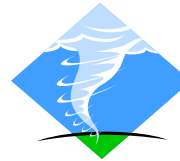


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CAMPUS EMERGENCY
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NON-EMERGENCY
Dial.....762-0222

Campus Closing
Dial.....232-8989

Are Your Ready For A Tornado?

According to the Michigan Committee of severe Weather Awareness (MCSWA), in 2006, 10 tornadoes were recorded in the state, which is below Michigan's average of 16. The 10 tornadoes did not cause any deaths or injuries, and damage was limited to less than \$1 million. Northern lower Michigan had a record number of severe events, while southwest lower Michigan was below it's average. The MCSWA encourages residents to review tornado safety procedures, and to have a preparedness plan in place.

Prepare a Home Tornado Plan

- ✓ Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be in your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place uncluttered.
- ✓ If you are in a high-rise building, you may not have enough time to go the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building.

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit Containing:

- ✓ First aid kit and essential medications.
- ✓ Canned food, can opener & at least 3 gallons of water per person.
- ✓ Protective clothing, bedding or sleeping bag.
- ✓ Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- ✓ Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members
- ✓ Written instructions on how to turn off Gas, Electricity and Water.

According to the Genesee County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office, there are currently 56 free standing sirens in Genesee County - 17 in Flint and the rest in several jurisdictions throughout the county. In addition, some out-county fire departments use their fire sirens for tornado warning or 70 mph or greater winds as well as fire. Check with your local fire department.

The sirens are tested the 1st Saturday of the month from March through November at 1:00 p.m. If a large fire is in progress, the test may be delayed for up to 15 minutes. The test lasts approximately 4 minutes and begins with a wavering tone, followed by a solid blast tone. Besides the test, the sirens are activated for **tornado warning, 70 miles per hour winds or higher** only. For a tornado or 70 mph winds or greater warning, the siren will give a solid one minute or three minute (depending on siren model) blast every 10 minutes until warning has expired. Remember the sirens are designed to warn people out-of-doors. Anyone hearing the siren should go to their TV or radio for information. If your local siren is not function-

BY ACT OF CONGRESS

MAY 15 IS POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

According to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) 151 law officers were killed while performing their duties during 2006, 3 of those officers were from the state of Michigan. On average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America every 53 hours. The first known line-of-duty death occurred in 1792, when New York's Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith was shot and killed. Since then, over 17,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers have died while performing their duties. New York City has lost more officers than any other department, with 688 deaths. The state with the highest number of police deaths is California with 1,420. Vermont has the fewest deaths, with 19. The state of Michigan has a total of 531 deaths.

On May 15, the Department of Public Safety will hold a memorial ceremony in front of the Prael College Center, at 11:45 p.m. to honor those who have lost their lives in the line-of-duty. Everyone is welcome to join in.

Police Officers Prayer

Oh Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe.

Watch over all policemen and law enforcement officers.

Father in Heaven please give them the strength, courage and perseverance to endure the unjust condemnation, danger and physical abuse to which they are at times subjected.

We recommend them to your loving care because they duty is dangerous.

Dear God, grant these brave men and women your almighty protection, unite them Safely with their families after duty has ended.

Amen



Mott Community College Department of Public Safety CLICK IT OR TICKET



According to the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) from May 21—June 3, 2007 law enforcement officers across the country will enforce seat belt laws as part of the CLICK IT OR TICKET mobilization. The goal is to not write tickets, but to get everyone to buckle up, especially teenage drivers and their passengers. This small step could save a life.

- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes are now the leading cause of death for 15-to-20-year-olds in America.
- ✓ According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 7,460 drivers ages 15 to 20 were involved in fatal crashes in 2005. In fact, during 2005, more than one in ten (or 12.6 percent) of all drivers involved in fatal crashes across the U.S. were drivers between the ages of 15 and 20.
- ✓ In those fatal crashes, 3,467 of the young drivers were killed; 2,171 passengers in the vehicles with the young drivers were killed; and 2,555 others were killed.
- ✓ In America, 15-to-20-year-olds account for only 8.5 percent of the population but accounted for 14 percent of the total number of traffic fatalities.
- ✓ Most of the fatalities involving young drivers are the young drivers themselves and their passengers.
- ✓ One of the biggest reasons for high teen driver and passenger fatalities is low seat belt use among teens.
- ✓ In fact, an alarming 62 percent of teenage passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes during 2005 were NOT wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.
- ✓ Alcohol use among teens is also a factor. In 2005, 23 percent of the young drivers ages 15 to 20 who were killed in crashes had blood alcohol concentration (BAC) levels of .08 or higher at the time of the crash, despite the fact that the minimum drinking age in every state is 21.
- ✓ Regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.
- ✓ Nationally in 2005, 77 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants who were in a fatal crash and who were buckled up, survived the crash.
- ✓ When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and mini-vans.
- ✓ Yet nearly one in five Americans (19 percent nationally) still fail to regularly wear theirs .
- ✓ One of the deadliest outcomes in any vehicle crash occurs when passengers get ejected from the vehicle—with most ejections coming from failure to wear seat belts.
- ✓ If fact, 75 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were totally ejected from their vehicle in 2005 were killed. But only one in 100 drivers and passengers in fatal crashes who were wearing their seat belts were totally ejected.
- ✓ Motorist can increase their odds of survival in a roll over crash in a light truck by nearly 80 percent by wearing their seat belt.

Unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse—your life you need to always remember to “Click it or Ticket” there will be hundreds of state and local law enforcement and highway safety officials across the nation during mid-May thought Memorial Day for an aggressive mobilization crack down on low seat belt use and to reduce highway fatalities especially among teens.



Nominees:
Maya Franklin
Jim Malcolm

**Congratulations Public Safety
Golden Apple
Nominees, Winners and Retirees
From the Department of Public Safety**

Golden Apple Award:
Theresa Lock

Retiree:
Gary Battiste