



NEWSLETTER

WCC POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WHITE

Unaware, unprepared, "Tuned out"

YELLOW

Relaxed, prepared, aware. Good situational awareness

ORANGE

Identified potential threat. Ready to act, wargaming possible reactions.

RED

Taking action, high alert, actively engaged in emergency response.

BLACK

Panicked, frozen, in shock, caught off guard. Broken down mental and physical response.

CONDITION YELLOW

In our last issue, we discussed the five colors of the Cooper Color Code in reference to your daily "state of awareness." In this issue, we are going to discuss the second color, YELLOW, which is the most important color in my opinion.

This is a relaxed state of general alertness with no specific focal point. You are not looking for anything or anyone in particular; you simply have your head up and your eyes open. You are alert and aware of your surroundings. If you are difficult to surprise, you are difficult to harm. You do not expect to be attacked today. You simply recognize the possibility.

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WCC POLICE DEPARTMENT
CARROLL HALL, ROOM 107
276-223-4713
EMERGENCY DIAL 911

CALL US!!!

The PD wants our faculty, staff, and students to know that if you are leaving campus late at night, we will escort you to your vehicle. If you feel uncomfortable walking alone, please call us at 223-4713 and we will make sure you arrive to your vehicle safely!!

TORNADO DRILL

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Tornado Drill that was held on Thursday, October 12th. It was flawless and we appreciate the assistance from our building wardens, faculty, staff, and students.

HALLOWEEN

It's spooky season, and WCC PD wants to join in on the fun. Stop by our office and take a look at our office decorations. If you're not scared!!!

CONDITION YELLOW CONTINUED

Here's an analogy of condition yellow. You are taking a walk at a local park that many people use for exercising. You have walked this park numerous times and have always felt safe and are not expecting anything bad to happen to you today. However, you are aware of the possibility that something could happen. Suddenly, you notice a person who has begun walking behind you through the park and it seems this person is following your every step. Is this person enjoying the same route as you? Or is he stalking you? Your recognition of this as a potentially dangerous situation is being in condition yellow.

Anything or anyone in your immediate vicinity that is unusual, out of place, or out of context should be viewed as potentially dangerous, until you have had a chance to assess it. Someone who looks out of place, or someone engaged in an activity that has no obvious legitimate purpose, should be looked over carefully.

What should you have done in the analogy above? When your mental radar picks up a blip, the hair on the back of your neck stands up, or you get an overall uneasy feeling, you must elevate from condition yellow to condition orange. We will discuss condition orange in depth in our next issue.





OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

I would like to introduce everyone to Todd Matthews. Todd is a Marine Corp veteran who held top secret security clearance while working at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing China. Todd begin his law enforcement career in 2009 and is currently a Corporal in the Patrol Division at the Wytheville Police Department. Todd has completed specialized schools such as Basic SWAT and the FBI Sniper School. He began as a part time officer at the Wytheville Community College Police Department in 2020 while still working at the Wytheville Police Department. Todd is instrumental with WCC PD in the areas of training and firearms.

Todd's hobbies include anything dealing with firearms, long range shooting, and gardening.

I would like to personally thank Todd and his son, who is currently enlisted in the Marine Corps, for their military service.

I would also like to thank Todd for his service to our Police Department and what he does to keep our campus community safe.

If you see Todd walking around, please stop and say hello!!