Updated Clery Training

The NOVA College Police Department is pleased to announce the creation of updated Clery training that fulfills the Department of Education’s requirements for Clery training and the Violence Against Women’s Act (VAWA) training.

The training can be found in two locations.

The first is for all full- and part-time college employees. This training is available via the NOVA Academy at https://covkc.virginia.gov/nvcc/Kview/CustomCodeBehind/Customization/Login/COV_Login.aspx. Once you have logged into the NOVA Academy page, type “Clery” into the search box and look for the NOVA 2015 Clery training.

The second location, for all visitors and students, is at the NOVA Police Department’s Clery compliance suite of pages under the training tab. To access this training, click on: http://www.nvcc.edu/police/clery/training.html

Topics covered in the updated training include NOVA Clery policies and procedures, Clery geography, Clery reportable crimes, Clery timely warning and emergency notifications, Campus Security Authority (CSA) responsibilities, VAWA training, and Bystander Intervention training.

If you have already taken the “Advanced Clery CSA” training through the NOVA Academy this year, you have fulfilled your annual NOVA-HR Clery training obligation.

The new VAWA training module contains several videos on the trauma-informed approach to investigating and assisting victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Additional topics covered in the training include:

- NOVA programs to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assaults, and stalking
- NOVA awareness programs
- NOVA ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns
- NOVA primary prevention programs
- NOVA risk reduction methods

The new Bystander Intervention module includes how to recognize situations of potential harm and learning to overcome barriers of intervening. Additional topics include how to identify safe and effective intervention options and then taking action!

Should you have any questions or comments related to this training or if you would like to request in-person training, please contact Stephen Brunelle at sbrunelle@nvcc.edu.
Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft

Did you know the average victim of identity theft spends more than 40 hours and $500 rectifying his or her personal and financial affairs? Here are some simple tips to protect you from cyber criminals.

- Do not list your Social Security number, (SSN) on checks, driver’s license, etc., and protect this information at all times.
- Use different, strong passwords (with both caps and non-capitalized letters, numbers, and symbols) for each account. Do not use ‘123456’, it’s the most commonly used password. Also avoid birthdays and pet names.
- Shred bills and other important papers. Never throw them away.
- Keep a list of all your accounts in a secure place.
- Carry only the credit card(s) and cash you will need for the day.
- Retrieve mail from your mailbox promptly, and have a trusted person pick it up if you’re away. Never leave outgoing mail in your mailbox. A raised mailbox flag is an invitation for theft.
- Do not provide personal information or your whereabouts (e.g., spending a week on vacation) on social media.
- If shopping on-line, only use secure sites (indicated by: https).
- Do not download files or open hyperlinks from people you do not know.
- Do not send personal information by fax.
- Update virus protection programs monthly.
- Review your credit report annually (it’s free!).

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact your police, banks, and each of your credit card companies immediately.

Heat Stroke Awareness

Summer is prime time to enjoy the outdoors. However, summer heat can be deadly.

What is Heat Stroke?
Heat Stroke occurs when the body can no longer manage excess heat, and begins to trap the excess heat instead of releasing it. When this happens, the body begins to show some tell-tale signs:

- Hot, dry skin due to a lack of sweat
- Body temperature greater than 105°
- Confusion, dizziness, or nausea

How Can I Prevent Heat Stroke?
Heat exhaustion itself is usually characterized by heavy sweating and weakness. If preventive actions are not taken, the body can progress quickly into the final stage of heat exhaustion – heat stroke. It isn’t always easy to notice this progression until it occurs.

The easiest way to prevent heat stroke and other heat-related emergencies is to keep yourself and others cool and hydrated. Wear clothes that are lightweight and breathable. If you know you’re going to be outside on a hot day, drink plenty of water before and during the activity. Take frequent breaks because even casual activities can become overwhelming. Don’t forget to slather on sunscreen and reapply it frequently throughout the day.

What Should I Do If I Witness Heat Stroke?
First, call 9-1-1 and then attempt to cool the person down. Remove the victim from the heat and use shade or air conditioning to your advantage. Remove excess clothing and put a wet towel on them. Be ready to give an account of what happened to first responders when they arrive.

Weinstein Addresses National Campus Safety Conference

NOVA Police Department Lt. John Weinstein was a featured speaker at Campus Safety magazine’s annual national conference, held June 24-26 in Washington, DC. Campus Safety magazine is the country’s largest publication devoted to campus and institutional safety and security, and Weinstein serves on its editorial review board.

Weinstein addressed over 300 police chiefs, security directors, and campus administrators on steps faculty and staff can take to prevent active shooter incidents. Numerous schools from across the country have requested copies of his presentation. Weinstein is available to provide the briefing to NOVA faculty and administration officials.

Farewell—Will Flagler

It is with great sadness we announce the departure of Will Flagler, Director of Emergency Management and Safety, after eight years of distinguished service to NOVA. When Will was hired, the Office of Emergency Management and Safety did not exist. Will was one of the first dedicated, full-time, professional Emergency Managers at an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During his tenure at NOVA, Will led the college through several significant emergencies, to include an active shooter, chemical releases, an earthquake, blizzards, Presidential visits, and so much more. In a role more familiar to most, Will acted as our “Snow Boss” and was responsible for decisions that enabled us to sleep in or stay home during inclement weather!

We recognize Will for his dedication, approachability, and leadership in both emergency and non-emergency settings. He will be deeply missed. His accomplishments will always remind us how important the Office of Emergency Management is to NOVA and we all are better prepared due to the foundation he built.

It is with warmest regards that we wish Will success as he assumes his new position as the Deputy Director for Arlington County’s Office of Emergency Management.
NOVA Police Training and Events

Gang Awareness

NOVA Police Gang Awareness training will provide tools to combat gangs in our neighborhoods and here on campus.

Topics include:

- What is a gang and who are likely recruits?
- Where are gangs located in our area?
- How to identify gang members and gang activity
- How to identify gang graffiti
- Ways to combat gangs
- Resources

Dates and locations: (All training will be held from noon-1 PM)

- August 24, Manassas Campus, TBD (check the police office for info)
- August 26, Loudoun Campus, LR 223
- September 01, Alexandria Campus, AA 158
- September 02, Annandale Campus, CC 103
- September 03, Medical Education Campus, Room 254
- September 04, Woodbridge Campus, Seefeldt 233D

Please RSVP for this training. If you need to request accommodations, e-mail Community Outreach Officer Tony Ong at tong@nvcc.edu or call 703-933-1850.

NOVA Police Participates in DEA Drug Take-Back Event

NOVA Police will again participate in DEA’s Drug Take-Back event, scheduled on September 26th, from 10 am to 2 pm. More information will be included in next month’s newsletter. Please refer below for the NOVA drop off site:

Annandale Campus
CA Building, 1st Floor, Main Entrance
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

Contact Community Outreach Officer Tony Ong (Tong@nvcc.edu) with any questions or refer to http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html