Have You Signed Up for NOVA Alert Yet?

NOVA Alert is an alert broadcast system that allows Northern Virginia Community College to contact you during an emergency by sending text messages to your:

- Cell Phone
- E-mail (school, personal, other)
- BlackBerry/Treo

Have you signed up for NOVA alert? If you haven’t done so, please take a few minutes to review the benefits this alert broadcast system has to offer. NOVA encourages everyone in the NOVA community to sign up for this alert system as it plays a significant role toward notifying our community when an emergency occurs.

NOVA Alert is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, whom to contact and other important information.

NOVA Alert is a free service offered by Northern Virginia Community College. However, your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to receive messages on your wireless device. Please visit the NOVA website for more details about NOVA Alert https://alert.nvcc.edu/index.php?CCheck=1.

NOVA Police Welcomes New District Lieutenant

NOVA Police welcomes our new District 3 commander, Lieutenant John M. Weinstein. As the District 3 commander, Weinstein will oversee police operations at the Alexandria and Loudoun Campuses.

Weinstein brings to NOVA a vast amount of supervisory skills in law enforcement and security related fields. Weinstein has served the Town of Quantico as Chief of Police, and has worked as a reserve Deputy Sherriff with the City of Falls Church and Fairfax County Sherriff’s offices. He is also an instructor at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy where he teaches firearms, officer safety, and patrol techniques.

Weinstein recently retired from Federal Civil Service (Department of Defense) after 28 years of working in all aspects of nuclear weapons command and control, safety and security.

Weinstein graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., in 1972 with a Bachelors in Political Science. He received his M.A. (1973) and Ph.D. (International Studies) from the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., in 1978.

Please contact Lt. Weinstein with any questions, concerns or comments you may have.

If You See Something, Say Something

This is a view of the NOVA Alert sign up page.

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SAFETY TIPS
KEEPING AN EYE OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Anyone loitering or wandering aimlessly
- Unauthorized people in your suite or office area
- Anyone who seems to be out of place or in need of assistance
- Vans or trucks that are parked oddly and/or improperly
- Suspicious-looking or strangely placed packages, letters, and deliveries
- Report any suspicious activity to your campus Police

“If You See Something, Say Something”
Buckle Up

Remember to Use Your Seat Belt!

Everyone knows you are supposed to buckle your seat belt when in a vehicle; but have you ever wondered “what’s the big deal about buckling up?”

The primary function of the seat belt is to keep you inside the vehicle and prevent ejection. Did you know that you are four times more likely to die outside your vehicle than inside in an accident? There are many more hazards outside such as the road itself, other vehicles or your own vehicle.

If you think wearing your seat belt isn’t a big deal, consider these facts:

- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of children, teens and young adults (ages 5-34).

- In Virginia, fatal crash related costs totaled an estimated $863 million dollars, $9 million of which were medical costs and a whopping $854 million in work loss costs.

In these times of economic stress, think of the money that could be saved by the simple act of buckling up every time you are in a motor vehicle. More important is avoiding the anguish many families experience as the result of a motor vehicle crash.

Virginia law requires all individuals under the age of 18 to be restrained in either a seat belt or a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved child restraint device. This is a primary law in Virginia which means that a Law Enforcement Officer needs no other reason to stop you. Further, the law states that all individuals over the age of 18 must be restrained in the front seat. This is a secondary law in Virginia which means that a Law Enforcement Officer needs to observe another traffic violation before citing an adult for not wearing a seat belt in the front seat.

If you are one of the 80% of Virginians who buckle up everyday — thank you! If you are among the 20% of Virginians who still have not gotten the message, hopefully you will reconsider and help us reach our goal of keeping you safe by putting on your seat belt every time you ride in a motor vehicle.

It’s not about tickets; it’s about sending the message that we care about each of you and want to prevent the sadness that too many families have had to experience when a loved one is severely injured or killed as a result of not wearing a seat belt. Remember: buckle up every time you get in a motor vehicle.

Roads on campus are treated the same as roads elsewhere in the Commonwealth when you operate your motor vehicle on NOVA property, seatbelt laws are in effect. NOVA police officers actively enforce these seatbelt laws.

PLEASE STAY SAFE
The Manassas Campus will be closed from noon on Wednesday, July 20 through Sunday, July 24. All normally scheduled activities and services will be cancelled during this time.

The closing is due to the commemoration marking the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas.

Classes scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 through Friday, July 22 will meet via Blackboard or other methods arranged in advance with approval of the Department Deans.

This closure also applies to our Innovation Park site. Workforce Development programs, services and activities have been rescheduled.

There will be no access to the campus for faculty, staff, and students and the NOVA parking pass will not be valid during this time.

The Manassas Campus will re-open as scheduled on Monday, July 25 at 6:00 a.m. for classes, activities and services.

For more information on the Manassas Campus closure during July 20 through 24, please contact the NOVA Office of Emergency Management and Planning at (703) 764-5043.