

# **Disasters, Emergencies, and Unusual Occurrences**

**plus UDCPD, Student Code of Conduct and TAT**

## **What to Do!**

Office of Public Safety/Police

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202 274 5050

## **Public Safety / Police**

- We operate 24/7/365 at VNC.
- We staff 4 locations.
- We have arrest powers at UDC.
- We offer escorts, jumpstarts, and lockout services.
- We produce IDs and offer crime prevention presentations.
- We operate/monitor video cameras, access control, and alarm systems at UDC.
- We assist in setting up security technology.

**Call us when you are in doubt –  
202 274 5050**

# Basis Concepts

- I tell this story to illustrate the truth of the statement I heard long ago in the Army:

***Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.***

There is a very great distinction because when you are planning for an emergency you must start with this one thing:

**The very definition of "emergency" is that it is unexpected, therefore it is not going to happen the way you are planning.**

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**

# Basis Concepts

- Plan ahead of time for problems.
- STOP (for a short time) and **THINK!!**
- You have two options most of the time:
  - **Shelter in place**
  - **Get out**
- Know where you are. Learn different exit points.
- Persons in authority positions need to take the lead in situations (managers, instructors, etc.)
- Take control of your situation. External help can take a long time to get to you.
- Help others – they need you.
- ***Disabled people should be take to interior stairwell landing until help can arrive.***

# Basic Concepts

- If close, take your stuff (wallet, keys, cell phone, coat, etc.) – you might not see them again.
- If close – Lock your door!
- Use the steps, not the elevator.
- Gather in a prearranged area.
- Don't call on your cell. Use text messaging.
- Don't call 911 unless it's a matter of life or large scale property lost.
- Don't tie up emergency personnel with minor questions until things calm down.

# Tornados

- If outside:
  - Get in a sturdy building – low floor or basement. If no buildings - get into a low area and stay low to the ground.
- If inside:
  - Grab your stuff.
  - Lock your door.
  - Get to a low place in the building.
  - Get away from windows, exterior doors, and things that can fall on you.
  - Help other people.

# Gas Leaks-Fire Alarms & Hazmat

- Grab your stuff.
- Lock your door.
- Calmly get out of the building.
- Use the steps not the elevator.
- Get a safe distance away from the building or area where the gas leak is located.
- Don't reenter the area until cleared by fire Department or Police.
- Help other people.

# Earthquakes

- Drop, Cover, and Hold On.
- Wait for the shaking to stop.
- Grab your stuff.
- Lock your door.
- Calmly get out the building.
- Use the steps not the elevator.
- Get a safe distance away from the building and things that can fall on you.
- Don't reenter the area until cleared by fire Department or Police.
- Help other people.



# Flood

- Shelter in place or get to a tall building.
- Get your stuff.
- Lock your door.
- Stay away from electrical wires.
- Move to a higher location.
- Look for ways to break windows/doors in case need to get out or up.
- Use the steps not the elevator.
- Don't attempt to cross the water.
- Don't drink the water.
- Help other people.

# Active Shooter/Hostage Situation

## Bath, MI School Disaster May 18, 1927

45 people, mostly children, were killed and 58 were injured when disgruntled and demented school board member Andrew Kehoe dynamited the new school building in Bath, Michigan out of revenge over his foreclosed farm due in part to the taxes required to pay for the new school.



# Active Shooter/Hostage Situation

- Active Shooter - Austin Texas, University of Texas Tower Incident – 08/01/66. This event started law enforcement to talk about specialized groups of officers (SWAT) to handle difficult cases.
- Active Shooter – Littleton Colorado, Columbine High School – 04/20/99. This changed the way law enforcement handled active shooters. Officers started to moved toward the problem instead of waiting for SWAT.
- Active Shooter – Blacksburg Virginia, Virginia Tech Shooting – 04/16/07. This changed the way the public was notified of an life threatening emergency.

# Active Shooter/Hostage Situation

- RUN
- HIDE
- FIGHT

# Active Shooter/Hostage Situation

Your actions depend on the situation and your level of comfort/confidence.

- If you think you can get away from the dangerous situation, RUN AWAY!!!!
  - Leave your stuff.
  - Use the steps.
  - Be quiet – turn off your cell phone..
  - If it looks like you ran into danger – **shelter in place.**
  - Be prepared to fight.
  - Once near law enforcement – follow orders.
- If you don't think you can safely get away – SHELTER IN PLACE!!!!
  - Lock/block the door and hide out of sight.
  - Turn off the lights, radio, computer, etc.
  - Be prepared to fight.
  - Help other people.
- Once the event is over – plan on sticking around for a while
  - You might be treated like a suspect at first.
  - After a reasonable amount of time, make reasonable requests.

# Threat Assessment Team (TAT)

- UDC has a TAT that can be used for a threat that can affect UDC.
- The threat is normally behavior based but can also be mechanical or technical too.
- We have members from most of the major areas on campus.
- Any member of UDC can approach any member of the TAT to talk about a problem or situation.
- Not all matters get a review from TAT.
- TAT also recommends systems improvements to help solve or reduce problems.

# Threat Assessment Team (TAT)

## TAT Members:

Dr. Sislana Ledbetter – Counseling Center

Dr. Serena Butler – Counseling Center

Ms. Smruti Radkar – General Counsel

Ms. Juanita Gray – Resident Life Director

TBA – HR

Mr. Marc Strothers – Student Affairs

Dr. Margaret Moore – Academic

Chief Larry Volz – UDCPD

Capt. Cetrina Smith – UDCPD

Capt. Ron Culmer – UDCPD

Mr. Dave Venson – Campus Services

# Student Code of Conduct

- UDC has an Office that handles behavioral problems (but not academic) that involve UDC Students.
- Mr. Marc Strothers of Student Affairs heads this area. His # is 202 274 5974.
- Anyone can refer a UDC Student to the Code of Conduct Office.
- A group of representatives from campus hear the cases and make a determination on the matter.
- The rulings can range from no sanction to counseling to suspension from UDC.
- Students do have the right to appeal decisions to the VP of Student Affairs.



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Questions or comments?

Please call Public Safety at **202 274 5050**

# The End

Thanks for listening...

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