

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 5, 2007

In attendance: Devin Brakob, Alena Pribyl, Steve Kupillas, Randy Walker, Bill Hanshumaker, Hollis Lundeen, Carol Cole (for Ford Evans)

Spiders

European house spiders (which are similar in appearance to hoboos) have been found on the grounds. Hoboos have not been found. If one is found, however, notify Randy or Hollis. We have a pest service contract, and we use no chemicals.

Fire Alarms

Bill brought up an incident in which a sensor in the Visitors Center malfunctioned and the general alarm went off. The building was evacuated and the fire department came in. The panel continued to chirp, and the alarm went off a second time. Bill asked the committee for advice regarding appropriate actions in a situation such as this.

The consensus, or the protocol: vacate the premises and allow the fire department to follow standard procedures, for each instance. If, however, this would be a repeat, contact the fire department and advise them of the situation, so they'll have a better understanding about what they may find. In each instance, the fire department rep is to turn off – or supervise – the turning off of the alarm.

Automatic emergency calls such as fire are routed through the main campus, which serves as our “call center”. At this time, we have no other options.

Action: Randy will ensure that all sensor replacement parts are available on-site.

Tsunami Drill: Will be held on Wednesday, October 17, at 10:00. There will be a Safety Committee meeting on October 3rd, and details will be firmed up at that time.

Action: Randy's megaphone will be housed down in the dorms, for use by the Resident Assistant in emergency situations.

Fire Extinguishers: There are different types of fire extinguishers; need to ensure that each is appropriate for its location. Halogen extinguishers are no longer legal. Old extinguishers are to be saved for use in fire extinguisher training. Valley Fire services all extinguishers, although each agency has a separate contract.

Action: Randy will check with Toby for a date for fire extinguisher training.

NOAA Lab Safety Training: Hollis will check with Thea Smith, Environmental Compliance Specialist, about this training, and will ask her to speak with Ford Evans.

OSU Lab safety training is available through OSU.

NOAA Clean-Up Day: Hollis will work with Thea to set up a clean-up day for the NOAA buildings.

Rodent Notice: This is the season when we're more likely to find four-legged critters invading offices and labs. Please do not leave doors propped open.