Present: John Heckman, Roger Maas, Dain Gotto, Brad Hoey, Ron Blomberg, *Dave Scharenberg, Melissa Burlingame, Chalermsee Olson, Jeanine Clark Bremer, Arielle Kalvelage

* Committee Chair

Excused: Laura Beamer, Sgt. Alan Smith, Darren Mitchell, James Murphy, Patricia Liberty-Baczek, Comm. John Petragallo, Melanie Costello, Alfredo Garcia, Robert Kreml, Craig Kline, Ben Stone

1. Meeting called to order at 10:30
   • No new announcements pertinent to the committee

2. The minutes from December 16, 2016 were approved

3. Old Business:
   Mr. Scharenberg discussed the status of the March 1st tornado drill. Mr. Maas had discussed this with the Provost office and the decision was made not to go forward with the full drill due to the short notice. Since the January CSEQ meeting it has been decided to proceed with only limited involvement in Weather Preparedness week. NIU Weather, EHS and Public Safety will proceed with placing information on the various media sources that are available reminding students and staff to be familiar with upcoming severe weather season, where to seek shelter and means of finding that information on NIU Media sources. This will be done with the approval of Mr. Heckman’s office.

   That being said, the local warning sirens will sound and there will be a test warning coming across all NOAA weather radios on March 1st at the time of the state wide K-12 drill as these are outside of the control of NIU. Staff and students should be made aware of this through information on NIU media sources.

   Mr. Scharenberg discussed the status of Fire Drills. Currently EH&S and the campus Fire Safety Officer are working with groups within buildings to increase awareness and functionality of fire alarms, mass notification systems and Emergency Response Guides.

   Ms. Olson discussed what the Founders Library does for fire training and evacuation training each semester for staff and students.

   Mr. Heckman discussed the status of the “Building Captain” issue and indicated that discussions are taking place at the Administrative levels and is proceeding to be developed.

4. New Business:
The subject of Active Shooter training was raised. Ms. Olson mentioned that the library has invited NIU PD to perform Active Shooter training for staff and has very positive feedback. This type and other types of preparedness training are available through the NIU Public Safety department.

Also, active shooter response information is available in the NIU Emergency Response Guide, both printed versions and the smart phone app. under Maps. Mr. Hoey and Mr. Heckman discussed the mobile app in greater detail and the integration committee concerns into the app. Mr. Hoey will take those ideas and concerns to his department. Also Mr. Hoey discussed the training module that is available on the NIU Emergency web site. The following is the link: http://www.learn.niu.edu/niusafety/v2014/index.html

Mr. Heckman suggested that part of the role of the committee should be acting as a “sounding board” for improvements in safety related communications as the committee represents a good cross section of the campus and can provide valuable feedback.

Ms. Burlingame brought forth several issues raised at the October SPS Council meeting:

- Poor lighting in some areas of campus. Some areas are Newman Ln. Mr. Scharenberg indicated that there are still remaining portions of the campus lighting improvement project. Mr. Scharenberg will ask A&E of the project status.
- ADA accessible walkways, sidewalk cutouts and pathways. Mr. Gotto found maps on the 3D interactive map that shows these things. The mobile app also has this information.
- Hydration Stations in all buildings. Mr. Scharenberg checked with the Plumbing Shop. There are several requests across campus, none have been approved as yet. The cost per unit is $3500 to $5000 per unit depending on mounting and plumbing requirements.
- Lactation stations on campus. http://www.niu.edu/mptss/child-care/campus-lactation-stations.shtml. There are several locations already on campus and can be found following the above link. This issue is continuing to be addressed by other campus groups.
- Smoking in cars with the windows down and cigarette butts on the ground. http://niu.edu/smokefree/NIU-policy.shtml. This is a difficult issue to address and/or enforce. See the University policy at the link above.

5. Next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2016, 10:30 am in Lowden rm 304
6. Meeting adjourned at 11:25