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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

*"It's not a matter of if a pandemic will occur, but when."*

Dr. James Averill,  
Deputy Pandemic  
Influenza Coordinator,  
State of Michigan  
Department of  
Community Health

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## Bird Flu Forums Conducted at OCC Campuses

OCC has just completed its fourth and final Bird Flu Forum at the Auburn Hills campus. The forum took place on Moncay, March 19, and featured Dr. James Averill of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), Ms. Elaine Hauser of the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD), Mr. Chris Edwards, former Meteorologist for FOX2 news, and Michael Schmidt, OCC's own Manager of Environmental Health and Safety. The forum covered an introduction to the Avian Influenza threat, preparations at state, local, and college levels, and the effects of weather patterns on bird migration.

Special thanks go to Interim Executive Director of Student Services, Lloyd Crews; the Student Life coordinators at each campus: Dusty Rhodes (OR), Stacey Jackson (RO), Roger Steele (HL), and Kathie House (AH). Thanks also go to Dean Sally Hannah and the Highland Lakes Nursing Department for starting the ball rolling.

If you would like additional information on the topic, feel free to contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or [maschmid@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:maschmid@oaklandcc.edu).

## Emergency Preparedness Brought to a New Level

OCC Public Safety Officers have recently completed training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a national standard for disaster management that allows for efficient and consistent responses to any disaster, whether natural or caused by man. Part of the focus of NIMS is coordinating emergency response activities with other emergency agencies, such as the local police and fire services. For the entire article, click [here](#).

For more information contact Terry McCauley at 248-232-4660 or [tlmccaul@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:tlmccaul@oaklandcc.edu).

## EHS Programs at OCC

The college has established many written environmental, health, and safety programs. These programs are designed to provide information on safe work practices and inform the college community of regulatory requirements affecting our operations. The following is a quick list of available programs. You can click on the title to link directly to the program. Additional information and links are available on the OCC EHS webpage at [www.oaklandcc.edu/EHS](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/EHS).

<a href="#">Aerial Work Platforms</a>	<a href="#">Hazardous Materials Transportation</a>	<a href="#">Powered Groundskeeping Equipment</a>
<a href="#">Asbestos Operations &amp; Maint.</a>	<a href="#">Industrial Hygiene/Indoor Env. Qual.</a>	<a href="#">Powered Industrial Truck</a>
<a href="#">Bloodborne Pathogens</a>	<a href="#">Disease Prevention &amp; Control</a>	<a href="#">Regulated Waste Management</a>
<a href="#">Confined Spaces</a>	<a href="#">Lab Safety / Chemical Hygiene</a>	<a href="#">Respiratory Protection</a>
<a href="#">EHS Inspections</a>	<a href="#">Ladder Safety</a>	<a href="#">Safety Equipment</a>
<a href="#">Fall Protection</a>	<a href="#">Laser Safety</a>	<a href="#">Spill Response</a>
<a href="#">Fire Protection and Prevention</a>	<a href="#">Lockout/Tagout</a>	<a href="#">Tractors</a>
<a href="#">Hazard Communication</a>	<a href="#">Personal Protective Equipment</a>	

Additional programs are under development. For more information contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or [maschmid@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:maschmid@oaklandcc.edu).

# Quiz

1. Which campus has the distinction of having the greatest cumulative time on duty for its current officers at OCC?
2. For your safety, where should your car keys be when you are walking out to your car?
3. True or False-an "Injury/Illness Report" must be filed with Public Safety only if emergency services are contacted.
4. Which DPS officer/sergeant has been with OCC the longest?

See below for answers.

## OCC Bike Patrol



Officer Cecl (AH)



Officer Daniels (OR)

### Next Issue...

- New ordinances affecting you.
- EHS inspection updates.
- Avian flu status.
- And more...

## Skinny Legs

Spring is here. The birds are singing, flowers are blooming, and it's a wonderful day on the campus. Out of the corner of your eye you notice something strange. Is that a cop on a bike? How can he stop someone in a car on a bike? How would he even arrest anyone? And look at those skinny legs. See photos below. For the rest of the article, click [here](#).

For more information contact Sgt. Calvin Boylston at 248-246-2698 or [ceboylst@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:ceboylst@oaklandcc.edu), or Sgt. Patrick Baldwin at 248-232-4598 or [pfbaldwi@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:pfbaldwi@oaklandcc.edu)

## EHS Inspections at OCC Campuses

As part of the OCC Environmental Health and Safety Inspection Program, the EHS Department will be conducting periodic inspections of OCC facilities. These inspections will look for unsafe conditions or activities, potential sources of pollution, and other related concerns. Where and when an inspection will be conducted depends upon a number of factors; including whether there has been an injury or illness in the area, if an unsafe and/or illegal act or condition is reported to the EHS Dept., or as part of a scheduled assessment of the area's regulatory compliance status, among other things.

The inspections are intended to identify areas where improvement is necessary, and are not intended to place blame on individuals within an area or department. Once an issue is identified, a game-plan is established with all affected parties to remedy the situation. By identifying potential problems before there is a serious incident, we are better able ensure that everyone visiting or working at our campuses and facilities leaves at least as healthy as they came. In addition, we can avoid legal violations that can result in heavy fines, and even criminal prosecution.

We are currently scheduled to begin a campus-wide inspection of the Orchard Ridge campus during the month of May or June. Given the large scope of the project, it will probably extend over the Summer and into the Fall Semester.

You can see a copy of the EHS Inspection Program, including the checklists used, by clicking [here](#). For more information, contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or [maschmid@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:maschmid@oaklandcc.edu).

## A Recent History of the OCC Department of Public Safety

The history of the OCC Department of Public Safety makes for a long and winding tale. The department as you know it, however, really began to take shape starting in 1979. With the addition of a new director and the consolidation of what amounted to four distinct public safety departments at each campus into one cohesive group, the stage was set for OCC to have one of the most professional, well-trained, and well-equipped college police departments in the state. For the rest of the article, click [here](#).

For additional information, contact Sgt. Mark Seder at 248-522-3998 or [mhseder@oaklandcc.edu](mailto:mhseder@oaklandcc.edu).

## Longevity Equals Service

I was recently asked to present to Sgt. Calvin Boylston (RO/SF) (picture at right) in honor of his 25 years of service at OCC. That got me thinking about the article on page 1 about our department's development since 1979. Not only was Calvin a huge part of how we've evolved and grown as a department, but there are many other Public Safety personnel who have given of themselves for so many years.



Were it not for dedicated officers and administrative personnel, we would not have the highly service-oriented department that has stood proud for all these years. With that in mind, I would like to salute our other seniority-leading personnel who have even MORE time on duty at OCC. These include Sgt. Mark Seder (OR), Ofc. Karen Costello (HL), Ofc. Susan Novak (RO), and Ofc. Marie Vavrek (RO). In fact, combined the OCC DPS has nearly 308-years of experience, just at OCC.

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Quiz Answers: 1 - SE (RO/SF) with ~ 114-yrs, 2 - In your hands, 3 - False, all injuries or illnesses should be reported, 4 - Sgt. Mark Seder (OR)