

# Safety Committee Agenda

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*April 16, 3:00 p.m., Zoom*

Attendees: Dr. Schumann, Chief Jenkins, Mike Messina, Jon Hardesty, Monica Velazquez, Kat Balch, Abe Johnson, Meredith Martin, Greg Forge, Amy Gainer, Jennifer Wright, Karen Musa, Susan Evans, Clair Robertson, John Glass, Floyd Nickerson, Kenny Neal, Ben Copeland

Did Not Attend: Chris Eyle, Juan Sanchez, Raina Rawas, Matt Geracie, Andrew Campbell

Informational: CHF(Local) is the Board policy for this committee.

## *I. Updates – Chief Scott Jenkins*

- 30.06 concealed carry – no incidents to report. A few imprinting issues in previous years, but no incidents this year. Signage was added to the Wylie, Celina, and Farmersville campuses. Some of the wording was incorrect on the signage at the Wylie Campus center, and the vendor pulled the signs and got them fixed. Signs were added to labs.
- 30.07 open carry – no incidents reported. A criminal investigation system has been added. We have a new detective working at the college who will be carrying and working in civilian clothing.
- School Marshal program – Began program in 2018. We are approved to begin having school marshals by TCOLE. We follow CHA(Local) and CHA(Legal). HB781 was submitted to change the requirements to school marshals. There is a conflict with the current law, as it requires the marshals to keep their gun locked in a cabinet while allowing LTC holders to carry. HB781 would resolve that conflict. Summarizing it, the school marshal would be able to carry their firearm on their person instead of locking it in a safe. We do not currently have any school marshals.
- Working on accreditation with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), which is similar to the SACSCOC process. We have applied for accreditation for our processes and procedures. Currently accepting applications for a Manager of Accreditation and CLERY Compliance. 25 people have applied. Will resubmit accreditation paperwork once the new manager has been hired.
- New program/measures – testing a new software program for LEO and citizens and staff called CriticalArc. The app that can be downloaded is called SafeZone. The app has been used by emergency management teams during training classes. The app would help track the location of the EMT members to reduce difficulties during an active conflict. Officers would all get an alert immediately that was submitted through the app.
- Training taking place for dignitary and executive protection.
- Completed construction and training for RAD program (Rape Aggression and Defense) that will begin using Connie Eubanks, her staff, and police officers to provide this training to our students.

- Student housing upgrades – improved camera placements, improved lighting control, and integrating with those managing the housing.
- ALLERT training – all officers have received it. The CRASE events will continue this coming fall. Town Hall events have been requested by Dr. Schumann to go over training and explanation of our Board policy regarding handguns on campuses.

## *II. Updates – Michael Messina, Director of Safety and Emergency Management*

- We have made great strides in emergency preparedness. Was put on hold due to COVID but have made great strides in training and enhancement. Every campus has had the opportunity and has had initial training. Some campuses have had rollover and additional training. FEMA training is required and gives everyone the same knowledge about terminology. Most people have completed the required FEMA training. There is also required medical training (Stop the Bleed and CPR/AED training) and many team members have completed it. The third level of training is participation exercises/drills. Not many drills have been completed, but exercises have been done at the McKinney Campus. We use a tracking system for the emergency management teams.
- Every campus has an emergency plan. We are coming up on the annual review of the plans in May. The Campus Provost will review the plans, the training for the teams, etc.
- An Emergency Operations Center playbook is in process. The playbook is very extensive and has a checklist for all of the operations that need to take place in the event of an emergency.
- Not everyone is aware that each campus has an emergency management team. Need to get that information trickled down to everyone so all are aware.
- Enhancements – looking utilizing SafeZone to enhance it in new ways to modify it to be used by the emergency response teams. They are working on developing the software to use it in new ways. Trying to get it enhanced to log areas of campuses that are damaged and need repair, or areas where people are injured and need assistance.
- Also looking at the ALERTUS program to install beacons around campuses and provide an additional way to provide alerts.
- Emergency Operations Center – getting equipment ordered and building kits for each campus. Standardized EOC equipment is in Mike’s office so it can be loaded up and taken to any campus where it might be needed.
- Collaboration with other higher ed institutions and with area ISDs to discuss weather conditions, available resources, etc.
- The Emergency Management webpage has been completely rewritten and is already tied to the SafeZone app. It will continue to be updated as needs arise. There is a link anchored at the bottom of the homepage called Emergency Management.
- The district-wide Emergency Operations Plan has been posted in CougarWeb.

## *III. Update on Exclusion Zone Request – Monica Velazquez*

- At the last meeting, there was a question asked about the CHF policy and exclusion zones (high hazardous labs). Everyone defines ‘high hazardous labs’ in a different way. Some schools go by the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) code 45 rule. So, if a lab is rated in the category of a code 45 level 2 lab, it would automatically be considered a high hazardous lab. Other schools define their own classification of what a high hazardous lab would be. They don’t want to over-designate it. Question posed

by Monica to the safety committee – do we go out and adopt the NFPA code 45 rule? Or do we create a group to come up with our own classification of what a high hazardous lab should be?

- If a committee is formed, it is recommended that the NFPA be used as a starting point. The committee could inventory what types of labs are at Collin and what types of things are stored in those labs and determine a standard. Mike Messina could also reach out to the Fire Marshalls at each of the neighboring cities to get information about their take on what constitutes a high hazardous lab. Need an inventory of all of the labs – information requested from Abe and Monica to take the lead and get that information. Perhaps also include Plant Operations, as they may have storage facilities that contain chemicals similar to what is stored in labs.

#### *IV. Round Robin*

Terrence – new Title IX regulations were released in May and went into effect this past fall. There is a new Title IX resolution handbook on our website and there are many ways to find it on the website (it is under required links and is also searchable). Recommends that everyone take a look at the new regulations as they are very different from before. President Biden has also called for a new overhaul of Title IX, so the government will be going over the entire process over the next 1-2 years.

Also have a series of bystander intervention programs going on (I've Got Your Back training) and training classes are ongoing. Classes are offered online and in person. Those resources are out there and available for everyone to see and utilize.

Abe – We still need to work on communication. For example, not everyone knew that there was an emergency operations plan in place for each campus. We need to make sure that each Campus Provost communicates that information to their campuses, etc.