



Center of Excellence for Homeland Security-Emergency Management
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Education, Training and Exercise Consultation/Technical Assistance 2016

Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Course

Pierce College and staff from the Allied Health and HSEM Centers of Excellence hosted a two day FEMA funded workshop August 10 & 11 Nursing and Allied Health educators and faculty and over 65 hospitals and healthcare organizations. The training reviewed the fundamentals of disaster preparedness and recovery planning and identified core curriculum important for our Allied Health and Nursing Programs. There was no cost to participants and funding was from a FEMA training grant (DHS/FEMA Federal grant \$30,000 ROA). April 4-5, 2017, the next TEEEX MGT-341 course will be held at Yakima Valley College co-hosted again by the Centers for Allied Health and HSEM.

Cascadia Exercise June 2016 Center worked with the Pierce HSEM Degree Program, state and local Emergency Management agencies and the University of Washington to provide service learning and internship opportunities for educators and students who participated in the Cascadia Rising Exercise on June 7-10. Staff developed the training syllabus, Canvas discussion questions, HEESP quiz, and web sites needed to access videos. Twenty-two (22) students participated in the training and exercise. (Supported by FEMA training/exercise grant funds which allowed students to participate in the exercise, \$5,000 ROI).

Amtrak's Emergency Preparedness Exercise

One of the HSEM Associate's degree graduate student working for the Center and a current HSEM students both worked with Amtrak's Emergency Management personnel and participated on May 26, 2016 in a train rescue exercise. Students observed and served as actors.

Public Information Commission Center staff worked with the lead for the CTC Public Information Council to provide PIO emergency management risk communications training at their May 12 meeting. PIO staff from Pierce County Office of Emergency Management provided the training at no cost. The Council has requested assistance from the Center to identify additional PIO trainings and resources. The Council is very interested in ensuring all colleges in the state have well developed crisis communication plans and that is Communication professionals have adequate training and have exercised their plans. (DHS/FEMA Federal Grant funds \$1,000).

State Community College Preparedness

State Board of Trustee members asked about readiness to mitigate, respond to and recover from emergencies at their February meeting. The Center and the Security, Safety and Emergency Management Council (SSEM) provided technical assistance in the development of a college preparedness survey which was completed March 18. Results were summarized and are available on the State Board website.

Grays Harbor College Armed Intruder Exercise

“Many people commented to me that it was the best All College Day training we have ever had at GHC,” said President Ed Brewster in a letter sent to the Center thanking us for our Armed Intruder training our staff provided to the college on February 12. Dr. Brewster asked the Center to assist in delivering this session and over 100 participants including Grays Harbor Executive Team, faculty and staff participated along with area law enforcement agencies. Center staff served as exercise moderators and evaluators. A “*What is Your Plan*” handout was designed and distributed to participants. An after-action report is being completed by the Center and will be provided to Grays Harbor. For more information/safety resources see the Center’s Campus Safety:

<http://wp.pierce.ctc.edu/blog/hsemcoe/campus-safety/>

WAOA Presentation – In March at the WA Association of Occupational Educators (WAOE) annual conference the Center was asked to provide specialized training on best practices to respond to and survive an “*armed intruder encounter*” for faculty attending the conference. The Center’s Senior Fellow Jim Baylor designed the workshop and provided participants with a model syllabus addendum which provides guidance on how faculty can address this important issue. This instructional curriculum is a best practice that can be included in the first class day’s syllabus and the curriculum covers questions of safety on campus including. A guide called “*Surviving the Armed Intruder*” is available on our website.

Department of Homeland Security new Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop

Was hosted on September 1, by the Center and Pierce College. This program focused on training educators, SBCTC and other agency and organization emergency management staff on incident response planning to cope with workplace violence. Over 100 people attended this all day session. (DHS Federal Grant \$30,000).



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