



Committee on Campus Security and Emergency Management

October 22, 2013, Meredith College

In attendance: (**Meredith College**): **Ann Gleason**, Dean of Students; (**NC State University**): **David Rainer**, Associate Vice Chancellor, Environmental Health and Public Safety, **Andy Snead**, Director of Design and Construction Services, **Katina Blue**, Director of Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery; (**Saint Augustine's University**): **Roland Bullard**, Vice President of Student Development and Services, **George Boykin III**, Chief of Police; (**Wake Tech Community College**): **Mike Penry**, Chief of Police; (**William Peace University**): **Rocky Yearwood**, Vice President for Administration & Chief Financial Officer, **Josh Neaves**, Assistant Director of Residence Life & Housing; **CRC**: **Jenny Spiker**, Director.

Background for the meeting: Jenny Spiker welcomed the group and explained why this group had been convened: The leaders of two of CRC's standing committees—Student Affairs and Financial Officers—identified campus security and emergency management issues as first among those they'd like to explore within CRC. They decided to find representatives from various parts of the campuses who could get together and brainstorm about ways to share ideas and collaborate. This is the group resulting from that. She also explained how the CRC Board of Directors stresses that CRC projects should whenever possible connect the campuses to the community they share in Raleigh and Wake County, and these issues are a strong example of that emphasis.

Introductions and key issues on each campus:

****George Boykin** of Saint Augustine's: He said as chief of police they have been particularly interested in how to monitor access to the campus.

**** Josh Neaves** of William Peace as director of residence life and housing said he has a new situation this year because they have 160 students living off campus in Wolf Creek Apartments that are considered a part of campus in but with some new challenges since they are not on the campus itself.

**** Ann Gleason** as Meredith's dean of students is chair of her college's incident management team. That team creates drills for various scenarios and does behavioral threat assessments. She is also concerned about access to campus particularly because a city greenway goes through Meredith's campus. It is now legal for concealed weapons to be carried on those government-owned properties.

**** Mike Penry** as Wake Tech's chief of police said they have just started a campus police department after having contracted those services in the past. They are challenged with six different campuses so emergency notification is complex. They have recently initiated a behavior assessment team. Four of their six campuses now have police staffing.

**** Andy Snead** as NC State's "facilities guy" he oversees the grounds personnel and is particularly interested in responses to weather crises and other disruptive events. They're the ones who have to figure out how people get in and out of buildings.

**** Dave Rainer** as NC State's vice chancellor for environmental health and public safety works with the big picture for everything from parking and transportation to risk assessment and violence prevention. He and his staff struggle with how open the campus should be and how they can work with the property managers of the off campus housing where so many students live. His group also organizes the university's behavior assessment team.

****Katina Blue** as director of business continuity and disaster recovery at NC State keeps up with training opportunities at their own call center and other places. She has ties with the NC Emergency Management Center and is a representative to the EOC Emergency Operation Center. She said she would send this committee links and information to those resources.

****Rocky Yearwood** as vice president for administration & chief financial officer at William Peace is head of the CRC Financial Officers Committee, one of the groups that suggested this joint committee. He talked about the assessment that an officer from the Raleigh Police Department did for his university this year. He said the 72 page report is about risk assessment addressing such things as ingress and egress. The officer interviewed a variety of people on the campus but also came to the campus at various times including nights and weekends. He has already talked to the officer about spending some time with CRC members related to the topics in that report. Several committee members said they'd really like to hear more about what he and others at Peace learned from the assessment.

Other Topics:

****Should we consider an intercollegiate memo of understanding for crises?**

**** Katina suggested we consider sharing what we've already done and maybe allow people from other campuses to serve as observers at specific drills or presentations. She said we may be able to get grants for some projects.**

**** Ann asked if anyone else was using active shooter videos. Meredith and NCSU are both doing that.**

****David asked if the campuses have been successful in communicating with students through social media and other technology. He said they use something called Safe and Well through the American Red Cross.**

****Ann said her group is getting a lot of questions about connecting people during an emergency. David said they now have changed their registration system to an opt-out instead of an opt-in one. Mike said Wake Tech has a system that sends messages to all on-campus computers (It's called Linx).**

****Several people mentioned problems with the effectiveness of sirens.**

**** David said NCSU has always had difficulty defining the perimeter of the campuses. Now most major entry points have signage.**

****Several people suggested participation in online or web-based training sessions.**

****Andy wanted to know how people connect with their counseling centers. Ann said she thought the counseling centers at CRC schools already have a good network.**

****Some of the campuses have issues with homeless people and transients.**

Next steps:

1. Begin regular sharing of resources and what we've learned. Here are some examples of upcoming events or current resources:

- NC State has an upcoming drill on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 2-4 p.m. Katina invited committee members to observe. They do one every month.
- Mike at Wake Tech will send information about a training he went to recently for community colleges. They have one targeted to universities as well.
- George from Saint Augustine's talked about a training session at NC Central he attended.
- Katina's website has case studies to study. The link is <http://bc.ehps.ncsu.edu/case-studies/>

2. Develop a workshop bringing in representatives from three key community security sources: the Raleigh Police Department, Wake County and North Carolina Emergency Management.

3. Schedule another meeting of this group in November.