

Office of Safety and Security
Feb. 17, 2018 Event Update
(Email to Campus Community)

Good Morning Stephens Community,

We are less than two weeks away from hosting the February 28 Active Assailant training exercise. On Thursday representatives from the Columbia Police Department, Columbia Fire Department, University of Missouri Hospital and Ambulance Service, and Stephens College met to begin to finalize plans for the exercise. I thought this would be a good opportunity to pass on some pertinent information in regard to the exercise and what could be expected on campus.

On February 25, between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm Dr. Gail Humphries-Mardirosian will meet with the twenty theatre student volunteers. Starting at 3:00 pm Sergeant Michael Hestir will meet with both the student volunteers and the faculty/staff volunteers. During this time the volunteers will receive important information in regard to their roles during the training exercise. This meeting is mandatory for any volunteer. There is still an opportunity to volunteer to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact me and I will add you to the list of volunteers.

On the day of the exercise, February 28, we can expect well over two hundred participants converging onto campus starting at 4:30 pm. At 5:00 pm all occupants of the Learning Center (Walter, Dudley Hall, Columbia Foyer, Windsor Auditorium, Helis Communication Center, Pillsbury Science Center, Hugh Stephens Library, Davis Art Gallery, and Catherine Webb Studios) will need to vacate and a floor by floor sweep will be conducted. Both the library and LRW lots will also need to be clear of parked vehicles. The city will close Walnut Street from College Avenue to Ripley Street, Melbourne Street from Windsor Street to Walnut Street, and Ripley Street from Walnut Street to Broadway.

Classes that regularly meet in the Learning Center on Wednesday evenings have been relocated to other areas of campus. During this time on campus parking will be difficult to find. I recommend to those who commute to classes to park in the city garage next to Sampson Hall. Parking is free after 6:00 pm.

Just prior to the start of the training exercise, Safety and Security Department will send out a RAVE alert notifying campus that the exercise is underway and not to be alarmed. During the exercise all but the previously mentioned areas of campus will continue to be open and operate normally. Security will still have staff to respond to calls for assistance.

Please know that safety for all participants and our campus community is our first priority. There are several layers of safety checks built into the exercise and it will be conducted under tight control of trained instructors. If you have any questions don't hesitate to email or phone me.

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