



Public Safety/ Environmental Health and Safety Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Visit [EHS Department website](#) for access to college EHS programs and activities
- Visit the [DPS website](#) for information on services and contacts

"I want to assure the college community we are...integrating pandemic influenza preparedness into our ongoing crisis management planning efforts." - Mary Spangler, Ed.D., Chancellor, August 22, 2006

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Inaugural DPS/EHS Newsletter

The Department of Public Safety (DPS)/Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) will be publishing periodic newsletters to inform the college community of security and EHS activities, events, and publications. The newsletter will be distributed electronically and in a format that allows the readers to pick and choose which articles they explore in greater depth. We invite you to contribute topics, or to let us

know what you think about the newsletter or Public Safety / EHS in general. You can reach us at:

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Pandemic Planning at OCC

The Avian Flu is a growing world health concern. The H5N1 strain of the Avian Flu (or Asian Bird Flu) has been found throughout much of Asia, India, the Middle East, Russia, and Europe. This strain of Avian Flu is particularly pathogenic and has resulted in a number of deaths. To date, however, there is little evidence of human-to-human transmission of the disease, a critical element in it becoming a pandemic. There have been no reported cases of Avian Flu in birds or humans in the U.S. for the strain in question, although other strains of the disease have been identified over the years in waterfowl and other migratory

birds. Pandemics have reached the U.S. before, with the 1918 outbreak being the most severe. In order to minimize the impact on public health and college operations from potential local outbreaks that might occur, OCC has implemented a number of initiatives to increase public awareness, outline the college's response to a number of infectious diseases (including the Avian Flu), and to address business continuity during an emergency. The [OCC Disease Prevention and Control Program](#) outlines how the college will respond to cases of Avian Flu, Tuberculosis, Meningitis, and other communicable diseases from a public and worker

health perspective. The OCC Business Continuity Plan (BCP) has also been modified to address how the college will continue to provide services during a pandemic. You can access these documents by left-clicking on the links above. For more information on the U.S. government's response to the pandemic threat, as well as a multitude of pertinent links, go to the OCC EHS website at www.oaklandcc.edu/EHS.

For more information contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4234 or maschmid@oaklandcc.edu.

Websites Targeting College Students Create Problems

There are many virtual communities available through the use of our highly technological world; search engines, web portals, network chat systems, instant messaging, web pages, weblogs or blogs, and other social networks (facebook.com,

myspace.com, xuqa.com, friendster.com, collegeslack.com, etc.) some, expressly created for college students. All of these have moved communication to a new level of greater opportunity to learn and grow. Unfortunately, it also poses an

opportunity for abuse. For the rest of the article, click [here](#).

For more information contact Terry McCauley at 248-232-4550 or tcmccauley@oaklandcc.edu

Quiz

1. What number should you call to reach Public Safety in an emergency?
2. What number should you call to reach Public Safety in a non-emergency?
3. According to the Health Dept., how long should you wash your hands to reduce the risk of disease?
4. True or False-There have been no reported cases of Avian Flu in the United States.

See margin for answers.

Industrial Hygiene / Indoor Environmental Quality

Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) and Industrial Hygiene (IH) are all about evaluating the conditions we work in. They are related, but usually focus on different concerns. IEQ surveys can include inspections, sampling for particles in the air (including mold spores, pollen, and other potential air contaminants), as well as temperature, humidity, and surface moisture readings. Typically, IEQ surveys cover aspects of the work environment that are not specifically related to workplace safety and health regulations, but that are none-

theless important to worker health and well-being.

Industrial Hygiene (IH) focuses on evaluating workplaces for airborne chemical contaminants, ergonomics, and other worker health concerns.

The EHS Dept. is equipped and staffed to provide a wide range of IH/IEQ services, including site inspections, air and surface sampling (chemical & biological), ergonomic evaluations, and more.

If you have a concern about the working conditions in your

work area, please notify your supervisor and site Maintenance Dept. first to see if the concern can be addressed locally. If the concern cannot be resolved with the resources on site, then contact the EHS Dept. at the number below. More information can be found in the [OCC Industrial Hygiene and Indoor Environmental Quality Program](#) available on InfoMart. For more information or to discuss an IH/IEQ-related concern, contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4234 or maschmid@oaklandcc.edu.

NEW FACES



Tina Kingsley-AH



Chasine Aguilera-OR



Robert Kennaley-RO

Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft

As Fall Semester gets into full swing, we need to remember how vulnerable we can be to Identity Theft. ID theft can happen almost anywhere; anytime! We at OCC are not

immune from attack from a predator lying in wait, or a curious passerby. But there are ways to protect yourself. For the rest of the article, click [here](#).

For additional information, contact Sgt. Barry Matthews at 248-942-3398 or btmatthe@oaklandcc.edu.

DPS Annual Report

The DPS has published its first *Annual Report*. The *Annual Report* is a composite summary of what the Public Safety and EHS Depts. do on a daily basis, in-

cluding accomplishments and responsibilities. The Annual Report is available on the DPS website at www.oaklandcc.edu

[PublicSafety/AnnualReport](#). For more information contact Terry McCauley at 248-232-4550 or tcccauley@oaklandcc.edu.

New Public Safety Employees

Three new officers have joined the OCC DPS.

Tina Kingsley-Auburn Hills Tina joined OCC in July after graduating from the OCC Police Academy. Tina has an Associate Degree from OCC and was on the Dean's list for her exemplary grades. Tina lives in Rochester Hills and has enjoyed acclimating to her new work environment this Summer. She looks forward to the Fall semester and the return of students and faculty.

Chasine Aguilera-Orchard Ridge Chasine began her law enforcement career as a cadet for the City of Pontiac. She was promoted to a full-time Officer after completing the OCC Police Academy. Chasine joined OCC in June, and her varied experience in community service will serve her well as a PSO at the OR campus. She has appreciated the welcome and support offered by the OR campus. Chasine lives in West Bloom-

field and has 2 children.

Robert Kennaley—Royal Oak Robert joined OCC in September. His most recent assignment was as a Reserve Officer for the Northville Twsp. Police Dept. Robert's background is rich and varied. He was in the military for 10-yrs., including time as a Navy SEAL, and in civilian life has been a volunteer firefighter, an IT Professional, and a Security Officer. Robert is married and has 7 children.