SUBJECT: What Do CEOs Want to Know About – Disaster and Emergency Preparedness?

Our most recent CEO Survey, exploring disaster and emergency preparedness in community colleges representing League membership, questioned leaders about their readiness to address disaster and emergency situations, including plans, drills, and funding. A number of survey participants provided responses to “other”; some of these responses are listed below.

How often is the response/recovery plan reviewed for possible revision? Along with the selections listed in the survey, colleges also offered answers such as “quarterly,” “every hurricane warning,” and “a plan is being developed.”

How often are campuswide emergency/disaster drills held at your college’s campus(es)? Additional examples included “drills in residence halls four times a year,” “every hurricane warning,” “table top exercises (not drills),” “tornados (annually),” “fire (annually),” and never.

How often are emergency/disaster drills for specified emergency personnel on your campus(es) held? Additional responses included “core member table top exercises (quarterly),” “as needed for specific training,” “review for safety members,” “quarterly,” and “currently working on a plan.”

Which of the following elements are included in your disaster and emergency plans? Additional elements being used to assist colleges with their disaster and emergency plans are “administration determinations for closure,” “agreements with other colleges to sustain services,” “lock down procedures,” “technology support at shelters in the community,” “special program for the homeless,” “providing a safety manual,” “data storage (in progress),” and “partnerships with other state and local agencies (in progress).”
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A Survey of and for League Alliance CEOs

These survey results were compiled from the responses submitted by your fellow CEOs as part of the Alliance quarterly CEO survey service. The response rate for this survey was 18% (n=122). You can access results of past Alliance CEO surveys by clicking on the Publications tab in the League’s iStream (www.league.org/istream).

1. Does your college have a comprehensive, collegewide disaster/emergency response plan?
   - Yes: 79.5%
   - No: 19.7%
   - No Response: 0.8%

2. Does your college have a comprehensive, collegewide disaster/emergency recovery plan?
   - Yes: 40.2%
   - No: 59.8%

3. How often is the response/recovery plan reviewed for possible revision?
   - Monthly or more frequently: 3.3%
   - Semiannually: 15.6%
   - Annually: 42.6%
   - Less Frequently than annually: 15.6%
   - Other: 18.0%
   - No Response: 4.9%

4. How often are campuswide emergency/disaster drills held at your college's campus(es)?
   - Monthly or more frequently: 1.6%
   - Semiannually: 23.0%
   - Annually: 16.4%
   - Less Frequently than annually: 43.4%
   - Other: 12.3%
   - No Response: 3.3%

5. How often are emergency/disaster drills for specified emergency personnel on your campus(es) held?
   - Monthly or more frequently: 3.3%
   - Semiannually: 27.0%
   - Annually: 23.8%
   - Less Frequently than annually: 33.6%
   - Other: 8.2%
   - No Response: 4.1%
6 Is a process in place for capturing lessons learned from drills and using those lessons in revising the plan?

- 65.6% Yes
- 31.1% No
- 3.3% No Response

7 Which of the following elements are included in your disaster and emergency plan? (Check all that apply)

- 88.5% Emergency management team
- 38.5% Backup emergency management team
- 87.7% Communications system
- 48.4% Backup communications system
- 77.9% Emergency preparation checklist
- 77.9% Building security processes
- 50.8% Equipment security processes
- 83.6% Campus closure processes
- 56.6% Shelter processes for on-site students, employees, visitors
- 75.4% Evacuation processes for students, employees, visitors
- 51.6% Use of campus facilities as refugee centers
- 27.9% Photographs of college facilities and other assets
- 71.3% Media and public relations processes
- 63.1% Remote data storage in a place unlikely to be affected by the same disaster/emergency situations
- 75.4% Partnerships with local, state, and federal emergency response and recovery organizations
- 42.6% Counseling services for employees and students affected by the disaster/emergency incident
- 5.7% Other

8 Does your college have funds specified for disaster and emergency response?

- 15.6% Yes
- 84.4% No

9 Does your college have funds specified for disaster and emergency recovery?

- 15.6% Yes
- 83.6% No
- .8% No Response

10 Has your college experienced an emergency or disaster situation that led to implementation of the college's disaster and emergency plan?

- 34.4% Yes
- 65.6% No
If your plan has been used in an actual emergency or disaster situation affecting your college, how would you rate its adequacy?

- 4.9% Totally inadequate
- 6.6% Somewhat inadequate
- 33.6% Somewhat adequate
- 7.4% Fully adequate
- 47.5% No Response

----------- Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey -----------

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