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The DEC Page

Steven Stoeger-Moore, President

My sincere thanks to all of the colleges for your efforts in completing the underwriting forms and applications for the 07/01/2024 DMI insurance renewal. Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) was the first to provide a completed submittal. Our compliments to Noah Hauptmann and the Chippewa Valley Technical College team for this effort. Specific information regarding the terms and conditions for the renewal will be part of the April and July quarterly meetings.

DMI continues to plan for our Risk Mitigation Forum held from April 17th – 19th. A combined meeting of the Risk Managers, Environmental Health & Safety, and Campus Security representatives will occur on April 17. The Annual Meeting, including the election of four (4) Board of Director positions will be held on April 18. The DMI Board of Directors are scheduled to meet on April 26th. Additional meeting logistics for the Risk Mitigation Forum can be found on the DMI Website in the “Meetings” tab under Risk Mitigation Forum – RMF 2024. (Link - <https://districtsmutualinsurance.com/meetings/>).

DMI is required by the WI Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) to hold an Annual Meeting of our members. Our past practice has utilized the Annual Meeting format to elect Directors to serve on the DMI Board. For the first time in our history, there are four (4) Director positions available. The breakdown for these four positions is as follows:

- A 1-year term is to be filled following the departure of Joshua Cotillier.
- Nominations are now closed for the vacant board positions. Additional information on the Annual meeting voting process will be forthcoming.

DMI is closely monitoring conditions for our July 1, 2024, renewal. Following the April Board of Directors meeting, we will have a firmer indication of the DMI renewal posture for the 2024-25 policy year.

Please be in touch with this office if you have any questions. Thank you for your 20 years of continued support.

REMINDER

College member Risk Mitigation Forum session and meal registration form is due no later than April 2, 2024. Send registration forms to suzette@districtsmutualinsurance.com.

The cut-off date for booking a discounted rate room at the Kress Inn and/or Cobblestone Inn is March 27, 2024.

Rooms are filling quickly at the Kress Inn and you may be directed to the Cobblestone Hotel for accommodations. The following links may be used to reserve a room online.

[Kress Inn Link](#)

[Cobblestone Hotels Link](#)

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~Unknown





From... Joe Des Plaines

As many of you know, since “retiring” from DMI, I have been providing some private risk management consultations, so I am trying to keep up with current issues. A significant concern currently seems to be the increasing incidence of irrational behavior by consumers of products and services.

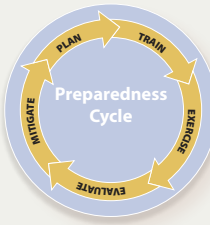
The following is an article that Jeff Blaylock, the Vice President of Kith, a communications firm, recently authored that addresses my concerns. I thought his piece might be of interest to Wisconsin Technical College staff. I believe his article, “Winning An Argument With Crazy” offers some sound observations and recommendations for dealing with certain behaviors in our current environment.

Winning An Argument with Crazy

Written by Jeff Blaylock, VP Client Services, Kith

Once rightfully relegated to the lunatic fringe, Crazy abounds today – it is everywhere. Crazy is encouraged, fanned, inflamed, and carried to new converts by the magnifying lens that is social media. Sadly, organizations that value their reputation must now pay attention to Crazy, because Crazy can drag down an otherwise admirable reputation.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)



Adventures in Academia... Why Colleges can't prepare for every apocalypse.

Brooke Bahr, DMI Emergency Management Consultant

In the halls of academia, where minds are shaped and knowledge reigns, there exists a perpetual dance between preparation and the unpredictable. Yes, dear reader, while colleges strive to equip their students with the tools to conquer the world, there are some challenges even the most astute leaders cannot predict. Take, for instance, the prospect of aliens landing.

Picture this... a finely manicured green campus lawn, students leisurely strolling between classes, the sun casting a warm glow upon the recently, renovated contemporary buildings. Suddenly, a bright green beam of light from the sky breaks the tranquility, followed by the outline of 9, shiny, saucer shaped objects. Out of the saucers emerge strange looking beings, clearly not of this world. Now, one might argue, “But surely, a College could prepare for such an eventuality!” Alas, dear friend, while colleges excel at many things—research, innovation, the occasional late-night pizza study session—alien contact tends to fall outside the purview of the syllabus.

We know that this is unlikely and that story hour with Brooke is sounding pretty unusual at the moment. However, the point of this story is to assure you that you are on the right path in terms of emergency preparedness. I get questions about practicing for unlikely events such as nuclear fallout, war and an occasional little green alien scenario. What I must point out is that we can prepare for what we realistically can predict, and we are aware of the impact it might present. If the mission of the College would change (possibly in its entirety), because of a major event, then it doesn't make sense to try and create an annex to our emergency plans for that. The College emergency plans, in general, should support any type of emergency that the College is capable of planning for. Due to the unpredictability of little green men or the different ways wars have affected nations, preparing for such a large-scale event may be entirely in vain.

So, dear reader, fear not, for in the face of the unknown, there is one lesson Colleges impart above all else: adaptability. And if the day ever comes when zombies roam the campus quad or aliens seek enlightenment in lecture halls, rest assured, the College community's Emergency Plans will serve as a guide through the unknown. Until then, see you at the next tabletop!



Violent Campus Protests: A Guide for Campus Security

Lance Klukas, DMI Security Consultant

The foundation of creating a crisis response plan to violent protests starts with a policy and procedure. Every college is required to have a policy on free expression and public assembly. This new required policy was announced in 2019 by the Wisconsin Legislature (**AB-444/SB-403**). To learn more about Public Assembly on Campus with policy examples, [click here](#).



College campuses have always been sites for social and political protests. While most protests are peaceful and uphold the right to free speech, some demonstrations escalate into

violence, endangering students, employees, and the college community. Ensure a robust crisis response plan is in place, specifically addressing violent protests. Include protocols for communication with students, faculty, staff, and the wider community. It's crucial for campus security teams and the college to be prepared to handle any situation.

Maintain strong relationships with campus groups, student leaders, and local law enforcement agencies. Monitor social media and other online forums for signs of potential unrest or planned protests that could turn violent. Identify high-risk events, potential flashpoints, and vulnerable areas on campus. Develop contingency plans tailored to

[Click here to read more](#)

DMI Presents... Topical Snapshots

“Managing Civil Unrest and Protests on Campus”

This month's DMI Presents...Topical Snapshots - “Managing Civil Unrest and Protests on Campus” is presented [To view the video click here.](#) by Brooke Bahr, DMI Emergency Management Consultant along with John Flannery, Director of Public Safety at Madison Area Technical College. Their one-on-one conversation addresses the question, “How do we prepare before our college experiences a situation such as civil unrest or a protest and keep everyone safe while respecting individual rights?” Whew...a big question to respond to. Rest assured, they have the answers. Let's watch and listen together.

