Great SouthEast ShakeOut

NOVA will participate in the Great SouthEast ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 10:20am. The ShakeOut exercise is the world’s largest earthquake drill and offers a great opportunity for the NOVA Community to practice potentially life-saving actions if an earthquake occurs: “DROP, COVER AND HOLD-ON”.

An announcement will be made via various NOVA alerting media on October 20th at 10:20am to start the drill. Once the announcement is made, you should DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON wherever you are – in class, at your desk, or studying in a campus lounge. More specific details will be emailed as October 20th approaches by the Office of Emergency Management and Safety.

If you are on campus, remember the following procedures below (also see www.nvcc.edu/emergency).

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<td>If you are indoors, <strong>DROP</strong> to the floor. Stay there until the shaking stops and you are sure exiting is safe. <strong>COVER</strong> by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture. <strong>HOLD ON</strong> until the shaking stops. If there isn’t a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building. Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture. Don’t use a doorway except if you know it’s a strongly supported, load-bearing doorway and it’s close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and offer little protection. Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on. <strong>DO NOT</strong> use elevators.</td>
<td>Once the shaking stops: Exit the building when safety permits and move to the designated Assembly Area. Direct students and visitors to do the same. Expect aftershocks. Use the telephone only for emergency calls. Be aware that utilities such as gas, power and water lines may be damaged. If you are aware of damaged utilities, report the issue. Help injured or trapped persons, if you can do so without putting yourself at risk of injury. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Get assistance immediately. Follow instructions from emergency responders, including Police and/or Security Guards, Office of Emergency Management and Safety officials, Fire and Rescue personnel, and Wardens.</td>
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NOVA Warden Program

NOVA’s Warden Program consists of faculty and staff who assist with the evacuation and coordination of people during emergencies. State-of-the-art radios allow Wardens to communicate directly, so that emergency information is not delayed. The Program’s designated command structure ensures timely and clear communications when time is critical.

Wardens, appointed by each campus Provost, are trained through the Office of Emergency Management and Safety. In an emergency, students, faculty and staff should follow directions from Wardens, whose orange safety vests and red backpacks are easy to spot!

Wardens serve as a valuable resource and contribute to the overall safety and emergency preparedness of the NOVA community. However, Wardens are not expected to replace or act as first response emergency services personnel, or jeopardize their own personal safety at any time.

For information regarding the Warden Program or to join the team, please contact the Office of Emergency Management and Safety at oem@nvcc.edu.
The NOVA Police conduct an active community outreach program and are looking for opportunities to address your class, club, division, or campus at large on any of the following topics:

- Active Shooter Response
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Staying Safe in the Classroom
- Staying Safe on the Campus
- Self-Defense Considerations
- 10 Things Adjuncts (and other faculty) Should Know About Security
- 20 Things You Probably Don’t Know About the NOVA Police (But You Should)
- Bomb Threat Response
- Sexual Assault, Crimes Against Women, and/or Bystander Intervention
- Identity Theft
- DUI Awareness
- Narcotics
- Gangs

And more.

If you are interested in scheduling any police training, please contact Lt. John Weinstein, at jweinstein@nvcc.edu or 571-422-9928, to arrange a convenient time.

Call NOVA Police Dispatch 24/7/365 at 703-764-5000

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