



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

The safety and security of the students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the College is of premier importance to Heartland Community College.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a formal committee for all Heartland Community College campus locations responsible for review, recommendation, and action implementation related to safety and emergency management issues of the College. The Committee will focus on issues related to safety, security, and emergency planning laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the Clery Act, Higher Education Opportunity Act, Higher Education Act, and the Illinois Campus Security Enhancement Act.

The College has employees with a wide array of skills and expertise. It is prudent to draw from this diverse knowledge and skills to review, recommend, and implement a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which serves the needs of the College community.

DEFINITIONS

Campus Security Enhancement Act of 2008: Refers to Illinois Compiled Statutes 110 ILCS 12/ as enacted and amended. This will include any guidance from the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules.

Clery Act: The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II of Public Law 101-542) which amended the Higher Education Act of 1965, and in 1998 was officially renamed the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*. Generally the Act is cited as the “Clery Act”.

High Education Act: Title IV student financial assistance programs covered under the Higher Education Act of 1965. For purposes of this committee, only those sections related to safety- and security-related requirements are applicable.

Higher Education Opportunity Act: The Higher Education Opportunity Act is Federal Public Law 110-315. For purposes of this committee only, those sections related to safety- and security-related requirements as they apply to the College.

POLICY TO CREATE COMMITTEE-MISSION

Effective immediately, the Emergency Management Planning Committee (EMPC) shall be formed and charged to review existing policies, procedures and actions, recommend policy and procedural changes, and implement approved recommendations to Heartland Community College campus policies, procedures or actions. The EMPC shall be the oversight committee for issues of safety and security on Heartland campuses, and will make recommendations to the President. Once the recommendations are approved, the EMPC shall be the oversight committee responsible for facilitating implementation, providing ongoing monitoring, and recommending any subsequent changes to the policy or protocols.

MEMBERSHIP

The members of the EMPC shall include employees from various College departments selected on the basis of specific skills and/or authority related to College emergency management. Local emergency response agencies also will be invited to participate on the EMPC based on their specific discipline and response capability. Additionally, the EMPC will include student representation.

The Chair of the EMPC shall be the Vice President of Business Services.