Aloha Leeward!! Welcome to all new and returning faculty and staff. The focus of my comments this semester is on health, safety, and emergency response.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE**
The senior campus leadership and members of the College’s emergency management team, to include our Campus Security officers, are trained in specific protocols with regards to emergency preparedness and response. These protocols – referred to as the National Incident Management System or NIMS – are the same ones used at the federal, state, and local levels. NIMS provides the basic framework that governs our response to any emergency situations that may impact our campuses – whether it is a hurricane, active shooter, power outage, drug bust, theft, a motor vehicle break-in, or any other potential or actual campus disruption. NIMS and the Incident Command System (ICS) structure, ensures that there is uniformity in the management of any emergency or incident, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

Nothing is more important or is taken more seriously than the health and safety of you, our students, and our learning and working environment. We take this responsibility very seriously. But make no mistake, the health and safety of our campus community is a responsibility that is shared by all of us. Whether it is helping a student or a colleague in need, politely directing a smoker to a designated smoking area, educating students about the campus ban on riding skateboards, or assisting in a medical emergency, all of us have a role to play in responding to and helping to keep our campuses safe. Knowing when to get involved and what to do is all part of our continuing education and training. Here are a few points to remember...

1. **First and foremost – the first call in any life-threatening situation is to 911.** First responders will be here in a matter of minutes to lend their assistance, expertise, and to assume Incident Command responsibilities. **Secondly, always call campus Security (455-0611 or x611).** 911 responders are usually looking to our Security officers to be an escort and/or brief them on the conditions at the scene. This saves valuable time – especially in situations where every minute may be critical.

2. **For all other emergencies, please call Campus Security (455-0611 or x611).** Our Security officers are the campus’ first responders. Each of our officers are trained and certified in first aid, CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator), MOAB (management of aggressive behavior), PPCT (pressure point control tactics), as well as being licensed by the State of Hawai’i’s Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs through the Board of Private Detectives and Guards as required by state law.

3. **If Campus Security is called or is responding to an emergency situation or a campus disruption, please ensure that you do not interfere.** Let our Security officers do their job. In an emergency response situation, tensions, stress, and adrenaline is running high. Anything can happen. The last thing our officers need is to have an incident escalate due to the involvement of others, thereby potentially compromising their own safety and/or the safety of others. Our Security officers will let you know if they require any assistance.

*Thank you for your help in keeping Leeward Community College safe!*
CAMPUS SECURITY NEWS
We are pleased to share with you the promotion of one of our Security Officers and the hiring of our newest campus security officer. Chris Segawa, a long-time Leeward officer has been promoted into a supervisory role and has primary responsibility for the safety and security functions for our Waianae campus. The additional security-position at Waianae was compliments of a UHCC-system wide budget request of the State Legislature specifically related to increasing the campus security staffing levels at each of the 7 colleges.

Filling Chris’ position at the Pearl City campus will be our newest Campus Security officer – Matthew Christman. Matthew has already begun to fulfill his mandatory training responsibilities with us and will soon be visible around campus. Please extend your Aloha to Matthew as the newest member of our ‘ohana!


Finally, here are some fast-facts regarding our Campus Security team:

• The number telephone calls to x611 (Campus Security) averages on the order of 8,000 to 10,000 calls per year! Most of the calls fall into the categories of a) lost and found, b) contractor assistance, c) campus incidents and disruptions, d) complaints, e) room openings, f) background checks by other state/federal agencies, g) and yes, directory assistance.

• Over the last 14 years, a total of 1,275 incidents were officially recorded on our campuses – an average of 91 per year. Calendar year 2014 saw the fewest number of incidents reported – 64 – during this time span.

• Of the 1,275 incidents officially recorded over the past 14 years, here are the top 10 most frequent incidents:
  1. Trespasses: 133
  2. Miscellaneous-Public: 126
  3. Criminal Property Damage: 119
  4. Theft: 115
  5. Student Conduct Code Violation: 109
  6. Sick-Cared For: 104
  7. Injured-Cared For: 92
  8. Motor Vehicle Accident: 89
  9. Unauthorized Entry-Motor Vehicle: 56
  10. Harassment-Non-Sexual: 54

• We have a total of 8 campus security officers providing 24/7 security coverage, 365 days per year, with 3 shifts per day. Not once since record keeping has begun, has there been a single shift that was not covered by a campus security officer!