New NOVA Policy: Weapons on Campus

On May 20th, the NOVA Board approved a new policy governing weapons on campus. This policy, which may be reviewed in its entirety at the NOVA Police website (http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/doc/weapons-policy.pdf), defines “weapons” and identifies who may carry them on campus, a process to grant exceptions, and potential responses to violations.

NOVA’s new weapons on campus policy contains the following general provisions:

- The only persons who are authorized to bring weapons on campus and into NOVA buildings and college-sponsored events are currently sworn and certified law enforcement officers.
- NOVA faculty, staff and students, if they hold a valid concealed carry permit, may bring a weapon on campus but it must be secured in a locked vehicle and completely out of sight. Under no circumstances are NOVA personnel allowed to carry a weapon (either in open view or concealed) on NOVA grounds, bring a weapon into a building, or carry a weapon at a NOVA event.
- Visitors, not affiliated with the College, are entitled to carry a weapon in plain view on public property within or adjoining a campus. However, they may not bring a weapon into a NOVA building or a sponsored college event.

Individuals violating these provisions will be notified of the policy and asked to comply. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary procedures for students, discipline up to and possibly including termination for NOVA employees, and issuance of a trespass notice and possible arrest for visitors on campus. NOVA personnel with weapons concerns should contact police dispatch at 703-764-5000, so we may investigate.

Public Safety Spotlight

Please join the Office of Emergency Management and Planning in congratulating Tom Mayhew, Emergency Management Coordinator, for recently receiving his Professional Emergency Management (PEM) Certification from the Virginia Emergency Management Association (VEMA). This significant accomplishment is achieved through the completion of hundreds of hours of training, years of experience responding to emergencies, training delivery, and other contributions to emergency management. Tom continues to contribute to the overall emergency preparedness at NOVA by being responsible for Campus Community Emergency Response Teams (C-CERT), training and exercises, and all aspects of emergency management at the Woodbridge and Alexandria campuses among other things.
NOVA Police Participate in DEA Drug Take Back Event

On April 27, 2013, NOVA Police participated in 6th National Drug Take Back Initiative on the Alexandria and Medical Education campuses. This event, hosted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), collected 21 bags of miscellaneous controlled and non-controlled drugs, totaling 350 lbs. NOVA has participated in 5 of the 6 past DEA events and our efforts have had a significant impact on helping dispose of dangerous drugs properly. In Virginia State Police District 7, 31 agencies participated in this event, with NOVA finishing in the top 3 for total poundage collected.

(Left to Right) Officers Shallue and Ong with drug collection

NOVA Police Attend National Police Week

On May 15, 2013, NOVA Police attended the National Police Week wreath-laying ceremony at the Capitol to honor and pay respects to officers who have died in the line of duty.

Today, in the United States, about 900,000 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. They serve with valor and distinction – and with great success. Federal statistics show that violent and property crime rates in the United States are at historic lows, thanks in large measure to the dedicated service of the men and women of law enforcement.

However, that protection comes at a price. Each year, there are approximately 60,000 assaults on law enforcement officers, resulting in nearly 16,000 injuries. Sadly, over the last decade, an average of 160 officers a year have been killed in the line of duty. And throughout U.S. history, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. The names of these heroes are inscribed at the National Law Enforcement Memorial located at Judiciary Square in D.C.
NOVA Police Attend National Police Week (cont’d)

Identity Theft Training

The NOVA Police and PNC bank will conduct Identity Theft Awareness workshops in June. With identity theft on the rise, this workshop will help you protect your identity, safety, and financial well-being. Listed below are the participating campuses, with dates, times and locations for this event. Contact Community Outreach Officer, Tony Ong (tong@nvcc.edu) to RSVP.

- **Annandale** – June 24, Presentation will be held in CE building, President’s Dining Room from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM followed by an information event held in CF building cafeteria until 3:00 PM.
- **Alexandria** – June 21, Presentation will be held in AA-158 from 12:00 PM to 1:00PM, followed by an information event in the cafeteria until 3:00 PM.
- **Loudoun** – June 25, Information table held at the Commons Building 1st floor from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
- **Woodbridge** – June 27, Information table will be held in the WS building near cafeteria from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.