Emergency Evacuation Safety Information

In 2015, the State of Michigan passed an amendment to state fire code for institutions of higher education. Previously colleges and universities were required to conduct the same number of emergency drills per year as K-12 schools (8 fire drills, 2 tornado drills and 1 lockdown drill). New state law (MCL 29.19a) now calls for a single fire drill each semester in residential housing.

In addition to the reduction in the number of emergency drills, the new law requires all employees who have a teaching role with the institution to annually receive training on emergency evacuation. Specifically, the law states, “A postsecondary educational institution shall ensure that all instructional staff are trained in fire drill procedures before the beginning of each academic year.” Since all employees are considered to have an educational role for the institution, all employees are required to complete this training. Proof of this training must be documented and a report sent to the State Fire Marshal’s office. The report is reviewed annually by the State Fire Marshal’s office for compliance with the law.

The attached Safety Information document meets all the requirements of the law. We ask that you review it. If you would like to review the entire College Emergency Response Plan, you can find it online at https://reason.kzoo.edu/crisismgt/.

If you have any questions in reference to the emergency information, please contact the Campus Security 269-337-7321.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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