on the poster and make sure that these procedures are fresh in your mind so when an emergency does occur, you are prepared to handle the situation.

Providing a safe environment for faculty, staff, visitors, and students is a primary concern of NOVA. Being knowledgeable about what to do in the event of an emergency is critical to this goal. Planning and being prepared is our shared responsibility.

We ask that you familiarize yourself with this website http://www.nvcc.edu/about-nova/emergency/campus/index.html. On this website you will see emergency preparedness information for each campus along with a copy of this poster. Please check back often to ensure you’re prepared.

If you have any questions or concerns related to emergency preparedness, please contact the Director of Emergency Management and Planning.

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Have You Seen This Poster Around NOVA?

NOVA welcomes Kimberly Nagel as a new District Emergency Management Coordinator responsible for the Manassas and Woodbridge Campuses.

Kimberly has nine years experience in homeland security and emergency management, focusing on exercises, planning, and policy development for state and local governments. She has earned both the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) certification from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), as well as the Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification from the Virginia Emergency Management Association (VEMA).

Prior to joining NOVA, Kimberly was a senior policy analyst for the Center for Health and Homeland Security at the University of Maryland. She was assigned to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency as a National Capital Region (NCR) Planner, developing and coordinating emergency plans between local and state emergency man-
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Kimberly Nagel previously was a regional planner for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for Region 7 (Northern Virginia) and assisted the Woodbridge Campus in developing the State Transfer Point plan in preparation for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. Prior to joining VDEM, she held numerous positions in support of federal, state and local emergency planning, policy and exercises. Kimberly became interested in the field of emergency management while working at The White House during the events of September 11, 2001, and the anthrax outbreaks later that year. She has been involved in the design of more than 60 tabletop, functional and full-scale exercises. She has also filled numerous positions in the Virginia Emergency Operations Center.

Kimberly earned her MA in Public Policy from Regent University in 2002. She graduated from Cedarville College in 1999 with a BA in Political Science. Kimberly will be in charge of the Manassas and Woodbridge Campuses (Safety District 1). Please contact her if you have any questions or concerns.

Presidential Commission on Safety and Security

During spring 2010, NOVA completed a Presidential Commission on Safety and Security. This comprehensive review provided recommendations on how to make NOVA a safer and more secure environment. Here are a few updates:

- **Representatives from Student Mental Health & Behavior (SMHB) and Human Resources (HR)/Employee Relations (ER) will be designated as members of the Emergency Planning Committee.** *Update:* The Special Assistant for SMHB and a Human Resources Employee Relations representative was added as a member to the College Emergency Management Planning Committee.

- **Interior locks will be installed for special classrooms, libraries, labs, tutoring centers, and offices.** *Update:* The installation of these locks is expected to be completed by the end of the spring 2011 semester.

- **As needed, exterior doors will be retrofitted so that they cannot be chained.** *Update:* The internal doors that are chainable have been retrofitted so that they cannot be chained. There are 20 sets of chainable exterior doors (40 total) that are in fabrication. They are currently scheduled to be installed during the Spring Semester (2011) each of these had to be custom made as they could not be retrofitted.

- **Faculty, staff, and students at all NOVA off-campus sites will be provided with clear and prominently displayed information concerning what to do in an emergency situation.** *Update:* All off-campus sites have been provided with “Emergency Procedure” posters that provide clear information and are prominently displayed at locations that were determined by the staff at those sites. In addition, each site was provided with locations specific wallet cards containing emergency response information for faculty, staff, and students.

- **Regular meetings will occur between the Campus Police and the Provosts/Campus Councils.** *Update:* Currently, sergeants at all of the campuses routinely meet with the campus leadership as well as the Campus Councils and safety committees. This takes place at the request of the aforementioned group or at the request of the police to ensure a constant dialogue.
Fighting Back Against Theft

Police Officers at NOVA deal with more larceny related cases than any other crimes. Unfortunately, the victims are our community members at NOVA and the College itself.

To avoid becoming a victim, and to fight back against theft there are a few security measures you should consider:

- Lock all offices and classrooms when not in use.
- Secure all personal belongings and never leave them unattended.
- Make sure your doors are locked before leaving your vehicle unattended.
- Report any malfunctioning doors or locks to the college lock shop department.

- Avoid displaying large amounts of money or jewelry in public.
- Make sure all computers are logged off after use to eliminate theft of personal information.
- Immediately report lost or stolen property to the Campus Police along with any other suspicious activity.

By following these general reminders we can fight back against crimes committed in our community. Being more security minded also sends a strong message to criminals that NOVA is not the place to commit their crimes.

NOT ON OUR CAMPUS!