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### A New Face on Campus

On or about December 1, you might notice a new face on campus – that of Mr. Willie Richardson. Willie is the Region IV Emergency Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). Formerly based in Fairlawn at the NRV Business Center, the office of the regional coordinator will be moved to the NRCC campus in early December.

No doubt we can all benefit from the expertise that Mr. Richardson brings with him. Before accepting his current position with VDEM, Willie served as the emergency operations manager for Pulaski County. In his current position, he has direct access to emergency responders throughout the southwestern part of Virginia and works closely with emergency planners in localities, agencies, and colleges and universities as well.

Mr. Richardson will be housed in Godbey 86.



## Security Operations Update

Our ongoing goal is the continuous improvement of safety and security on campus and the mall site. In this spirit, several changes to the college's existing security operation are being implemented.

- A workstation was installed at the mall site a couple of weeks ago. The station provides a home base for the security officers on duty at the mall and a location from which they can monitor video cameras.



Both Security offices are now equipped with iPads for remote access to email and incident reporting. The camera feature may also come in handy.

• An extensive cross-training program has begun as well. All security guards will be trained to work at both locations to facilitate transfer of knowledge and provide some coverage when our regular mall site guards – Dana Jackson and Rob Davis – are away.

- The Security staff will be implementing a college-wide safety inspection program to help NRCC comply with Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and other federal, state, and local requirements. If you teach in a laboratory, you may be asked to allow a guard into your classroom once or twice in an academic year to observe and check off that specific safety equipment is available for use. As a reminder, any time you see a safety concern on campus, please notify Security at x3646.

## Training Opportunities

Mark your calendars now for a new training opportunity in emergency preparedness. Tentatively, on Friday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m., NRCC will offer training in the A.L.I.C.E. method of responding to an active shooter. A location for the training will be announced closer to the date.

Other training opportunities are available for those who are interested. First, the college's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has been formed and has participated in one training session this semester. Additional training sessions for the CERT are being planned. These sessions include First Aid and CPR, fire suppression, and light search and rescue. If you think you are interested in joining the CERT,

please contact Amy Hall at [ahall@nr.edu](mailto:ahall@nr.edu) or x4211.

Second, several online training courses are available. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Secretary of Homeland Security offers an extensive set of online training courses. A wide range of topics are available for study at the following link:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.aspx>

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) offers several online training courses that are particularly relevant to rural areas and school settings. Access to those courses are available at:

<https://www.ruraltraining.org/training/online/>

Most (if not all) of the online courses are free and offer participants a certificate of completion via email.