

Minutes of June 4, 2013 Safety Committee meeting

Present: Dennis Hopwood Absent: Lynn Woolson
Martha Holt
Lisa Perfetti
Bridget Cummings
Marge Jesse
John Eckel
Dona LaFran
John Hopkins
John O'Neill
Bryan Lubbers
Kathy Rogers

Guests: Michele Shaffer
Kate Rambo
Emily Hamada

12:05 Meeting called to order. WC EH&S will be conducting a presentation of "Shots Fired On Campus, When Lightning Strikes". The program offers training on how to respond to an "Active Shooter" emergency.

Kathy introduced the program to the group by explaining that "Shots Fired" was created by the Center for Personal Protection & Safety. The video was filmed in cooperation with Eastern Washington State University. The program has been reviewed by the College's administration among other groups and approved for showing to campus faculty, staff and students. Kathy reminded the group that although the topic is unpleasant to discuss, the possibility of an "Active Shooters" emergency must be recognized and discussed. Kathy asked the group to keep in mind the course goal is to "empower you to take direct responsibility for your personal safety and security by developing a survival mindset." She also said that each of us would have to make a personal decision if faced with an "Active Shooter" emergency. The choice to act or not act cannot be mandated. She said the College would like to be able to count on faculty and staff as leaders in an emergency, but would never expect anyone to sacrifice their own safety.

Presentation shown.

Discussion followed the video with the following points being made or questions asked:

Why is the College choosing to train on this topic at this time? Why not train on other potential emergencies such as wind storms or fires?

The presentation creates an emotional response in the viewer. Would the information be better presented in a non-emotional format?

Can our campus be "locked down" similar to public schools?

How will this information be presented to campus groups? Department or Division meetings?

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 1:00. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 13.

