

Good afternoon,

Since my January 14 *Chronicle*, in which campus security, emergency preparedness and safety were salient themes, we are reminded that incidents of campus violence and shootings are a sad part of our culture.

Today, following the gunfire at Lone Star College, North Harris campus, CSN is ever mindful that tragedy can happen at any time. As news unfolds about the injuries suffered there, our hearts go out to the people of the Lone Star College System. Too recently, we have witnessed similar situations, including the terrible shootings last week in Kentucky at Hazard Community & Technical College, in St. Louis at the Stevens Institute of Business & Arts and the Nov. 30 murder at Casper College in Wyoming.

As part of CSN's comprehensive emergency management plan, this semester CSN will begin requiring all faculty and staff to complete the FEMA IS-907 Active Shooter course.

I recently had the opportunity to take this training and found it to be a useful reminder of what to do during these events.

The IS-907 Active Shooter course is available at no charge at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS907.asp>.

Certain types of incidents cannot be avoided, but by spending 30 to 45 minutes completing this course, you will be better prepared to protect yourself and your students or coworkers.

You will hear more about this from the Office of Emergency Management and the Office of the Senior Vice President of Finance & Administration as we work to ensure that every employee, every part-time employee, every volunteer and as many students as possible have taken this course.

Once you complete the training, you will be asked to take a quiz. Please e-mail a copy of your completion certificate by the end of the spring semester to mary.edwards@csn.edu and cc your direct supervisor so that we know you have successfully finished the module. If you have any questions, you may contact the Office of Emergency Management & Preparedness Director [Greg Gammon](#).

Again, the January 14 *Chronicle*, was largely dedicated to informing the community about the college's emergency preparedness plans, including the new Emergency Management Plan. Please [read it](#). I would like to once again encourage you to sign up for emergency alerts at <http://www.csn.edu/alert> to receive an email, text message and voicemail in the case of an emergency at CSN.

Finally, I urge you to please be aware of your surroundings at all times and contact the [CSN Police Department](#) if you see anything suspicious.

Sincerely,

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