

Emergency Management Plan



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

NOTICE

This written plan establishes the Emergency Management Plan for Sinclair Community College and assigns responsibilities for the development, implementation and maintenance of this plan.

The Emergency Management Plan applies to all departments of Sinclair Community College. This plan is the basic framework for emergency preparedness. It is not intended to cover every department's individual needs. Therefore, we encourage any department to supplement this plan to suit their own needs while remaining in compliance with this plan.

All requests for procedural changes, suggestions, or recommendations should be submitted in writing to your Vice President or Senior Vice President and the President.

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Introduction

Following the terrorist attacks upon our nation on September 11, 2001 higher education institutions as well as governmental agencies were mandated by President George W. Bush through a series of Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPDs) to assure the safety of people, facilities, and programs, by becoming involved in Homeland Security planning at institutional, regional, and national levels.

These directives establish national Homeland Security policies and provide the foundation for their functions in the United States. Three of the HSPDs are of particular interest to academic institutions. Together they provide for a common approach to national incident management:

- HSPD-5 – Specifies the framework for the National Response Plan (NRP) and National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- HSPD-7 – Deals with critical infrastructure protection
- HSPD-8 – Provides the overall framework for achieving national preparedness

Each of these directives provides guidance for higher education institutions in their crisis preparation. Campus officials must understand the NRP and have the ability to work in a NIMS environment in addition to requiring guidance on improving critical infrastructure protection and the Homeland Security Grant Program.

The Department of Homeland Security works with approximately 4,000 Title IV institutions of higher education in the United States that serve 15 million students and several million faculty, staff, and visitors to help them enhance preparedness to prevent, deter, mitigate, and respond to catastrophic events. These institutions include a broad range of facilities that may be susceptible to terrorist acts or other forms of disruption. A partnership of national associations of higher education, federal agencies, national campus public safety organizations, and colleges and universities developed a comprehensive strategy for enhancing campus preparedness. The strategy recognizes the importance of involving the executive leadership of colleges and universities in the preparations for catastrophic events.

The cornerstone of campus preparedness is a management team with responsibility for directing the implementation of a campus Emergency Management Plan. This team must understand the concepts inherent in Homeland Security. They must also have relationships with local government and public safety agencies to enable a Unified Incident Command for planning and response coordination of terrorist incidents and other disasters that affect a campus and its community.

Each higher education institution has capable senior executive administrators who know their institution's resources and are experts in information gathering, analysis, and decision-making. These senior executives must be able to incorporate planning for an all hazards response plan in the day-to-day administration of their respective institutions. Preparedness must become part of the management and administration of higher education institutions.

In addition to the national initiative and in light of the Virginia Tech April 16, 2007 shooting rampage by a student gunman Governor Strickland directed Chancellor Fingerhut to form a Campus Security Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to make recommendations to the Governor that would lead the state's effort to ensure that all Ohio college campuses are as safe and secure as possible. Included in the Task Force recommendations is that each Ohio college and university must have an effective Emergency Management Plan (EMP).

The written Sinclair Community College EMP is designed to accommodate any emergency arising at the Sinclair main Campus or any of the satellite campuses. The plan complies with US Presidential Directives 5, 7, and 8, the National Response Plan, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System (ICS) and the Ohio Campus Security Task Force recommendations made to Governor Strickland.

The entire Emergency Management Plan is maintained at the Department of Public Safety office located in room 7112.

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