**Do You Have One of These? It Could Save Your Life**

**NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards** (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Working with the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) Emergency Alert System, NWR is an “All Hazards” radio network, making it your single source for comprehensive weather and emergency information. In conjunction with Federal, State, and Local Emergency Managers and other public officials, NWR also broadcasts warning and post-event information for all types of hazards — including natural (such as earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (such as chemical releases or oil spills), and public safety (such as AMBER alerts or 911 Telephone outages).

Known as the “Voice of NOAA’s National Weather Service,” NWR is provided as a public service by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Department of Commerce. NWR includes over 1000 transmitters, covering all 50 states, adjacent coastal waters, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Territories. NWR requires a special radio receiver or scanner capable of picking up the signal. Broadcasts are found in the VHF public service band at these seven frequencies (MHz): 162.4, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, 162.550.

These radios can be purchased at your local Radio Shack, Walmart, and Best Buy.

**New Emergency Coordinator at NOVA**

NOVA welcomes Stephen Brunelle as the new District 2 Emergency Management Coordinator responsible for the Annandale and Medical Education campuses. Brunelle has worked with emergency planning and response within state, county, and local jurisdictions. He has been involved in numerous responses and incidents including Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustavo, Ike, and various other types of emergency situations like H1N1, weather events, and oil spills.

Prior to NOVA, Brunelle was a Bio-Terrorism Emergency Planner with the Virginia Department of Public Health (Prince William County Health District). He has law enforcement experience as former sex crimes and person’s crime detective. Brunelle has a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master of Public Health. He is familiar with institutions of higher education, having worked as an adjunct faculty member at various colleges and universities for more than six years.

Contact Stephen Brunelle with any relevant questions or concerns you may have.

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Presidential Commission on Safety and Security

During spring 2010, Northern Virginia Community College 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:

- **The Training Schedule for SMHB and HR/ER will be coordinated with the overall training schedule for safety and security.** *Update:* A Comprehensive safety and security training schedule was developed and distributed at each campus during both the new faculty orientation and the welcome-back program. Additional training sessions were offered to all employees in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and a complete training schedule is under development.

- **Intercom will provide regular advisories regarding issues of safety and security.** *Update:* Regular advisories are being provided in a section of the Intercom titled “Safety One Liners.” Archived editions of the Intercom can be found here: [http://www/nvcc.edu/faculty-and-staff/marketing/pip/intercom/index.html](http://www/nvcc.edu/faculty-and-staff/marketing/pip/intercom/index.html). A new Public Safety newsletter was recently created which can be found here: [http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/psnewsletters/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/psnewsletters/index.html).

- **Various equipment upgrades will be procured as necessary.** *Update:* Law Enforcement specific equipment, such as new weapons and Mobile Date Terminals for Police Cruisers among other things, have been procured and received. The following items have been purchased, received and installed: New Police Vehicles marked and unmarked, Radios-portables (hand held) and mobiles (in Vehicles), tough books (in car computers), Model 22 and 23 Glocks, Telex Radio Dispatch Counsel (two sets) and one Telex NR@ Network recorder, all current Police radios have been updated and encrypted.

- **Ensure that the Director of Emergency Management and Planning has direct access to all campus and College offices from an organizational and functional perspective.** *Update:* The Director of Emergency Management and Planning has the authority to contact any department, division, and campus or College office directly to fulfill various emergency management directives. Also, the Director has the ability to obtain physical access to any campus or off-campus site if needed.
During the March 29, 2011, Board Meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed April 2011 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Fairfax County. NOVA Police Lieutenant Cheryl Creed accepted the proclamation on behalf of all the victims and service providers in the community. Creed was asked to receive the award by the Office for Women and Domestic Violence Services for Fairfax County and the Director of Sexual Assault Services for George Mason University in honor of her service and dedication. Over the years, her work has led to increased awareness, helping to heal victims and punish offenders. Creed has been involved in Sexual Assault Domestic Violence training and advocacy for more than 20 years as a law enforcement professional. She has been a victim's advocate, facilitated presentations, hosted workshops and answered hotline calls for several Northern Virginia jurisdictions and the City of Norfolk. Creed has also worked to improve safety and sexual assault awareness on NOVA campuses for many years. Her tireless efforts have resulted in improved safety for many, and she continues to lead sexual assault initiatives across the college.

NOVA Police Lieutenant Cheryl Creed. Photo by Kevin Mattingly