

## CAS Safety Advisory Committee

### Agenda

June 28, 2023, 10:30 – 12:00 pm – ZOOM (link below)

In Attendance: Boerman, Bohnert, Burkholder, Graber, Gunn, Heineman, Jones, Loschl, Storms

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Review safety update from CAS Administrators' meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – Active Shooter training was presented by Mike Bamberger
  - a. Discussed how current building standards aren't necessarily best practice for threat prevention due to inability to lock doors, large glass windows, and minimal places to hide. This is mostly related to on-campus buildings.
  - b. Emphasized that individual units must review internal procedures annually and train people on the response to threats along with their other emergency preparedness concerns.
3. BES Intern Safety
  - a. Units are currently responsible for training their interns and it is the responsibility of the faculty to provide guidance on what is needed and to make sure that training is happening.
  - b. The college should try to track this to ensure that it is happening. Rachel does plan on reaching out to the students to find out about trainings, feelings of safety, etc.
  - c. Carrie will work with Rachel to find existing checklists and will get this information on the internship website and help to educate the faculty and interns so they are aware.
4. Eyewash station upgrades
5. University Fieldwork Safety Workgroup
  - a. Pete Loschl and Carrie Burkholder are participating in a university-wide workgroup on field safety that was initiated by the Research Office and EH&S. This came from the Workplace Safety Taskforce and their findings.
  - b. The workgroup also came from a new requirement by NSF that any fieldwork funded by their agency certifies that all fieldworkers have a safe and inclusive work environment.
  - c. The workgroup is defining "fieldwork" and will be focusing on an outcome in the next meeting.
  - d. We discussed the issue that so much training needs to be done in-person and is unique, so it is difficult to develop standard trainings and difficult to ensure the trainings are completed.
  - e. Units have used the Safety Purchase Assistance Program for first aid training, remote communication devices, and other field work safety needs.
  - f. We need to increase the training modules available in SciShield that are directly related to field safety to make it easier to access them and ensure they are completed.
6. Field/Remote working and considerations for training, tracking location, preparedness.

- a. With more and more people working remotely or in the field, there is a disconnect with emergency planning because we may not be able to track these employees and cover their emergency preparedness needs.
  - b. There is a struggle between the assumptions for personal freedom by faculty and this need to track whereabouts for safety purposes.
  - c. Currently, it is difficult to have accountability for people for our first responders.
  - d. Maybe we can learn from how field workers account for where people are at.
7. Follow up on Interpersonal violence – Case study from Adam Ward
    - a. Trina Young is the person in HR who can liaise with an employee and OSU DPS.
    - b. OSU DPS will liaise with outside law enforcement for our off-campus units.
    - c. Units shouldn't post anything publicly about an offender without consulting with DPS.
  8. Update to CAS Pesticide Use Policy
    - a. Carrie is continuing to work with this webpage and is hoping to have a website published by the end of summer term.
  9. Date for next meeting
    - a. October 11, 2023

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