

Stockton Emergency Response Team Awarded Grant, Trailer for Use in Campus Emergencies

Only College in New Jersey to Be Recognized

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey was awarded a utility

“This trailer and its contents represent excellent tools for use in almost any College emergency situation” stated Dennis Lepore, Stockton’s health and s

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Stockton's CERT members meet twice a year. One meeting is for a tabletop exercise and the other is for a full-blown, hands-on drill that is kept a secret until it happens. These drills help Stockton's CERT members work on their response to simulated emergencies along with working side by side with the responding emergency personnel. These exercises are held in concert with local, county, state and federal municipalities and agencies.

Stockton has one of the safest college campuses in the nation and has implemented a number of safety initiatives including an emergency text messaging system, "Osprey Cam" video surveillance (campus-wide), campus lock-down capabilities and numerous other measures.

"Having this trailer and generator at our disposal is just one more tool that makes Stockton a safer place for our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Lepore said. "It provides us with the opportunity to dispatch emergency equipment to locations anywhere on campus at a moment's notice."

In addition to his work securing the trailer and equipment for Stockton's use, Lepore regularly presents seminars to municipalities and organizations on how to successfully apply for similar funding. He is a member of the Atlantic County Fire Prevention Association and the Atlantic County Haz Mat Team. He is a NJ fire official, State fire safety instructor level 2 and a founding member of Stockton's Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society.

He represented Stockton College and the State of New Jersey at the FEMA sponsored Region II Community Preparedness Forum at the Greater New York American Red Cross Headquarters last year. Lepore said it was a great opportunity to discuss Stockton's preparedness and response capabilities and network with other Citizen Corp/Cert Directors from New York, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Virgin Islands, Rhode Island and