Stay Informed in Emergencies With NOVA Alert

Last week’s storm resulted in a loss of power throughout much of Northern Virginia and Maryland, forcing NOVA’s closure. Although the closure was announced in the local media, NOVA community members with NOVA Alert were the first to know.

NOVA Alert provides notices of college closures and other critical time-sensitive information to subscribers with digital devices. Signing up for NOVA Alert (http://alert.nvcc.edu) is easy and only takes a few minutes. Be in the know with NOVA Alert!

As a reminder, faculty (except for Provosts) and staff are not permitted in campus buildings when the College is closed unless they (staff) are working to restore operations. (e.g. IT, heating and air conditioning).

New NOVA Environmental & Safety Coordinator

NOVA’s Office of Emergency Management and Planning (OEMP) is pleased to announce the hiring of Louis (Tripp) DeRamus as NOVA’s new Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, effective June 11. He is responsible for training and the development, implementation, management, and coordination of health, safety and environmental safety objectives to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

Prior to his employment with NOVA, Tripp served as a safety manager with VDOT and as the director of safety and loss prevention for a large interstate shipping company. As director, he was responsible for ensuring compliance with all federal motor carrier safety regulations as well as the investigation of all accidents and incidents involving company drivers and employees.

Tripp has received advance training and holds multiple certifications in law enforcement, fire and rescue, dispatch, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), radiological safety, and all aspects of hazardous material response and identification. Tripp is also a certified instructor in most of the above mention areas.

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Police Dispatch
(703) 764-5000

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NOVA Police Department’s two newest officers, Edward Lauth IV and Jared Williams, graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy on June 26. Officers Lauth and Williams bring significant relevant experience to NOVA. Lauth is a certified EMT and Williams is a certified police dispatcher. The next step for these officers will be to complete the field training requirements for final certification as a law enforcement officer. This two-month process will pair the officers with a certified field training officer who will observe their job performance to ensure they meet all state, department, and college requirements. Officers Lauth and Williams are assigned to the Alexandria Campus.

NOVA Police welcome two officers to the NOVA Police family. Michael Prailey (left) has been in law enforcement for 21 years, having served with Virginia State Police, Fairfax County Police Department, and Prince William County Sheriff’s Office. During his law enforcement career, he has worked in numerous roles to include Supervisory Special Agent/Special Agent on a Narcotics and Gang Task Force, Senior Trooper, and Court Security. Prailey’s many specialties include: Clandestine Lab/Tactical Clandestine Lab (Meth), General Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Gang Specialist, Critical Incident Stress Management, and Drug Diversion. Prailey is assigned to the Annandale Campus as a Patrol Officer.

Officer Chase Sylvester (right) was an EMT in California for five years before moving to Virginia where he served an additional five years with the Alexandria City Fire Department. Sylvester recently left the City of Alexandria Police Department to join the NOVA PD. Sylvester is currently assigned to the Alexandria Campus as a Patrol Officer.
NOVA Sexual Assault Services (SAS) and NOVA Police

NOVA Sexual Assault Services (SAS) and the NOVA Police Department collaborated during the Spring 2012 semester to provide outreach to the NOVA community on campus safety, property protection, sexual assault, dating/partner/domestic violence, and stalking. SAS Coordinator Reem Awad and NOVA Police Outreach Officer Tony Ong conducted these presentations and demonstrations.

SAS, which falls under the Office of Student Mental Health and Behavior, and NOVA Police will participate in this summer’s New Student Orientations at all NOVA campuses. In addition to meeting new students, Awad and Ong hope to meet faculty and staff members. Please stop by to say hello!

For specific dates of upcoming visits to a particular NSO or campus, email NOVA SAS at nova.sas@nvcc.edu or Tony Ong at tong@nvcc.edu. The two offices are also available throughout the semester to offer presentations and classroom discussions on the aforementioned subjects.

Recent NOVA Police Community Outreach

NOVA Police Participate in Special Olympics LEO Torch Run

On June 7, 2012, NOVA Police participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) Torch Run. The run commenced at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington. Beginning at seven points across the Commonwealth, on June 2, 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 2.6 miles before passing it to the next leg.

On June 8, officers from the Metro Richmond area 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 Participate in Special Olympics LEO Torch Run
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Deterring Vehicle Theft With VIN Etching at Annandale

On May 26, 2012, NOVA Police, along with Virginia State Police, offered free vehicle VIN etching to the NOVA Community and the public to deter vehicle theft. VIN numbers were etched into vehicles’ windshields with acid to make removal of the numbers nearly impossible. We had 20 vehicles stop by for the service. Given the success of this event, we plan on hosting another in near future. For questions about VIN etching, contact NOVA Community Outreach Officer Tony Ong at Tong@nvcc.edu.

Is there a topic you feel needs to be addressed? Contact Community Outreach Officer.
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SAFE—Women’s Self Defense Training
Held at Annandale Campus, CG 113 and 118 on July 7 and 14. (FULL)
Contact: Tong@nvcc.edu

Active Shooter Briefings
AM and PM sessions will be scheduled at selected campuses for people who could not attend the first session.

Refer to NOVA Police Blog for dates/times and to register.
http://blogs.nvcc.edu/police/

Right to left: Dispatcher Lopez, NOVA Board Member Jerry Barrett, Mark Grigg, Lt. Stasiowski, Sgt. Ovenden and Ofc. Shallue

Left to right: Ofc. Ong, 1st Sgt. Hall (VA State Police) and Ofc. Shallue