The State University of New York Reflects and Responds on Campus: October 29, 2007

Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse, New York

Registration; Continental Breakfast
Location: Grand Ballroom Foyer

9:15 am
Welcome/General Session

Dennis Black, Co-chairperson, Chancellor’s University-wide Committee on Campus Safety

Overview – Critical Incident Task Force Report
Immediately following April 16th, the State University formed a University-wide Task Force on Critical Incidents. The Task Force focused on current campus practices in the area of critical incident management, crisis-related decision making, emergency communications, shelter in place protocols, and training; reviewed policies and procedures related to the identification of and services provided to individuals who potentially pose a risk to the campus community; and to make recommendations, including resource needs, to the Chancellor to further improve campus safety. This session will provide a brief overview of the process used to develop the report and as well as the recommendations made by the Task Force. Time will be allotted for questions and answers.

Presenters:
- Dave DeMarco, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services and Technology
- Ed Engelbride, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Life
- Roger Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Police

Location: Grand Ballroom

10:15 am
Breakout Sessions

Emergency Response Planning: An Ever Changing Process
This session will explore the dynamics of engaging and achieving “buy-in” from the campus community for risk assessment and emergency response planning. The development of an effective Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and its role in a campus crisis will be explored. The role of NY Alert within the State University will be discussed.

Presenters:
- Roger Wisniewski, Chief of University Police, Buffalo State College
- Keith Tyo, Executive Assistant to the President, SUNY Plattsburgh
- Frank Lawrence, Director of Public Safety, Onondaga Community College

Location: Huron

The Legal Landscape: Legal Issues Associated with Critical Incidents
The rules protecting personally identifiable information can be difficult to navigate, especially in a critical incident. When NYS mental health licensing requirements are added to the mix, the situation becomes even more challenging. This session will outline the basic parameters regarding the sharing of information, what constitutes an emergency, and what types of information can be shared.

Presenter:
- Philip Zaccheo, Co-Chair, Higher Education Practice Group, Bond Schoeneck & King

Location: Ontario

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- Chancellor’s University-wide Committee on Campus Safety
- Office of University Life, System Administration
- Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers
- Council of SUNY Community College Chief Student Affairs Officers
- University Police Chief’s Association
Work Place Violence – Effective Prevention Strategies

New York State law requires public employers to develop and implement programs to prevent workplace violence. The New York State Public Employer Workplace Violence Prevention Law was passed as a preventative measure to ensure that public workplaces are evaluated and strategies are implemented to prevent and minimize workplace violence. This session will focus on strategies to maintain a safe workplace.

Presenter: Anthony Camberari, Senior Safety and Health Inspector, NYS Department of Labor

Location: Ontario

Effective Training Sessions for Faculty and Staff

Post Virginia Tech, there is renewed faculty and staff interest in the services provided to assist at-risk students. This session will explore some of the creative ways counseling centers have worked with faculty and staff to assist them knowing when and how to refer, as well as the services provided by the counseling center. The session will also address some of the lessons learned through these outreach efforts.

Presenters: Heidi Levine, Director of Student Health and Counseling, Geneseo
Lori Osterhoudt, Director of the Counseling Center, Delhi
Kelly Sweener, Director of Student Development, Hudson Valley Community College
David Gilles-Thomas, Associate Director of Counseling, University at Buffalo

Location: Michigan

Requested Round Table – Pandemic Flu

This session will provide an update on transmission of pandemic flu, status of the vaccine development, and New York State's level of preparedness.

Presenters: Amy Burns, Senior Public Health Epidemiologist, NY Department of Health
Brenda Naizby, Senior Public Health Epidemiologist, Central NY Regional Office, NYS Department of Health

Location: Erie

11:45 am
Lunch and Keynote

What Have We Learned From the Virginia Tech Tragedy?

On April 16, 2007, a disturbed young man at Virginia Tech took the lives of 32 students and faculty, wounded many others, and killed himself. Within days, the Virginia Tech Review Panel was formed to independently review the Commonwealth’s efforts to respond to the tragic events of April 16. This keynote session will include a discussion of the findings of the review panel, as well as lessons learned from this terrible tragedy.

Presenter: Dr. Marcus L. Martin, Member of the Virginia Tech Review Panel, Professor of Emergency Medicine, Assistant Dean of the School of Medicine and Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity at the University of Virginia

Location: Harbour Ballroom

1:15 pm
Breakout Sessions

Crisis Management in the Wake of the Virginia Tech Tragedy

This session will review the NIMS training requirement for campus leaders and emergency personnel. Discussion will focus on critical preventative training programs and policy issues that campuses need to address. The session will explore the components and structure of campus management plans prescribed by the Federal government which are required for a campus to receive Federal emergency aid.

Presenters: Dr. Steven Tyrell, Vice President for Student Affairs, Alfred State
Gregory Sammons, Chief of University Police, Alfred State

Location: Huron

3:30 pm
Symposium Ends

3:30-5:30 pm
SUNY Judicial Affairs Meeting

Location: Adams