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Welcome back! As a new semester begins, there are many housekeeping items to cover with students. One item of importance is making them aware of the emergency communication channels in use at the college.

As you meet your classes and customers in the next few days, please take a moment to encourage them to sign up for NRCC Alert. Doing so is simple: just visit the college website, scroll down, and click on the NRCC Alert icon on the left side of the page. Simply follow the instructions to register or login to modify phone numbers and/or email addresses.



While you're at it, be sure to update your own information as well. A test of the NRCC Alert system is scheduled for Friday, September 5.

Campus Call Boxes



You have probably noticed that College Drive no longer meets Route 11. Don't worry; that's a temporary situation. Construction on a new entrance is well under way.

But...have you noticed that call boxes have been installed on campus this summer? Even before the semester began, campus visitors have begun using the call boxes to gain assistance with their questions.

The call boxes, which work on radio signals and are solar powered, allow individuals in more remote areas of the campus to contact Security for assistance. While the call boxes are intended to give individuals another way to get help in an emergency, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to make use of them for non-emergent needs as well. For example, if your car battery is dead, you are locked out of our car, or you take a fall in the parking lot, just push the call button. Of course, you can always use your cell phone to reach Security by dialing 674-3646.

Reminder from “the Chief”

When asked if there is anything he would like to communicate to returning faculty and new and returning students, Captain Joey Williams of NRCC Security has a simple response. “Just remind them to guard their valuables. Lock up their offices when they step out. Keep their bookbags and purses in sight at all times.”

Anything else, Chief?

“Welcome back!”

Dealing with Student Behaviors

It isn't always easy to identify that something is wrong with the people around us. The signs are often intangible or ambiguous. It is important, however, to be on the lookout for individuals who may need assistance in dealing with mental and emotional issues that can derail their health, safety, and academic success or bring harm to others.

Here are some warning signs:

- Severe social withdrawal/feelings of isolation
- Being a victim of crime or cruelty

- Threats of violence toward self or others (including animals)
- Angry outbursts
- Deteriorating performance and/or appearance
- Bullying behavior
- Known substance abuse
- Brandishing a weapon

Not every person who exhibits one or more of these traits is dangerous. Consequently, a report of such behavior does not necessarily mean that individual will be suspended, arrested, or otherwise disciplined. In fact, more often than not, such a report could be just the trigger for getting the right kind of help for someone who truly needs it.

To assist you in reporting behaviors that need attention, two documents are attached: the NRCC Action Guide for Faculty and Staff (which is distributed every semester), and the Faculty Referral Form for Student Services Intervention (also previously distributed). Feel free to print the Action Guide for your office or classroom. (If you do not find a laminated copy in your classroom and would like to have one, please contact Kathy Ridpath at x3601 or kridpath@nr.edu.)

Remember: There are several options for dealing with alarming student behaviors. If you are unsure whether an issue should be reported to the Behavioral Intervention Team or the Threat Assessment, just pick one and call. The two teams work together to handle reports appropriately. And ***ALWAYS*** call 911 in the event of a true emergency.