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**ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Campus Police Outreach Task Force**

**Wednesday May 5th, 2021 at 6:00pm**

**Meeting via Zoom Conference**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Jeff Drake (Chair) Campus Police

Brandon Misher Campus Police

Martha Garcia Kampen Chief Diversity Officer

Rocio Romero Student

Jiewon Jeong Student

1. **Welcome / Introductions** **Group**

* Task Force participants arrived and we greeted one another.

1. **Recap and comments on guest speaker Group**

* The group discussed Kyle Dooley’s public presentation by Zoom that was our last meeting on Friday April 23rd. Rocio thought it was a good presentation, and Jiewon said the number of regions in the United States that have CIT Training coverage was very impressive. Jeff commented that Kyle’s goal was to continue expanding CIT coverage to cover the entire state of Missouri, and ultimately to have the same level of coverage nationwide.

1. **Summertime safety and health tips Jeff and Brandon**

* Brandon shared how to recognize and treat various levels of heat-related illness:
  + Heat Rash – move person to cooler environment, hydrate
  + Heat Cramps – move to cool spot, apply ice to cramps, hydrate
  + Heat Exhaustion – move to cool spot, cool the skin, hydrate, possibly call ambulance
  + Heat Stroke – a life-threatening condition – call 911 – cool the person, moisten clothing, immerse in a swimming pool up to armpits if possible
* Jeff talked about tornado season awareness and response:
  + Emergency kit – water, first aid, flashlight
  + Have a plan – let family / friends know where you will be if phones aren’t working
  + Monitor weather and sky – recognize signs – shelf clouds, green tint to sky, lightning
  + Seek shelter – never disregard a warning – stay sheltered, resist urge to leave early
  + Protect yourself from flying debris – a real danger with high winds
  + Post-Tornado exit safely – power lines, gas leaks, falling debris
  + Check on others – help the injured but don’t enter damaged structures
  + Avoid standing water – possible electrocution or contamination hazards
  + Cellphone access limited – if cells are down or slow, try texting instead
* Brandon reminded the group of crime-prevention, increased activity at night in summer
  + More kids and others out in summer – lock cars, set alarms, outside lighting
  + Report suspicious activity to the police – car and other thefts are increasing
  + Be aware of surroundings – park in well-lit areas, be alert, go out in groups for safety
* Jeff shared some travel safety tips for hot-weather driving
  + Hydration – always carry fresh drinking water when summer driving
  + Food – have non-melting snacks – granola bars, nuts, dried fruit
  + First Aid – have a modest kit with bandages, pain meds, antibiotic and Benadryl creams
  + Tools – have a small tool kit – pliers, screwdrivers, pocketknife, duct tape
  + Lighting – have at least one flashlight – LED is bright and long battery life
  + Cooler – for long trips a cooler with ice to keep water/food cold
  + Fuel – never let fuel go below ½ tank in case of being stranded in heat for a long time
  + Extra phone charger – keep extra cellphone charger in travel kit so nobody borrows it
  + Flat tire – keep can of Fix-A-Flat for emergency tire repair to get you to safe place
  + Dead battery – keep jumper cables or a jump pack for you or to help others

1. **Closing comments / discussion Group**

* Rocio commented that her aunt and she decided to go on an errand once during a tornado warning, but decided to turn back because the light poles and their car began to shake and vibrate from the high winds, and the sky became darker. They returned to her home and took shelter.
* Martha thanked Brandon and Jeff for the safety tips, and was interested in sharing them with other students and staff. Jeff let the group know that Chief Bob Ronkoski sends out safety tips at different times of the year and that he would be sharing the tips we discussed in all-employee and all-student e-mails in the near future.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday May 19th, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom**