The Challenge of University Resilience: Practicing What We Preach & How Faculty & Staff Can Make a Difference

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Situational Awareness: Community Empowerment and Security Multiplier

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About Me

- 7 years law enforcement
- Thousands of training hours
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The stuff that really matters...

- Berry College
  - 28,000 acres - The largest campus in the world
  - 2000 undergraduate students
  - 400 graduate students
  - 600 staff/faculty
  - Approximately 3000 permanent community members
  - Approximately 1000 visitors a day.
  - 12 fulltime sworn officers
Situational Awareness....

- What are your capabilities?
- What factors are changeable and what factors are static?
- Who are the players on your security team?
- How can you expand that team beyond its traditional definition?
- Awareness vs. paranoia...Healthy Limits
What are really we achieving when we are vigilant?
▪ What does locking a door accomplish?
▪ What does investigating a suspicious person accomplish?
▪ What is the real gain in addressing maintenance/security concerns?

Minimized Opportunity!!!
Situational Awareness Defined

- Seeing
- Smelling
- Touching
- Hearing

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
Assessing the Norm

- Using your senses to read the environment
- Using your brain to assess the environment
- Using your instinct to fill in the gaps
The goal of this basic level of training is to expand our security force by using the 3000 permanent members of our population to supplement the 12 police officers that provide security 24/7/365.

So what are we teaching?
The Wal-Mart Greeter....
Good
Bad
A word from Calvin....

The more you know, the harder it is to take decisive action.

Once you become informed, you start seeing complexities and shades of gray.

You realize that nothing is as clear and simple as it first appears. Ultimately, knowledge is paralyzing.

Being a man of action, I can’t afford to take that risk.

You’re ignorant, but at least you act on it.

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All problems cannot be prevented. There are times when despite your utmost efforts you will be confronted with problematic situations.

Your training and experience, and that of those around you, may be the most immediate tools with which to navigate these situations.