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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Visit the EHS website at [www.oaklandcc.edu / EHS](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/EHS) for access to college EHS programs and activities
- ♦ Visit the DPS website at [www.oaklandcc.edu / PublicSafety](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/PublicSafety) for information on services and contacts

Pandemic Alert Phase

WHO Phase 3: No or very limited human-to-human transmission

The WHO alerts are a scale of 1 to 6, with 1 being "low risk" and 6 being a full pandemic.

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Emergency Response Improvements

Events over the past year have prompted OCC to review and update many of its policies and procedures relating to emergency preparedness and response. Almost daily reminders in the media continue to emphasize the value of having such procedures current and complete. There are many such policies and procedures that are in place, and more proposed to address ever-changing threats to the safety and health of the college community. Click [here](#) for more information.

For more information contact Terry McCauley at 248-232-4660 or tlmccaul@oaklandcc.edu.

Mold

There has been a dramatic increase over the past decade in our understanding of how mold can affect our health and well-being. However, there is still much to be learned. As with any health-related topic that is not fully understood, there is often a mixture of fact and fiction shared amongst the affected population that only increases the level of concern.

One thing to keep in mind is that molds can be found virtually anywhere except the most extreme or sterile environments. They are a natural part of the ecosystem and play an essential role in decomposition, among other things. Molds are so prevalent in the environment that it is safe to assume that you are breathing in mold spores at this very moment, typically without any adverse effect. The concern is when the concentration of mold and mold spores increases above background levels, or when certain molds find a place to grow in our living space (e.g., Black Mold).

This article tries to address questions, comments, and concerns that I have heard over the past few years regarding mold and its health effects. Click [here](#) for the rest of the article. If you would like additional information on the topic, contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or maschmid@oaklandcc.edu.

"Click It the Cricket" Visits OCC Children's Center



"Click It the Cricket", the Michigan State Police (MSP) mascot for promoting the use of child restraint systems and safety belts, recently visited the Orchard Ridge (OR) Children's Center. Click It, played by our own Officer Debra Wagrowski, was accompanied by Sergeant Mark Seder. Together they spoke to the children and adults about the importance of safety restraint usage in motor vehicles, especially emphasizing the importance of selecting the right device depending on the child's age. Click [here](#) for more information on the event and links to other resources.

For additional information, contact Sgt. Mark Seder at 248-522-3998 or mhseder@oaklandcc.edu.

Classes

OCC's [DPS](#) and [PDTIC](#) have teamed up to offer a course for "front-line" and faculty employees that addresses how to deal with behavioral challenges you may be confronted with when dealing with students and their family members.

Service Response & Protocol for Handling Challenging Situations

OR, A304
(2/22/08, 9:00-10:55 AM)
COMM-2072-3053.01

HL, SC224
(3/31/08, 2:00-3:55 PM)
COMM-2072-3053.03

AH, F115
(4/29/08, 1:30-3:25 PM)
COMM-2072-3053.02

New Faces



Officer Dan Sullivan
(OR)

Officer Daniel Sullivan joined OCC's Department of Public Safety on November 5, 2007. He is assigned to the Orchard Ridge Campus. Ofc. Sullivan is a 2006 graduate from Saginaw State University receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a 2006 graduate from the Police Academy at Delta College.

Next Issue...

- ✓ **EHS inspection updates.**
- ✓ **Avian flu status.**
- ✓ **And more...**

Public Safety Program Develops

The OCC Department of Public Safety (DPS) is continually evolving to address existing threats to public health and safety, as well as to address concerns on the horizon. Evidence of this evolution is the development of what is commonly called an "Active Shooter" program.

This program is modeled after current national standards, and will continue to grow and improve throughout the coming years. This will require extensive training by the college Public Safety Officers. It will also require that the college community be familiar with what is expected of them in such an emergency. These expectations are clearly outlined in the OCC Emergency Response Plans for each campus. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Communication is the Key

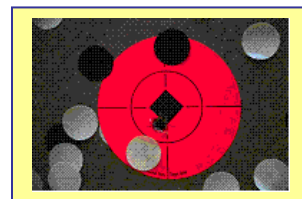
Not surprisingly, good communication is essential to keeping you safe. This communication has to be two-way to be effective. As most employees of OCC know, you should dial 911 for any emergency from any phone. You can call 5555 from a campus phone or 248-858-4951 from any other phone for non-emergencies. In turn, Public Safety can communicate with you in a number of ways, including alarms, public-address (PA) systems, Building Marshals, and emergency programs, among others. Knowing who to call, how to call them, and what to do in an emergency will help you protect yourself and others from harm. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Friendly Competition Yields Camaraderie

OCC was host to the 22nd Michigan Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (MACLEA) Pistol Match in August of 2007. Dormant for several years, the pistol competition was revived due to the efforts of Sergeant Patrick Baldwin (AH) and Sergeant Calvin Boylston (RO), and supported by officers from each campus. The event was held at the Auburn Hills Campus Police Academy firing range.

Participants included officers from many higher educational institutions in Michigan, including Grand Valley State University, Henry Ford Community College, Lansing Community College, and the University of Michigan. Nearly 20 officers participated. Click [here](#) to find out how OCC did!



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EHS Inspection Update

The planned EHS inspections at the Orchard Ridge campus were postponed until February/March 2008. Pre-inspection meetings are being scheduled. If you are interested, talk to your Department Chair or Supervisor about attending one of these meetings.

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Pontiac Center Access Control

In an effort to streamline security and take advantage of technology, changes have been made at the Pontiac Center (PC). A new access control system has been initiated that provides a new level of security. It began on February 5, with a new ID card reader in the lobby; along with a telephone, phone directory, and camera. Click [here](#) for the rest of the article.

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