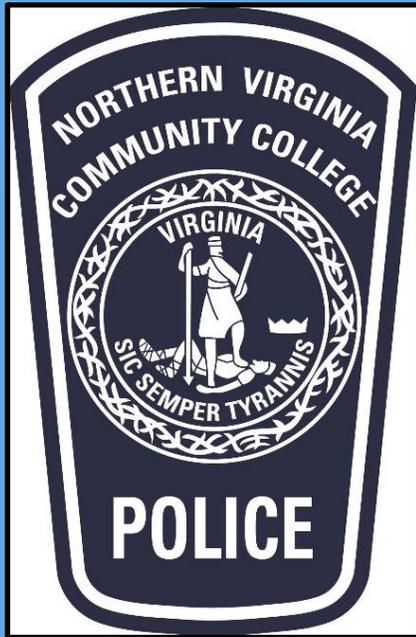


NOVA PUBLIC SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Chief Dan Dusseau, surrounded by some of his officers.

Chief Dan Dusseau Retires



After 12 years of visionary leadership as NOVA's Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, Dan Dusseau is retiring effective May 1. (Cont'd page 2)

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Before coming to NOVA, he had risen to command staff rank as a Major in the Prince Georges County (Maryland) Police Department. In his climb through the ranks at Prince Georges Police, he served in and supervised the following units: patrol, detectives, homicide, internal affairs, and information technology. He led many high-profile investigations and won numerous awards.

The broad tactical and leadership experience amassed at Princes Georges served him well upon his June 2010 arrival at NOVA to assume the College's Chief of Police responsibilities. Chief Dusseau arrived approximately six months after a shooting event at the Woodbridge campus. One of his first responsibilities was prioritizing and implementing the recommendations contained in a Presidential Commission that reviewed the incident. Dusseau recognized that several changes were urgently needed to enhance the safety and security of the college community.

First, he created a centralized dispatch capability. Until that time, dispatchers covered only the Annandale campus and only during business hours on Monday-Friday. Other campuses used local radios and cell phones but had no immediate link to other campuses. Dusseau set about building a 24/7/365 dispatch center that covers all NOVA campuses and centers with state-of-the-art communications equipment. In addition to centralizing communications, he centralized both hiring and supervision. Before Dusseau's arrival, college police officers were hired by the various campus business managers. Today, the quality of NOVA officers is competitive with those of any other National Capital Region. Dusseau oversaw the development of a diverse department whose officers are approachable and dedicated to a positive role of service. He created a centralized process to ensure consistent hiring standards. He also instituted safety districts which consolidated and standardized police management on the college's campuses. The initiation of morning and afternoon daily campus supervisory reports enhanced department-wide situational awareness of campus conditions and facilitated the streamlined and rational provision of resources in a crisis.



Second, he received permission to expand the department and modified coverage schedules to maximize officer presence on campuses when the College is open. He also equipped his officers with the same radios, ballistic vests, and other duty equipment employed by other professional law enforcement agencies in the area.

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Third, he recruited specialists to provide officers with current tactical training in the areas of firearms and active shooter response. The officers he placed in these positions of leadership created training that was complimented by a Department of Criminal Justice Service audit. His officers teach these topics to both new and veteran officers at local police academies and national conferences.

One of Chief's most important and effective initiatives was the creation of a departmental community outreach program. Recognizing that community outreach is the public face of the department, he placed a senior lieutenant in charge of the program and dedicated an officer for full-time support to community outreach. One of the first fruits of this program was the monthly Public Safety Newsletter. In the 10 years since the program's creation, the newsletter, with more than 500 articles that inform and empower NOVA community members to play a positive role in their own safety and security, has received numerous state-wide awards. In this same time, NOVA Police Outreach has given over 1000 presentations in our classrooms, College workplaces, and local communities and even at national and international venues. These presentations include both safety and security (e.g., dealing with difficult people/conflict avoidance and de-escalation, how to maintain a safe classroom, dealing with mental health challenged individuals, bystander intervention, staying safe in public) and life skills (e.g., stop the



To Daniel Dusseau
With best wishes,

bleed tourniquet application, writing in the workplace, interviewing skills, police and technology, leadership, and non-verbal communications) topics. Many of these topics are based on articles written by Chief Dusseau and published in national law enforcement journals. As a result of his national publications and written works, NOVA Police receive regular requests from all over the country for our guidance on conducting policing operations.

Chief Dusseau's leadership at NOVA has not been limited to the police department. As Director of Public Safety, he oversaw NOVA's Office of Emergency Management and Safety. In this capacity, he played a leading role in the College's response to the COVID pandemic, two visits by the President of the United States, the flooding of a building, and various emergency communications to the College community. In 2014, as a result of his design contributions to the LiveSafe Mobile Safety App, Chief Dusseau was able to provide this app, which provides life-saving information and the ability to communicate quickly and unobtrusively to NOVA Dispatch, at no charge to NOVA community members and their families and friends.

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This short article only scratches the surface of Dan Dusseau's myriad contributions to the College. His leadership and effectiveness have been validated over the years by many awards he has received, to include the Campus Safety Magazine Police Chief/Director of the Year (2014), the Governor's Award Administrative Excellence (2018), and various local Chamber of Commerce and other awards. He has also served with distinction on many local, state and national bodies, such as the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, the (Virginia) Governor's Task Force on Sexual Assault, and the Campus Safety magazine Board of Advisors. The bottom line of all this is most impressive: *in the last 10 years, beginning shortly after his arrival, reported crime on our campuses has been reduced 90%!*

NOVA's Vice President of Finance and Administration, Dimitrina "Ina" Dimkova, Dusseau's direct superior summed up the feelings of many when she said "Dan Dusseau is one of the most dedicated, loyal, and ethical persons I have ever known. His service here at NOVA has reflected well on his professionalism, NOVA's Police and Office of Emergency Management and Safety, and the College itself. I thank him for his superb service. I will miss him." While the College and the Chief's NOVA and his subordinates will miss Chief Dusseau's leadership and expertise, police departmental operations will continue without a hitch in the capable hands of Acting Chief William "Jake" Jacoby, himself a senior veteran of Fairfax County Police and Deputy Chief at NOVA since 2013. Acting Chief Jacoby will be assisted by NOVA's four lieutenants who have nearly 100 years of combined police experience and 60 years of experience at NOVA. Similarly, OEMS operations will still be directed by Tom Mayhew.

Chief Dusseau's leadership, expertise, and commitment to the College and his officers will be missed. Thank you, Chief. Well done!



If you would like to share a note of thanks or regards to Chief Dusseau, you may forward them to Lt. John Weinstein,
jweinstein@nvcc.edu, for inclusion in a scrapbook to be presented at a later date.

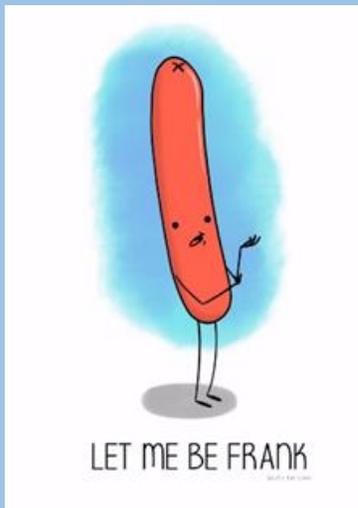
Grilling Safety

In 2014-2018, an average of 19,700 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills.

On average, children under five account for 2,000 ER burn injuries every year. These burns typically occurred when the child bumped into, touched or fell on a grill, grill part or hot coals.

Annually, gas grills are involved in an average of 8,900 home fires.

Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills contribute another 1,300 home fires.



Here are some grilling tips to keep you safe!

- Only use your grill outside, and keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill to keep kids and pets safe.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Don't leave your grill, fire pit or patio torches unattended.
- Clean your grill after each use to remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Use this link [here](#) to learn more about grilling fire safety!

When you grill, remember to be fire safety and you'll do 'grate'!



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LiveSafe Mobile Safety App

The free LiveSafe Mobile Safety app is available to all NOVA faculty, students, staff and their families and friends. This tool can empower you to stay safe, keep your campus safe, put potentially life-saving information at your fingertips, and facilitate timely interaction with NOVA responders in the event of an emergency or need for assistance. Download LiveSafe at iTunes or Google Play. It is easy and fast, or go to www.LiveSafeMobile.com.

2022 NOVA POLICE TRAINING

NOVA Police conduct an extensive community outreach program. The following topics are available for presentation to faculty, students, clubs, staff, and community organizations via **Zoom or in-person**. For in person or ZOOM additional topics, please contact us at novapdoutreach@nvcc.edu.

Selected Topics:

Active Shooter Response

Dealing with Difficult People

Creating Safe Classroom Environment

Staying Safe on the Street/Self-Defense Considerations

Alcohol/DUI Awareness

Stop the Bleed Tourniquet Certification

Recognizing/Reporting Suspicious Behavior

Dealing with Mental Health Issues

Bystander Intervention

Writing in the Workplace

Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About the Police

Ticket Avoidance Strategies

Human Trafficking

Gangs and Drugs

Civilian - Police Interactions

Dealing with Disobedience