Woodbridge Campus Emergency Response Test

What would you do if an emergency occurred on your campus? How would you and your department respond? On May 27th, NOVA’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Woodbridge Campus conducted a simulated, interactive functional exercise to explore these issues.

The exercise tested the coordination, integration, and interaction of NOVA and Woodbridge Campus policies, procedures, roles, and responsibilities during the simulated event. Woodbridge staff responded in real-time with on-the-spot decisions and actions made in the aftermath of campus devastation by a simulated tornado. The participants’ decisions and actions generated real responses and consequences from other staff members.

Woodbridge Campus Provost Dr. Sam Hill complimented the realistic aspects of the exercise and the readiness of the Woodbridge team. Dr. Hill added, “The participants came away with an understanding of how critical it is to function as a team during emergencies” and also emphasized the exercise “will make us more appreciative of advance everyday preparation.”

NOVA’s OEM will conduct functional exercises at all NOVA campuses to ensure each campus profits from this valuable training opportunity. If you have questions about this exercise or general emergency response topics, email OEM at OEM@nvcc.edu.

What is a functional exercise?

A functional exercise is a fully simulated interactive exercise that tests the capability of an organization to respond to a simulated event. The exercise tests multiple functions of the organization’s operational plan. It is a coordinated response to a situation in a time-pressured, realistic simulation.

This month’s “Do 1 Thing” topic is: Family Communication Plan

Find out how to communicate with family members during a disaster. Visit http://do1thing.com/things/jul to complete this month’s small step to be prepared.

If you haven’t completed “Do 1 Thing” small steps this year, you can still catch up! Visit http://do1thing.com or http://blogs.nvcc.edu/emergency/ to learn how.
NOVA Police Honored Again!

Chief Dusseau recently accepted on behalf of the Department two major awards. The first is the Robert C. Dillard Outstanding Contribution to Campus Law Enforcement Award. This award, presented by the Virginia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (VACLEA), recognizes (1) significant sustained contribution and advancement of campus law enforcement and (2) innovation in the development or enhancement of campus law enforcement and security. This award reflected many factors, including the dramatic reduction of crime on NOVA’s campuses since 2010; NOVA Police’s community outreach program, which made almost 250 presentations in 2014; the establishment of a state-of-the-art dispatch center; innovative methods of implementing Clery compliance; and Chief Dusseau’s instrumental role on Governor Terry McAuliffe’s Task Force on Combating Campus Sexual Violence.

Chief Dusseau also received an “Above and Beyond” award from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and $1,350 for the NOVA Foundation. The award reflected the NOVA Police Department’s many contributions throughout the college and municipal policing communities.
NOVA Police Participated in 2015 Law Enforcement Torch Run

On June 11, 2015, NOVA Police officers, along with other NOVA officials, participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Officers Torch Run. The run commenced at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington. Beginning at seven points across the Commonwealth, more than 2,000 officers carried the Special Olympics Flame of Hope over 1,900 miles across Virginia. NOVA Police received the Torch from George Mason University Police Department and ran 2.3 miles before passing it to Robinson High School for the next leg.

On June 7, officers gathered at a Final Leg ceremony at the State Capitol, and from there, more than 75 local law enforcement officers ran the Torch Run’s Final Leg into the University of Richmond’s Robins Center. Officers passed the Flame of Hope to a Special Olympics athlete, who then lit an Olympic Cauldron to open this year’s Summer Games.
NOVA Police Training and Events

How to Stay Safe on Campus

Attend this training to learn about NOVA Police campus safety resources and strategies.

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

Dates and locations: (Training will be held from noon-1:00 PM)
- July 7, Loudoun Campus, LR 144
- July 8, Alexandria Campus, AA 196
- July 13, Manassas Campus, MP 211
- July 14, Woodbridge Campus, Seefeldt 106
- July 16 Annandale Campus, CT 208
- July 20, Medical Education Campus, Room 254

Gang Awareness

NOVA Police Gang Awareness training will provide some of the necessary tools to combat gangs in our neighborhoods and schools.

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:
- August 24, Manassas Campus, TBD
- 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