The start of 2015 provides an excellent opportunity to review the many safety and security activities and resources offered by NOVA’s Police Department and Office of Emergency Management and Safety. Check out www.nvcc.edu/emergency to learn how to deal with an active shooter incident, bomb threat, fire, severe weather, hazardous materials, and other similar events that threaten lives and campus operations. This link, along with the police (www.nvcc.edu/police) and NOVACares (www.nvcc.edu/about-nova/novacares/) links have information that can keep you safe and make the most of your NOVA academic experience.

2014 was a year of great success for your NOVA Police Department. Here are 10 accomplishments:

1. **LiveSafe Rollout.** In April, NOVA Police introduced the LiveSafe mobile safety app, which is available at no cost to members of the NOVA Community, their families and their friends. With LiveSafe, you can contact college police quickly and unobtrusively via text to request services and report crimes. The app, available from the iTunes or Google Plays stores, also provides you with a virtual escort and a treasure trove of crucial safety and security information. See: http://www.livesafemobile.com/

2. **Clergy.** On October 1st, as required by federal legislation, NOVA released its Annual Security Report. The ASR identifies the occurrence of selected crimes on NOVA campuses as well as facilities under NOVA control. It also includes policies and procedures that support safety and security on campus. You may review this report at http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/college-safety/annual-security-reports/index.html.

3. **Chief of the Year.** Chief of Police Dan Dusseau was selected as the police chief/security director of the year by Campus Safety Magazine, the leading national journal for educational/institutional policing, with a subscription base of over 18,000. Chief Dusseau was chosen over more than 30 contenders, many from major US colleges and universities.

4. **Closed High-Profile Cases.** In 2014, NOVA Police solved numerous high-profile misdemeanor and felony cases. The case load included physical and sexual assaults, stalking, missing persons, larceny, fraud, and counterfeit currency violations. NOVA Police worked these cases independently and in partnership with local, state and federal authorities. To see the full scope of crimes our officers work, and their dispositions, check out our crime log at http://blogs.nvcc.edu/crimelog/ .

5. **NOVA Officers Taught at Local Police Academies.** NOVA officers have many areas of expertise and regularly teach firearms, active shooter response, bicycle operations, defensive tactics, emergency communications, and verbal de-escalation techniques to officers from other jurisdictions at two local police academies.
6. Officer Training. In addition to regular firearms training, NOVA officers received crucial training in areas that enhance our ability to protect and serve the college community: active shooter response, sexual assault and violence against women, and civil disturbance are some of the areas in which NOVA officers trained during 2014.

7. Community Outreach. During 2014, NOVA Police provided over 200 training sessions to the campus community in over 10 areas, including active shooter response, bystander intervention, dealing with difficult people, and self-defense considerations. Additionally, a monthly Public Safety Newsletter is distributed. NOVA Police also conduct numerous charity and civic events, such as the Dulles Plane Pull, food and toy drives, VIN etching, and child safety seat installation. To see our training schedule, our newsletters, and other safety information, go to http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/.

8. Collaboration with Other Agencies. NOVA Police started and lead a Community Outreach Officers Working Group, which provides mutual assistance for outreach projects and serves as a resource clearinghouse for over 15 local police agencies. The group meets quarterly and has provided assistance for child safety seat installation, bike rodeos, and various Special Olympics charity events.

9. NOVA Police have National Impact. In addition to Chief Dusseau’s selection as Chief of the Year, NOVA Police published 7 articles on college policing, officer safety, firearms training, etc. in Campus Safety Magazine (CSM). NOVA officers routinely receive requests for professional information from police agencies across the country and have been spoken before the Washington Nationals customer service providers and the CSM national conference. One NOVA officer is a member of CSM’s editorial board.

10. Professional Communications. NOVA Police Dispatch occupies a state of the art facility in the CA building on the Annandale campus. In 2014, Dispatch had over 60,000 interactions with the public and/or NOVA officers, an indicator of how busy NOVA dispatchers and police officers are. You can reach Dispatch 24/7/365 at 703-764-5000.

NOVA Police welcome you back to campus, and wish you success in your 2015 academic endeavors. If you would like additional information about any of the items mentioned above, make a suggestion or complaint, or learn more about us and the services we provide, call Dispatch at the number above; Officer Tony Ong, the department’s Community Outreach Officer at 703-229-2527; or drop by any campus police station.

Will Flagler, NOVA’s Director of Emergency Management and Safety (OEMS), was recently awarded his Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) designation at the 62nd International Association of Emergency Managers conference in San Antonio, Texas. The CEM is the highest honor and credential in the Emergency Management profession and is recognized around the world. Only about 1,500 people world-wide hold this elite credential.

When asked, Flagler said, “I am very honored to be recognized for this achievement. 455 applications were reviewed in 2014 and only 187 were successful in receiving the credential.” I want to thank our OEMS team and the college for its continuing support.”

In addition, Flagler recently received his Virginia Professional Emergency Manager (PEM) certification from the Virginia Emergency Management Association. The program is a cooperative effort between the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Virginia Emergency Management Association. Certification requires extensive documentation of the applicant's qualifications, experience and training.
On December 19, 2014, Officer Welmer Landaverde graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy as a police officer. Officer Landaverde first joined NOVA as a security officer in 2012. He completed a rigorous 6 month police academy curriculum which consisted of firearms, emergency vehicle operations, legal, patrol tactics, defensive tactics, cultural diversity, and even childbirth! His graduation afforded him a full year of college credits.

Officer Landaverde will be training at all 6 campuses during the upcoming months. Please join us in congratulating Welmer and welcoming him to the NOVA family.

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NOVA Police Recent Community Outreach Event

NOVA POLICE TOY DRIVE

The NOVA Police Department conducted a Toy Drive from November 10th through December 9th in support of the less fortunate in Northern Virginia. Approximately 150 toys, donated to the HomeAid Shelter of Northern Virginia, were collected and distributed on December 13th to needy families.

NOVA Police thanks everyone who participated in the toy drive and helped a kid have a better holiday season.
NOVA Police Upcoming Training

NOVA Police will host a “how to stay safe” training session, beginning in February. Training will be offered college-wide, with sessions available in the day and night for each campus. Below are dates and times for this upcoming training. Specific room locations will be announced in the February newsletter.

If you are interested in this training, please RSVP to Community Outreach Officer Tony Ong at tong@nvcc.edu.

**Topics include:**
- NOVA safety resources
- Personal safety tips
- Active shooter response overview
- And much more

**Dates and times:** (Locations will be announced in the February newsletter)

- February 16, Alexandria Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm
- February 17, Annandale Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm
- February 18, Medical Education Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm
- February 19, Loudoun Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm
- February 20, Woodbridge Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm
- February 23, Manassas Campus, noon-1 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm

2-1-1 Virginia

Did you know? that you can find social services in your location as easily as dialing 2-1-1 or typing in a short web address. Virginia 2-1-1 allows you to specify your search area (statewide, city/county, or zip code) and choose desired services from a lengthy menu. There is something for everybody on Virginia 2-1-1. Check it out!

2-1-1 VIRGINIA provides information and referral for:

- **Basic human needs:**
  Food banks, shelters, rent or utility assistance

- **Physical and mental health resources**

- **Work initiatives:**
  Job training, English as a second language classes, GED preparation, financial and transportation assistance

- **Support for seniors and those with disabilities:**
  Adult day care, meals at home, respite care, home healthcare

- **Support for children, youth and families:**
  After-school programs, tutoring, mentorship programs, counseling, child care centers

- **Volunteering in your community:**
  Mentorship opportunities, locations to donate food, clothing, furniture, computers or other items

- **Disaster support services:**
  Up-to-date information on community and regional response, volunteer and donation coordination, crisis intervention and human service coordination

**How to Reach 2-1-1 VIRGINIA**

Dial: 211
Visit: [http://www.211virginia.org](http://www.211virginia.org)