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Emergency Response Manual

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL

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I. MAJOR EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

A. Purpose

The basic emergency guidelines outlined in this manual are intended to protect lives and property through effective use of University and campus community resources. Whenever an emergency affecting the campus reaches proportions that cannot be handled by routine measures, the President, or designee, may declare a state of emergency, and these contingency guidelines may be implemented.

This manual addresses two types of emergency situations:

1. Large-scale disorder, and
2. Large-scale natural/ man-made disaster

Since an emergency may occur suddenly and without warning, these guidelines are designed to be flexible in order to accommodate contingencies of various types or magnitudes.

B. Scope

These guidelines apply to all personnel, buildings, and grounds owned and operated by West Liberty University including those peripheral areas adjoining the University.

C. Types of Emergencies

Specific types of emergencies that may be covered by this manual:

1. Fire
2. Natural disaster
3. Hazardous waste spill
4. Explosion, downed aircraft (crash) on campus
5. Bomb
6. Civil disturbance or demonstrations
7. Utility failure
8. Violent or criminal behavior
9. Medical and first aid (epidemic poisoning)
10. Psychological crises

D. Definitions

The President or designee serves as the overall Emergency Director during any major emergency or disaster. The following definitions of an emergency are provided as guidelines to assist building and area coordinators in determining the appropriate response:

1. **Minor Emergency:** Any incident, potential or actual, which will not seriously affect the overall functional capacity of the University. Report these immediately to Campus Police at (304)336-8021.
2. **Major Emergency:** Any incident, potential or actual, which affects an entire building or buildings and which disrupt the overall operations of the University. Outside

emergency services probably will be required, as well as major efforts from campus support services. Major policy decisions usually will be required from the administration during times of crisis. Report such emergencies to Campus Police, at (304)336-8021.

3. Disaster: Any event or occurrence, which has taken place and has seriously impaired or halted University operations. In some cases mass personnel casualties and severe property damage may be sustained. A coordinated effort of all campus wide resources is required to control the situation effectively. Outside emergency services will be essential. In all cases of disaster, an Emergency Command Post (see III, below) will be activated, and the appropriate support and operational plans will be executed. In addition, any incident which has the potential for adverse publicity concerning campus resources, and/or officials of the University should be promptly reported to the Campus Police at (304)336-8021.

E. Assumptions

This manual is predicated on a realistic approach to the problems likely to be encountered on campus during a major emergency or disaster. Hence, the following general guidelines are presumed:

1. An emergency or a disaster may occur at any time of the day or night, weekend or holiday, with little or no warning.
2. The succession of events in an emergency is not predictable, hence, published support and operations plans will serve only as checklists. They may require field modification in order to meet the requirements of the situation.
3. Disasters may affect residents in areas surrounding the University; therefore city, county, and federal emergency services may not be available immediately to address problems on campus. A delay in off-campus emergency services may be expected (up to 48 – 72 hours).

F. Declaration of State of Emergency

The authority to declare a campus state of emergency rests with the President or designee as follows:

During the period of any campus major emergency (including disasters), the Campus Police department shall place into effect the procedures necessary to address the emergency, safeguard persons and property, and maintain educational facilities. Campus Police shall consult with the President or designee regarding the nature of the emergency and the propriety of declaring state of emergency.

If such declaration is made, only registered students, faculty, staff, and essential contractors shall be authorized to be on campus. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. Any who refuse to leave will be deemed trespassers and treated as such by Campus Police and other law enforcement personnel. Only those faculty and staff who have emergency response duties will be allowed to enter the immediate emergency or disaster area. In the event of earthquakes, aftershocks, fires, storms, or other major disasters occurring on or about the campus, Campus

Police officers and Facilities Management personnel will be dispatched to determine the extent of any damage to University property.

II. DIRECTION AND COORDINATION

A. Emergency Director

All emergency operations shall be directed by the President or designee and the Emergency Coordinator. In the absence of the President, an on-duty Campus Police officer shall assume operational control of the emergency until relieved and shall consult with whichever senior administrator is available.

Board of Governors Policy 27 – Order of Responsibility

1. President
2. Provost
3. Vice President of Student Services
4. Chief Financial Officer

B. Emergency Coordinator

The direct operational control of efforts to address a major emergency or disaster shall be the sole responsibility of the Emergency Coordinator or designee.

III. EMERGENCY COMMAND POST

When a major emergency (or disaster) occurs or is imminent, it shall be the responsibility of Campus Police to set up and staff an Emergency Command Post. The regular department facilities in the Myers Maintenance building are also to be kept fully operational.

A. Field Emergency Command Post

If the emergency involves only one building or a small part of the campus, a Campus Police vehicle is to be placed as near the emergency scene as is reasonably possible. At least one Critical Incident Response Team member is to staff the command post at all times. A small office with a desk, chairs, and a telephone may also be required near the scene.

Field Emergency Command Post equipment shall include:

5. Barricades, barrier tape, and signs.
6. Portable hand radios and cell phone.
7. Portable public address system.
8. First aid kit.
9. Campus telephone directory and local telephone directory including yellow pages.
10. Laptop computer for text alert, accessing social media, etc.

B. General Emergency Command Post

If the emergency involves a large part of the campus, the Campus Police department office shall serve as the Command Post.

At least one Critical Incident Response Team member is to staff the Command Post at all times. A marshalling area for outside and local agency assistance shall be established by Campus Police for operations of the combined on-site emergency crews, i.e. an area that can accommodate multiple telephone, fax, and other electrical devices.

IV. CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM

In addition to establishing an Emergency Command Post as necessary, Campus Police shall immediately begin contacting members of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT):

Emergency Director:	President or designee
Emergency Coordinator:	Critical Incident Response Team Chairperson
Damage Control:	Chief Operations Officer
Campus Police Department:	Chief or Lead officer
Student Services:	Vice President of Student Services
Residence Life Operations:	Director of Housing and Student Life
Health Service:	Director of Health Services
Campus Safety Office:	Safety Specialist
Public Information:	Director of Media Relations

CIRT members should have the capability to be in constant communication with each other and with the Emergency Command Post. CIRT responsibilities are:

- A. Emergency Director: President or designee
 1. Directs comprehensive response to the emergency.
 2. Works with Campus Police and others in assessing the emergency and preparing the University's response.
 3. Declares and ends, when appropriate, a state of emergency.
 4. Notifies and conducts liaison activities with the administration, governmental agencies, media outlets, et al.

- B. Emergency Coordinator: Critical Incident Response Team Chairperson
 1. Coordinates a comprehensive response to the emergency.
 2. Maintains Emergency Command Post in a state of constant readiness, or designates to Critical Incident Response Team member.
 3. Determines the type and magnitude of the emergency.
 4. Initiates contact with the President and senior administration and begins assessment of the campus's condition.
 5. Notifies and utilizes police and, if necessary, student aides in order to maintain safety and order.
 6. Notifies the members of the CIRT and advises them of the nature of the emergency.
 7. Notifies and conducts liaison activities with an appropriate outside organization such as fire, police, Office of Emergency Services, etc.

8. Ensures that appropriate notification is made to off-campus staff when necessary.
9. Oversees the preparation of a report to the President summarizing the management of the emergency.

C. Damage Control: Chief Operations Officer

1. Provides equipment and personnel to perform shutdown procedures, hazardous area control, barricade set-up, damage assessment, debris clearance, emergency repairs and equipment protection.
2. Provides vehicles, equipment, and operators for moving personnel and supplies and assigns vehicles, if needed, to the CIRT.
3. Obtains the assistance of utility companies as needed.
4. Furnishes emergency power and lighting systems.
5. Surveys habitable space in case essential services must be relocated.
6. Provides for storage of vital records at an alternate site; coordinates with building and area coordinators for liaison and support.

D. Campus Police Department: Chief or Lead police officer

1. Notifies senior administrators of emergencies.
2. Monitors campus emergency warning and evacuation systems
3. Takes steps necessary to protect life and property and to safeguard vital records (summoning external law enforcement, EMS, and fire protection personnel if needed).
4. Obtains assistance from the city, county, and federal government for radio monitoring and first aid as required.
5. Provides traffic control, access control, perimeter and internal security patrols, and fire prevention services as needed.
6. Provides and equips an alternate site for the Emergency Command Post if the Campus Police office in Shaw Hall is not habitable.
7. Maintains liaison with the Chief Operations Officer or designee for telecommunications support.

E. Vice President of Student Services

1. Coordinates messaging to students using TopperNet, email, etc.
2. Coordinates needed services through the Division of Enrollment & Student Services.
3. Serves as liaison to the Emergency Director and Emergency Coordinator for the Division of Enrollment & Student Services.

F. Residence Life Operations: Director Housing and Student Life

1. Maintains emergency operations for the residence halls.
2. Coordinates efforts of Housing staff
3. Maintains contact with Food Service and Custodial Services operations.
4. Maintains liaison with Chief Operations Officer.
5. Maintains contact with student support services (i.e. Health Service, Counseling, Campus Ministries, etc.)

G. Health Service: Director of Health Services

1. Maintains contact with Emergency Coordinator.
2. Identifies need for external health services.

H. Campus Safety Office: Safety Specialist

1. Maintains contact with Chief Operations Officer.
2. Maintains contact with Director of Health Services.
3. Works with Campus Police and State Fire Marshal.

I. Public Information: Director of Media Relations

1. Establishes liaison with the news media for dissemination of information as directed by the President.
2. Establishes liaison with local radio and TV services for public announcements.
3. Arranges for photographic and audiovisual services.
4. Advises the President or designee of all news reports concerning the extent of the emergency.
5. Prepares news releases for approval and releases same to media.
6. Compiles an "after action" report as provided in Administrative Procedure 18.
7. Updates the Administrative Procedure 18, Media Coordination in Emergency Situations.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. President

The President or designee serves as Emergency Director.

B. Administrators, Deans, and Department Heads

Every administrator, dean, and department head may appoint a specific person as Building/Facility Coordinator for activities under their control. Such persons may have the following general responsibilities prior to and during any emergency:

1. Emergency Preparedness
 - a. Building evacuation information may be distributed to all employees with follow-up discussions and on-the-job training or explanation.
 - b. Time may be allowed for training employees in emergency techniques such as fire extinguisher usage, first aid, CPR, and building evacuation procedures.
2. Emergency Situations
 - a. Inform all employees under their direction of the emergency condition.
 - b. Evaluate impact the emergency has on their activity and take appropriate action. This may include ceasing operations and initiating building evacuation.
 - c. Maintain emergency telephone communications with CIRT from their own locations (or from an alternate site if necessary).

C. Faculty and Supervisors

Each faculty member and staff supervisor may have the responsibility to:

1. Inform students and/or employees concerning emergency procedures, e.g. evacuation procedures for their building and/or activity.
2. Survey and evaluate their assigned building facility or activity and determine the impact an emergency may have on their facility. Report all safety hazards to the Chief Operations Officer. Submit work orders to reduce hazards and to minimize the risk of accidents.
3. Important: Advise all students, staff, and faculty to follow building evacuation procedures, e.g. reporting to a designated campus assembly area outside the building where a head count can be taken.

VI. UNIVERSITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The telephone is the primary means of emergency notification, i.e. for timely dissemination of information regarding an emergency.

A. Campus Police Officer On-Duty:

The Campus Police department is the focal point for transmission of official emergency telephone communication to and from administrators. Each administrator, upon receiving notification of a campus emergency, is to pass the same information along to those departments/offices under their direction. The officer on duty will notify the Critical Incident Response Team chairperson. The CIRT Chairperson will initiate the notification system by calling the President and CIRT members.

Important: During an emergency, use of campus phones must be limited to emergency response matters. In the absence of phone services, the Campus Police may provide runners for emergency notification (contingent on available personnel).

VII. ON/OFF CAMPUS SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE DURING EMERGENCIES

A. On Campus Assistance

1. Campus Police may be reached at (304)336-8021. Uniformed Campus Police officers are on duty 24 hours a day. During normal business hours, the Campus Police cell is (304) 639-6049. At other times, an officer may be reached at (304) 639-6507. Additionally, law enforcement help is available from the Ohio County Sheriff's Office at (304) 234-3607 and the WV State Police at (304) 238-1100.
2. Maintenance personnel are available during normal business hours at (304)336-8009. At other times, Maintenance may be reached through the Campus Police department as noted above. The following emergency services may be provided:
 - a. Utilities: Repairs to water, gas, electric, and sewage systems.
 - b. Structures: Repairs to structures and mechanical equipment therein, including heating and cooling systems.
 - c. Equipment: Portable pumps, generators, floodlights, welders, air compressors, tractors, backhoes, forklifts, etc.
 - d. Transportation: Sedans, light trucks, dump trucks, and tractors.
3. Purchasing Agent: Contact CFO for purchasing as needed.

4. Receiving: Emergency procurement if items needed for campus support.
5. Emergency Shutdown Procedures:
 Note: in the event of a natural disaster in which major structural damage is sustained it is advisable to turn off hazardous utilities: Electricity and natural gas are of primary concern. For specific details refer to relevant section.

B. Disaster Resources

Emergency Contact

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| 1. Ambulance, fire, and law enforcement | 911 or 9-911 |
| 2. Emergency Alert System Radio | WWVA-AM 1170 |

Other Important Phone Numbers

Law Enforcement

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| 1. Ohio County Sheriff’s Office | 911 or 9-911 |
| 2. West Liberty Police Department..... | 911 or 9-911 |
| 3. West Virginia State Police – Wheeling | (304)238-1100 |
| 4. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms..... | (304)232-4170 |
| 5. Department of Environmental Protection | (304)232-1075 |
| 6. F.B.I. – Wheeling..... | (304)232-4464 |
| 7. F.B.I..... | 1-877-999-5372 |
| 8. U.S. Marshal Service – Wheeling..... | (304)232-2980 |
| 9. U.S. Secret Service | (304)347-5188 |
| 10. U.S. Postal Service..... | (304)232-4850 |

Miscellaneous

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| 1. Ohio County Emergency Management Agency | (304)234-3756 |
| 2. National Response Center | |
| a. Chemical, Oil Spills, and Chemical/Biological Terrorism..... | 1-800-424-8802 |
| b. State Emergency Spill Notification..... | 1-800-642-3074 |
| 3. American Red Cross, Ohio Valley Chapter | (304)232-0711 |
| 4. Salvation Army – Wheeling Corps | (304)233-4400; (304)233-4401 |
| 5. West Virginia Department of Highways – Ohio County..... | (304)238-1202 |
| 6. West Virginia Department of Highways – Interstate..... | (304)238-1065 |
| 7. Family Services..... | (304)233-2350 |

Health

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| 1. Ohio County Health Department | (304)234-3682; (304)233-1000 (24 hours) |
| 2. Wheeling Hospital | (304)243-3000 |
| 3. Ohio Valley Medical Center | (304)234-0123 |

Fire and Rescue

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| 1. Hazardous Materials Response | (304)234-3695 |
| 2. West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department | (304)336-7500 |

- 3. Wheeling Fire Department.....(304)234-3711
- 4. West Virginia Fire Marshals (Arson Hotline)1-800-233-3473

C. Reporting Emergencies

This may be posted in an appropriate location

- 1. Campus Emergency Service **(304)336-8021**
- 2. In an emergency when Campus Police cannot be reached, **911 or 9-911**
- 3. When calling, stay calm and carefully explain the problem and location to the emergency personnel. Do not hang up until told to do so.

Important

After any evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. The Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance, if feasible, and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

Building/Facility Coordinator: _____

Building Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Building Emergency Team Members: _____

VIII. EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In an emergency where Campus Safety cannot be reached, please dial 911 or 9-911

A. Building Evacuation

- 1. When an alarm sounds and/or upon notification by Campus Police or Building/Facility Coordinator, a building must be evacuated.
- 2. When the building evacuation alarm is activated, occupants shall leave by the nearest marked exit and alert others to do likewise.
- 3. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building.
- 4. Once outside, proceed to a clear area that is at least 500 feet away from the affected building. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrant areas, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. Know where your assembly area(s) is (are).

5. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a Building/Facility Coordinator, member of law enforcement, or similar authority.
IMPORTANT: After any evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. The Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

B. Campus Evacuation

1. Campus Police will make announcements regarding evacuation of all part of the campus.
2. All persons shall leave the premises immediately and relocate as directed.

IX. SPECIFIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

A. Bomb Threat

1. If you notice a suspicious object or potential bomb on campus do not handle it! Clear the area and immediately call Campus Police, (304)336-8021.
2. Any person receiving a phone call bomb threat should ask the caller:
 - a. When is the bomb going to explode?
 - b. Where is the bomb located?
 - c. What kind of bomb is it?
 - d. What does it look like?
 - e. Why did you place the bomb?
3. Keep talking to the caller as long as possible and record the following:
 - a. Time of call.
 - b. Caller's gender and estimated age.
 - c. Speech pattern, accent, possible nationality, etc.
 - d. Emotional state of the caller.
 - e. Background noise.
4. Campus Police will contact the State Police and evacuate the building.
5. When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, or you are told to leave by law enforcement or similar authority, walk quickly to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same.
6. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building! Remember that elevators are reserved for people with disabilities' use in times of emergency. Do not use elevators in case of fire. Do not panic.
7. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
8. If requested, assist emergency crews.
9. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a fire fighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.

Important: After evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. A Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

B. Civil Disturbance or Demonstrations

Most campus demonstrations such as marches, meetings, picketing, and rallies will be peaceful and non-obstructive. A demonstration should not be disrupted unless one or more of the following conditions exists as a result of the demonstrations:

1. Interference with the normal operations of the University.
2. Prevention of access to office, buildings, or other University facilities.
3. Threat of physical harm to persons or damage to University facilities.

If any of these conditions exist, Campus Police should be notified as they will be responsible for contacting the CIRT. The following procedures should be followed:

1. Peaceful Non-Obstructive Demonstrations
 - a. Efforts should be made to conduct University business as normally as possible.
 - b. If demonstrators are asked to leave but refuse to leave by regular facility closing time:
 - (i) Arrangements will be made by Campus Police to monitor the situation during non-business hours, or
 - (ii) Determination will be made by CIRT to treat the violation of regular closing hours as a disruptive demonstration.
2. Non-Violent, Disruptive Demonstrations (Students)
 - a. In the event that a demonstration blocks access to facilities or interferes with the operation of the University:
 - (i) Demonstrators will be asked by the Vice President of Student Services to terminate the disruptive activity.
 - (ii) CIRT members and SGA members may be enlisted by the Vice President of Student Services to try to persuade the demonstrators to desist.
 - (iii) If the demonstrators persist in the disruptive activity, they will be notified that failure to discontinue the specified action within a specified length of time may result in disciplinary action including suspension, expulsion, or possible intervention by civil authorities. Except in extreme emergencies, the President will be consulted before such disciplinary actions are taken.
 - (iv) Efforts should be made to secure positive identification of demonstrators in disciplinary violation to facilitate later testimony, including photographs and video.
 - (v) Campus Police and the CIRT shall consult with the President, so he/she may decide whether to seek injunctive relief or otherwise request intervention by civil authorities.

- (vi) If the President decides to seek the intervention of civil authorities, the demonstrators should be so informed. Campus Police will be responsible for notifying demonstrators that their arrest is imminent.
3. Violent Disruptive Demonstrations (students and/or non-students)
- If a violent demonstration occurs (personal injury or property damage occurs or appears imminent), Campus Police, the President, and CIRT shall be notified, so a response can be formulated as prescribed above.
- a. During Normal Business Hours
 - (i) In coordination with the Vice President of Student Services, Campus Police will contact the departments affected.
 - (ii) The President will decide whether intervention by civil authorities is needed (per paragraph B above).
 - b. After Business Hours
 - (i) Campus Police shall be notified immediately of the disturbance.
 - (ii) Campus Police will investigate the disruption and notify the Vice President of Student Services.
 - (iii) The Vice President of Student Services will:
 - (* Report the circumstances to the President and the CIRT.
 - (* Notify the Director of Media Relations, so a photographic/video record of events may be made.
 - (* The President shall decide whether additional law enforcement assistance should be summoned.

NOTE: Campus Police retains the responsibility for unilaterally summoning external law-enforcement without counsel from others if circumstances dictate.

SAMPLE A Directive to Terminate Demonstration Immediately (with Campus Police present)

(Identify self by name and position)

This assembly is disrupting the operations of the University. Participants are subject to arrest for disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, and other violations of West Virginia law. You have previously been called upon to disperse and terminate this demonstration. Accordingly, you are directed to terminate this demonstration. If you have not done so within 15 minutes, you will be arrested. Those of you who are students here will also be suspended from the University.

SAMPLE B Directive to Terminate Demonstration Immediately (with Campus Police and OCSO deputies present)

(Identify self by name and position)

You have previously been directed to terminate this demonstration, and you have been told the consequences of your failure to do so. Each student participating in this unlawful demonstration is hereby suspended. Campus Police and deputies from the Ohio County Sheriff's Office are here to place you under arrest.

C. Earthquake

1. During an earthquake, remain calm and quickly follow the steps outlined below.
2. If indoors, seek refuge in a doorway or under a desk or table. Stay away from glass windows, shelves, and heavy equipment.
3. If outdoors, move away from buildings, utility poles, and other structures.
Caution: Always avoid power or utility lines as they may be energized.
4. If in an automobile, stop in the safest place available, preferably away from power lines and trees. Stop as quickly as safety permits but stay in the vehicle for the shelter it offers.
5. After the initial shock, evaluate the situation and, if emergency help is needed, call Campus Police, (304)336-8021. Protect yourself at all times and be prepared for after-shocks.
6. Damaged facilities should be reported to Campus Police and Maintenance. Note: Gas leaks and power failures create special hazards. Please refer to the section on Utility Failures.
7. If necessary, activate the building alarm.
Caution: If the building alarm does not operate, make sure you have alerted Campus Police.
8. When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, or when you are told to leave by law enforcement or similar authority, walk to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same.
9. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building!
Remember that elevators are reserved for people with disabilities' use in times of emergency.
Do not use elevators in case of fire. Do not panic.
10. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
11. If requested, assist emergency crews.
12. An Emergency Command Post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the Command Post unless you have emergency response duties.
13. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a fire fighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.

Important: After evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount has been taken. A Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

D. Elevator Failure

If you are trapped in an elevator use the emergency phone to notify Campus Police (304)336-8021. If the elevator does not have an emergency phone, turn on the emergency alarm (located on the front panel) which will signal for help.

E. Explosion, aircraft down (crash) on campus

In the event a mishap occurs such as an explosion or a downed aircraft (crash) on campus, take the following action:

1. Immediately take cover under tables, desks, and other objects which will give protection against falling glass and debris.
2. After the effects of the explosion and/or fire have subsided, notify the West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, emergency telephone at 911 or 9-911 and Campus Police telephone at (304)336-8021. Give your name and describe the location and nature of the emergency.
3. If necessary activate the building alarm.
Caution: If the building alarm does not operate, make sure you have alerted Campus Police.
4. When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, or when you are told to leave by law enforcement or similar authority, walk quickly to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same.
5. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building!
6. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews. Know where your assembly area(s) is(are).
7. If requested, assist emergency crews.
8. An Emergency Command Post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the Command Post unless you have emergency response duties.
9. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a fire fighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.
Important - After evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. A Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

F. Fire

In all cases of fire, the West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department must be notified immediately:
Dial 9 – 911

1. Know the location of fire extinguishers, fire exits, and alarm systems in your area and know how to use them. Training and information are available through Health & Safety Specialist.
2. Always call 911 or 9-911 to alert the fire department. In case of minor fire that appears controllable, discharge fire extinguisher toward the base of the flames. In large fires that do not appear controllable, contact the fire department and Campus Police. Then evacuate all rooms, closing all doors to confine the fire and reduce oxygen. Do not lock doors!
3. If necessary, activate the building alarm.
Caution: If the building alarm does not operate, make sure you have alerted Campus Police.
4. In large fires that do not appear controllable, contact the fire department and Campus Police. Then evacuate all rooms, closing all doors to confine the fire and reduce oxygen. Do not lock doors!
5. When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, or when you are told to leave by law enforcement or similar authority, walk quickly to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same.
6. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building! Do not use the elevators during a fire. Smoke is the greatest danger in a fire, so stay near the floor where the air will be less toxic.
7. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
8. When the fire department arrives on campus to respond to a residence hall fire, Campus Police shall grant them access to the building and the RA control room where all the keys are kept. The police and the lead officer from the fire department shall assign keys as needed and log who has the keys. When the call is completed, the same two officers shall check all the keys back in and sign the log sheet. This will allow the fire department all access necessary while limiting and documenting the distribution of keys.
9. If requested, assist emergency crews.
10. An Emergency Command Post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the Command Post unless you have emergency response duties.
11. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a fire fighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.

Note: if you become trapped in a building during a fire and a window is available, wave an article of clothing (shirt, coat, etc.) outside the window as a marker for rescue crews. If there is no window, stay near the floor where the air will be less toxic. Shout at regular intervals to alert emergency crews of your location. Do not panic!

Important: After evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. A Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

G. Gas Leak

Cease all operations. Do not switch on lights or any electrical equipment. Do not smoke or use a lighter or matches. Remember, electrical arcing or any ignition source can trigger an explosion! Notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021. Vacate the area.

H. Hazardous Waste Spill

1. Any spill of a chemical or hazardous waste should be reported immediately to Campus Police, (304)336-8021.
2. When reporting, be specific about the nature of the involved material and the exact location. Campus Police will contact the necessary specialized authorities and medical personnel.
3. A Building/Facility Coordinator should evacuate the affected area and seal it off to prevent further contamination of other areas until the arrival of Campus Police.
4. Anyone who may be contaminated by the spill is to avoid contact with others as much as possible, remain in the vicinity, and give their name to Campus Police. First aid and cleanup by specialized authorities should be started as soon as possible.
5. If necessary, activate the building alarm.
Caution: If the building alarm does not operate, make sure you have alerted Campus Police.
6. When the building evacuation alarm is sounded, or you are told to leave by law enforcement or similar authority, walk to the nearest marked exit and alert others to do the same.
7. Assist people with disabilities in exiting the building!
Remember that elevators are reserved for people with disabilities' use in times of emergency. Do not use elevators in case of fire. Do not panic. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants, and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews.
8. If requested, assist emergency crews.
9. An Emergency Command Post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the Command Post unless you have emergency response duties.
10. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a fire fighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.
Important: After evacuation, report to your designated assembly area. Stay there until an accurate headcount is taken. A Building/Facility Coordinator will take attendance and assist in accounting for all building occupants.

I. Medical Emergency

In case of serious injury or illness, call Campus Police if you need assistance, by calling (304)336-8021 (off-campus emergencies dial 911 or 9-911). In cases of life-threatening emergencies call 911 or 911 immediately.

1. Give your name and describe the nature and severity of the medical problem and the campus location of the victim.
2. In case of minor injury or illness provide first aid care.* Use only sterile first aid materials.
3. In case of serious injury or illness, Red Cross trained personnel* should quickly perform the following steps:
 - a. Keep the victim still and comfortable. Do not move the victim.
 - b. Ask the victim, "Are you okay?" and "What is wrong?"
 - c. Check breathing and give artificial respiration if necessary.
 - d. Control serious bleeding by direct pressure on the wound.
 - e. Continue to assist the victim until help arrives.
 - f. Look for emergency medical I.D., question witness(es), and give all information to the paramedics.
 - g. For Pandemic Procedures see Addendum B, attached.

*Only Red Cross trained personnel should provide first aid treatment.

J. Psychological Crisis

A psychological crisis exists when an individual is threatening harm to himself/herself or to others or is out of touch with reality due to severe drug reactions or a psychotic break. A psychotic break may be manifested by hallucinations or uncontrollable behavior. If you observe concern behavior, please contact the Behavioral Intervention Team.

If a psychological crisis occurs:

1. Never try to handle on your own a situation you feel is dangerous.
2. Notify Campus Police of the situation, (304)336-8021.
3. Campus Police may involve other student support personnel such as the Director of Housing and Student Life, Counselor, etc. or their designees.

In extreme emergencies, contact the West Liberty E-Squad at 911 or 9-911.

K. Plumbing Failure/Flooding

Cease using electrical equipment. Notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021. Vacate the area.

L. Steam Line Failure

Notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021. Vacate the area.

M. Utility Failure

1. In the event of a major utility failure occurring during normal business hours, notify the Maintenance Department at (304)336-8009.
2. If there is potential danger to building occupants, or if the utility failure occurs after hours, weekends or holidays, notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021.
3. If necessary, activate the building alarm.
Caution: If the building alarm does not operate, make sure you have alerted Campus Police.
4. All building evacuations will occur when an alarm sounds continuously and/or when an emergency exists.
5. Assist people with disabilities in existing the building! Remember that the elevators are reserved for people with disabilities' use in times of emergency. Do not use elevators in case of a fire.
6. Once outside, move to your designated assembly area. Keep the walkways, fire lanes, and hydrants clear for emergency crews.
7. If requested, assist emergency crews.
8. An Emergency Command Post may be set up near the emergency site. Keep clear of the Command Post unless you have emergency response duties.
9. Do not return to an evacuated building unless told to do so by a firefighter, Building/Facility Coordinator, or similar authority.

Note: The Chief Operations Officer maintains a Utility Shutdown Flowchart.

Additional Information and Procedures for Electrical/Light Failure:

At present, campus building lighting may not provide sufficient illumination in corridors and stairs for safe exiting. It is therefore advisable to have a flashlight and portable radios available for emergencies. Contact Campus Police at (304)336-8021.

N. Ventilation Problem

If smoke odors come from the ventilation system, notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021, and cease all operations, and vacate the area.

O. Violent or Criminal Behavior

1. Everyone is expected to assist in making the campus a safe place by being alert to suspicious situations and criminal behavior and promptly reporting same.
2. If you are a victim or a witness to any violent/criminal offense, avoid risks!
3. Promptly notify Campus Police at (304)336-8021 as soon as possible and report the incident, including the following:

- a. Nature of the incident.
 - b. Location of the incident.
 - c. Description of person(s) involved.
 - d. Description of property involved.
4. Assist Campus Police and other law enforcement when they arrive by answering questions and asking others to cooperate.
 5. Should gunfire or discharged explosives threaten the campus, you should evacuate immediately if possible. For further information on violent intruder procedure, review Addendum C for the ALICE Training protocol.

What to do if taken hostage:

- a. Be patient. Time is on your side. Avoid drastic action.
- b. The initial 45 minutes are the most dangerous. Be alert. Don't antagonize the captor.
- c. Don't speak unless spoken to and then only when necessary. Maintain eye contact with the captor at all times, if possible, but do not stare.
- d. Try to rest. Comply with instructions as best you can.
- e. Be observant. You may be released, or you may escape; the personal safety of others may depend on your memory.
- f. Be prepared to answer the police on the phone. If medications, first aid, or restroom privileges are needed by anyone, say so.

ADDENDUM A
Administrative Procedure 18 – Media Coordination in Emergency Situations

Introduction

The President is the official spokesperson for West Liberty University. He/she may designate other individuals such as the Director of Media Relations or senior administrators to serve in this capacity.

Emergency or Crisis Situation

The Emergency Response Manual prescribes criteria used to identify emergency or crisis (terms used interchangeably) situations. Campus violence, explosions, chemical spills, an active shooter, hostage-taking, fires, extreme and/or sudden weather events are examples of emergency situations.

The term “crisis” often refers to the period immediately following a situation which has generated interest from the local, state, and/or national media.

I. Purpose

This procedure describes the role of the Media Relations office in collecting and conveying information to the public during or immediately following a crisis or emergency situation.

II. Situation

- A. Each emergency or crisis will require a unique public information response. The extent of the response will depend on the nature of the situation.
- B. Media Relations contacts include the print and broadcast media as well as social media. The function exists to maintain the flow of accurate information from the University to the public and to public officials.

III. Operations

A. General

- 1. To ensure that the University’s public information response to an emergency is quick, accurate, sensitive, and responsible, Media Relations will coordinate communications with all media. The director will be available until the emergency situation abates, working extended hours as needed. In consultation with the CIRT, the director may designate an office or other space for the media’s use.

2. If the President is unavailable, the hierarchy prescribed in Board of Governors Policy 27 (Order of Responsibility) will determine which administrator has ultimate authority for media management decisions.

B. Phases of Response

1. Immediate

- a. The President or designee will determine when an official statement should be prepared and released to the media. He/she also will consult with the CIRT and develop answers to specific questions that may be asked by the media. The official statement should ease public concerns and yet help contain the flow of information.
- b. The spokesperson will brief administrators and staff who may be assigned to answer media questions. In the event of a national-scale event, each individual will be assigned a national TV network and/or print publication (CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN, Fox News, Associated Press). These administrators and staff may not release any information other than the official statement. Only the President or other spokesperson may offer additional information.
- c. The telephone line (304)336-8400 will be designated as a crisis hot line with recorded messages offering information on the situation. This number will be made available to the media and the public at the beginning of a crisis. Recorded messages will be updated. Email and the webpage also will be used for campus-wide advisories. Additional information will be posted on the WLU Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- d. The spokesperson will gather basic information (type of emergency/disaster; time of event; actions taken, areas, and number of people involved; fatalities, injuries, and extent of damage) and prepare an official news release. Staff members will be kept apprised of breaking news, but they should not answer any media questions. Only the University President or designated spokesperson should answer questions, or be the source of answers to questions.
- e. The spokesperson will verify all sources of information.
- f. The spokesperson will clear any press release with the President before releasing it to the media.
- g. In cases involving employee or student injuries or deaths, the spokesperson will notify families before that information is released to the public.
- h. The spokesperson will coordinate the release of information with local hospitals and disaster agencies, providing as prompt, accurate, and complete information as possible.

2. Ongoing Period

In a crisis, the Director of Media Relations will (as applicable)

- a. Provide basic information about an emergency or threatened emergency to the public and campus community via the news media.
- b. Keep the public, media, and community informed of the situation and provide advice on what they should not do to prevent further damage or loss of life, panic, or interference with emergency response efforts.
- c. Keep the public, media, and community informed of where to seek temporary housing, food, relief, etc.
- d. Instruct the public on how to obtain further advice or information.

3. Recovery Period

Media Relations will issue media updates as long as necessary. After the crisis has passed, the director will participate in a meeting with the CIRT to review all actions taken and “lessons learned.” The director will compile an “after action” report for the President and the Emergency Coordinator.

IV. Assignment of Responsibilities

A. Responsibilities

1. The Director of Media Relations will prepare official statements for social, print and broadcast media.
2. The Director of Media Relations will be responsible for organizing press conferences. The director will present the conference. The President and/or other administrators may make announcements concerning the emergency and the University’s response to it.
 - a. Site: Small conferences (expecting up to the 8 media outlets): Board Room in Shaw Hall (provides easiest access to off-campus media). Large conferences (more than 8 outlets): R. Emmett Boyle Conference Room at ASRC. Other alternatives: Main Hall conference room, Elbin Library conference room, Fine Arts F111, or Arnett 202.
 - b. Parking: A Campus Police officer should be posted at the main entrance to campus, directing media to press conference site. Time permitting, media advisories can be sent that direct media representatives to designated parking areas.

- c. Access: For sensitivity/ safety reasons, media representatives should be escorted by a designated University representative to any location other than the press conference site.

B. Media Relations

1. Interviews: Before any University employee submits to an interview, he/she should be briefed on the “official statement” and advised as to potential questions/answers. Media Relations must be notified in advance of any interview.
2. General conduct: Interaction with the media should always be honest, courteous, and otherwise professional to encourage the media’s confidence in and respect for University personnel. Any staff, faculty or student with questions should call, email or text media relations.

ADDENDUM B
WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
Student Health Service

Response to Pandemic Event

Policy

In case of a pandemic event, the SHS facilities and staff will work in the best interest and health of the WLU students in accordance with the College Emergency Response Plan.

Action Plan Level One - Pre planning to confirmed cases of human-to-human transmission

Staff Education and Preparedness

- CIRT team to meet.
- Maintain ongoing communication with the Ohio County Health Department, the American College Health Association, OVMC, and Wheeling Hospital.
- Benchmark activities of other student health services.
- Staff participation in webcast and seminars related to diagnosis and treatment of current pandemic.
- Staff planning and rehearsal of disaster planning including participation in college drills. Schedule and frequency to be determined by evolution of infectious organism.
 - Recommendation of vaccination of all staff if available.
 - All staff fitted for N95 respiratory protection and in-serviced on use. Annual refit and review of use.
 - Have PPE available specific to transmission of infectious agent.

Clinical Issues

- Identify supply sources for PPE, medications including Tamiflu, antibiotics, etc.
- Maintain a stock supply of necessary equipment and meds based on projected estimates of prevalence rates.
- Coordinate a plan with EMS and local Emergency Department for patient transport
- Develop a plan for setting up the SHS as an infirmary until patient(s) can be transported to the Emergency Department.

Communication

External:

- Provide information to campus community through Director of Media Relations on status of infectious disease and travel advice via e-mail and post to SHS website with links to CDC and WHO.
- Provide training for relevant groups.
- Develop a communication implementation plan for Levels 2 and 3.
- Revise SHS signage.
 - Location of emergency phone outside SHS entrance if possible.

Internal:

Action Plan Level Two – Suspected/confirmed cases in surrounding area (in addition to Level One)

Staff Education and Preparedness

- CIRT team to meet.
- Initiate prophylaxis of contacts as deemed appropriate.
- Initiate prophylaxis of key personnel as deemed appropriate.
- Review of use PPE.

Clinical Issues

- Order additional PPE, medications including Tamiflu, antibiotics, etc.
- Contact the OCHD for updates or pertinent information from the CDC.
- Institute plan for patient transport to hospitals.
- Prepare infirmary as a holding area until patients can be transported to the Emergency Department.
- Isolate and monitor suspected cases in accordance with the OCHD based on characteristics of the disease.
- Identify contacts of suspected cases and isolate in accordance with the OCHD.
- Coordinate with WFF the cleaning and waste management protocol.

Communication

External:

- Provide information to campus community through the Director of Media Relations on status of infectious disease and travel advice via e-mail and post to SHS website with links to CDC and WHO.
- Poster campaign on self-care and directions for reporting cases in self and others and how to get medical care.
- Provide updates on status of pandemic for relevant groups.
- Dedicated phone line for individuals with signs/symptoms of illness.
- FAQs, general information for parents, community on voicemail queue.
- Activate emergency phone outside SHS entrance if possible.

Internal:

- Activate calling tree.
- Regular updates to Medical Director, Dean of Students, and the OCHD regarding numbers of patients seen, number in isolation, number being prophylaxed, supply issues, requests for information from media, communication issues.
- Communicate with parents of suspected cases.

Action Plan Level Three – Confirmed cases on campus (in addition to Level Two)

- CIRT to meet to discuss possible campus closure
- Maintain contact with the OCHD/CDC
- Support for Quarantine of Exposed as deemed necessary
 - Liberty Oaks, Grocery Delivery, Environmental Waste Clean-up

ADDENDUM C

ALICE Training Protocol

The ALICE method is focused on empowering students, faculty and staff alike to make decisions on how to respond in a violent intruder situation. Preparation is the first step in maximizing survivability and minimizing casualties.

A. Alert

- a. You will typically be alerted by sights or sounds in your area.
- b. Official notification will be sent using official Toppernet Alert System (texts, emails), website and WLU social media venues.

B. Lockdown

- a. If you are unable to evacuate, barricade in a safe space quickly. Utilize furniture and personal belongings to barricade doors and block windows in doors.
- b. Spread out within the room, do not huddle in a small space.
- c. Dial 911 or 9-911 when it is safe to do so.

C. Inform

- a. Gather information through 911 dispatcher you are on the line with, as well as through official notification systems of the University, listed in the Alert section.
- b. Continue to feed information to emergency response through the 911 dispatcher.

D. Counter

- a. If all other options have been exhausted or failed, and you are now facing a violent intruder, follow these steps:
 - i. Distract the intruder with noise and movement
 1. Throw objects at the intruder (these do not have to be heavy objects, the more you can throw at him/her, the more distracting.)
 2. Yell, scream, and make noise to further distract the intruder.
 - ii. Evacuate if possible during these distractions
 - iii. If evacuation is not possible, while distracting, utilize the “swarm” method and counter the intruder. Multiple persons working to take down the intruder, first isolating the arm with the weapon, and then the remaining arm and legs.
 - iv. Once intruder is down, continue to restrain appendages and head.
 - v. Remove gun from the room by dropping in a trash can and carrying the trash can out of the building. This prevents the intruder from being able to get back the gun. Do not hold the gun on the intruder! If the intruder gets free from the restraint, they may remove gun from your possession, or police may enter the room and assume you are the shooter.

E. Evacuate

- a. If you can get out of the area, do so quickly!
- b. Do not utilize cars to evacuate the campus, this can cause a traffic jam and prevent emergency responders from getting to victims.
- c. Utilize windows and doors to get out of buildings.
- d. Help wounded or disable persons to evacuate.
- e. The University will notify campus members of rally points and reunification points when it is safe to do so.