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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Visit the EHS website at www.oaklandcc.edu/EHS for access to college EHS programs and activities
- ◆ Visit the DPS website at 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.

More info:

www.Pandemicflu.gov

College-Wide Security Review

In May 2000, the Administrative Services Council was requested to review college security and hired a consulting firm to conduct an evaluation and identify opportunities for improvement. A number of recommendations were made by the Administrative Services Council and several improvements were made. In 2004, the Administrative Services Council again conducted a review of college security producing more recommendations. Through these efforts, many security improvements have been, and are being made, such as reorganized the Public Safety Department, added more Public Safety officers, improved security alarms, installing phones in all classrooms (to be completed soon), implemented access control provisions at all Child Care facilities, established a college-wide key management program, established an Emergency Response Plan, installed closed circuit monitors, and improved outside lighting throughout the college.

The Chancellor's Cabinet has recently requested that the Administrative Services Council go farther and conduct a college-wide review of all security. The current project will include all areas of the college divided into the following categories: (1) Human Security, (2) Physical Security, (3) Information Technology Systems Security, and (4) Non-IT Data and Records Security. We have established teams to lead the review of each of these categories. The teams will conduct review processes to assess current security, recommend desired levels of security, make recommendations for quick changes, if any, and make recommendations for any identified long-term changes. We will consider having each of the four security categories reviewed by outside experts.

We ask for your help and support during this process. You may be contacted by team members for information, recommendations, and possibly involvement in the security review project related to your areas of responsibility. Hopefully, you will welcome the opportunity to look at security as it relates to you, your environment, and your job. The objective is to assure that Oakland Community College is as secure as possible. – Clarence Brantley, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services

Personal Information Must Be Protected

In today's world we are all rightfully skeptical of how, when, and by whom our personal records/identification is used, and fearful about how it might be misused. Recently, a state law was passed that instructs all institutions and companies on how to handle such situations. It's called the Identity Theft Protection Act. Oakland Community College is following this law.

For the rest of the article, press [here](#). For more information contact Terry McCauley at 248-232-4660 or tlmccaul@oaklandcc.edu.

Student Safety (Mini-)Seminars

September was Campus Safety Month nationwide. As part of this theme, the Public Safety and EHS Departments teamed up with Student Life to offer a series of hour-long discussions targeting student safety on campus. In these two-part mini-seminars, Public Safety Sergeants and Officers discussed personal security with students, offering tips on not becoming a victim, as well as what to do in an emergency, while the Manager of EHS discussed laboratory safety.

Although September has ended, look for more safety and security mini-seminars in the near future. If you would like additional information on the topic, contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or maschmid@oaklandcc.edu.

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Building Marshals

There are a group of volunteers at the college known as Building Marshals. What you may not know is what they do to help ensure the safety of students and fellow employees during an emergency.

Simply put, Building Marshals help Public Safety by assisting in evacuations. It is the Building Marshal that guides evacuees to the rally points and spreads the word when Public Safety gives the "All Clear" to return to the buildings.

If you are interested in becoming a Building Marshal, or would like more information, just contact your campus Sergeant.

Top 10 MIOSHA Violations

1. Guards for Power Transmission
2. Control of Hazardous Energy
3. Design Safety for Electrical Systems
4. Personal Protective Equipment
5. General Provisions (Pinch Point Guard)
6. Guards for Power Transmission
7. Floor & Wall Openings, Stairways
8. Metalworking Machinery
9. General Provisions (Guarding)
10. General Duty Clause (Maintain Workplace Safety)

[Top 25 violations and penalties](#)

Heads Up!

Keep your head up, walk tall with confidence, and be aware of your surroundings. These are all things you should do while walking on campus or where ever you go. Assaultive behavior can happen to anyone, anywhere, and at any time. Predators select their victims on their perceived vulnerability. If you appear to be vulnerable you may be targeted.

For the rest of the article, press [here](#). For additional information, contact Sgt. Mark Seder at 248-522-3998 or mhseder@oaklandcc.edu



Weapons of Mass Destruction Training

OCC's CREST Center hosted a three-day training seminar sponsored by the Federal Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness Division covering Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Radiological/Nuclear Responder Operations.

The course was attended by representatives from regional police, fire, emergency response, and academic organizations. The subject matter addressed methods for detecting radiological hazards, differentiating between natural and manmade sources, and how to safely respond to incidents involving radiological materials while protecting the public health.

OCC was represented by Sgt. Mark Seder, Orchard Ridge Campus, and Michael Schmidt, Manager of Environmental Health and Safety. Participation in this course helps prepare OCC's DPS to protect the campus community and to assist the broader community surrounding our campuses in the event of an emergency.

For more information on the topic, contact Michael Schmidt at 248-232-4633 or maschmid@oaklandcc.edu. Additional information can also be obtained from the Department of Homeland Security website at www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/homeland/index.html.

Emergency Response Plan Training Video

The Departments of Public Safety (DPS) and Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) have teamed up with the college's Information Technology (IT) and Media Services Departments to produce a video outlining what each employee needs to know in the event of an emergency. Distribution of the video is intended to be in coordination with the Professional Development and Training Center (PDTC).

The video is intended to distill down the contents of the college's Emergency Response Plan (ERP) into basic instructions that apply to all employees. Production is underway, but a release date has not been set. Watch for more information in the future.

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EHS Inspection Update

EHS inspections have resumed at the Orchard Ridge Campus. Most recently, an inspection was conducted in the Smith Theatre. The next series of inspections will be conducted in November and is to include buildings L and M. 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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