

Districtwide Emergency Preparedness Report

Prepared for Grossmont College

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Evacu-Trac Training

During the final weeks of summer, at the request of Dean Hicks, Daryl Johnson, the district's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, conducted a series of hands-on **Evacu-Trac chair trainings** over two weeks in Building 36. Classified employee Carrie Ottalagano played a vital role in coordinating all aspects of the training, from scheduling to maintaining communication with participants. Her helpful and friendly approach was invaluable throughout the process. The training sessions covered setup, operation, safe stair descent, assisting individuals with mobility challenges, and emergency evacuation procedures. Feedback was positive, with employees feeling more prepared for emergencies.

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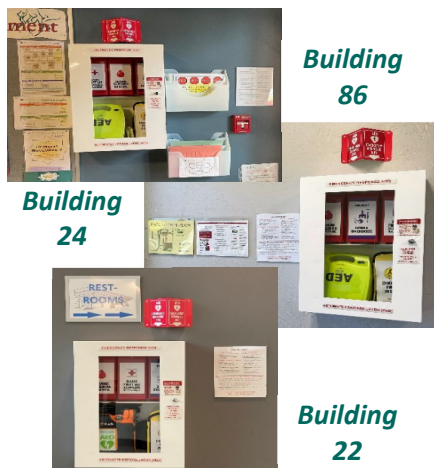


Additional staff participated, and it was encouraging to hear about the proactive pre-identification of staff and students who may need evacuation assistance.

Building Marshal Program

As the fall semester commenced, recruitment efforts for the emergency preparedness program began in earnest. **Dean of Student Affairs Sara Varghese** actively supported this initiative by distributing the recruitment flyer and referring key college leaders for training. The training sessions, which included both building marshal and fire extinguisher instruction, provided hands-on learning opportunities to enhance safety skills.

An updated, streamlined training manual facilitated trainee engagement, allowing participants to follow along smoothly, ask questions, and gain practical insights. Later in the month, a Zoom-based refresher training was conducted for current volunteers from both colleges, effectively reinforcing evacuation procedures and safety knowledge.



AED & First Aid Emergency Supply Program

Since June, **Daryl Johnson**, the classified employee leading this **project**, has overseen the replacement of outdated AEDs and cabinets with new, larger units that include emergency first aid supplies. A total of **36 new AED units** were purchased districtwide, over **80%** of which are now in areas previously without AEDs. This initiative increased the number of AEDs on the Grossmont campus by **115%**, and a **100% increase in the availability of emergency first aid supplies**, adding coverage in **nine additional buildings**.

Daryl's colleagues from the classified staff, **Cheyenne Castellanos**, **Leomar Hunkhe**, and **Maricruz Pulido**, have been instrumental in supporting these efforts, ensuring smooth implementation across the campus. Special thanks go to **Josh Ketchum from Facilities Maintenance and Operations (FMO)**; his support was essential for efficient completion of the installation phase. The collaborative efforts of these dedicated classified employees have been vital to the success of this campus-wide safety upgrade.

GCCCD Emergency Preparedness Website: <https://www.gcccd.edu/public-safety/emergency/index.php>