



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 ORANGE

In our last two issues, 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 third color, **ORANGE**,

We left off in our last issue with a scenario of you walking in a park and you notice that someone has begun walking behind you. It seems that this person is following your every step. After identifying a situation such as this, you should immediately go into Condition Orange which involves making a plan for your survival and escape.

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

MAINE STRONG!

Our thoughts are with the families and the community of Lewiston, Maine after the horrific Active Attack that took place on October 25th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that if you are on campus and have a flat tire, lock your keys up in your car, or find yourself with a dead battery....call us and we will help!! The PD works with the maintenance department to get you back on your way if you find yourself in any of these situations!!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

See Page 3 for Halloween Safety Tips!!!

CONDITION ORANGE CONTINUED

Specific alert. Something is not quite right and has your attention. You shift your primary focus to determine if there is a threat. The difference between Yellow and Orange is you shift your primary focus from enjoying your walk to focusing on this person. Your mindset shifts to "I might have to defend myself against that person today", focusing on the specific target which has caused the escalation in alert status. When you shift upward to Orange, you begin to focus your attention on this individual that caught your eye, but you do not drop your guard so that you are not blind-sided by his friends or even someone's pet being walked near you. You begin to watch him and assess his intentions. Once you figure out he's not a threat, you can dismiss him.

As you assess if the person that was following you is a threat, you start to play the "What if..." game in your mind, to begin formulating an Immediate Action Plan (IAP). This should set your mindset to condition orange..."I will run, scream, fight." If he acts suddenly, you at least have an IAP for dealing with him immediately and you can react quickly. In Condition Orange, you set a mental trigger: "If that person does "X", I will need to stop him".

If the threat proves to be nothing, you shift back to Condition Yellow. If, after assessing him, you believe he is an actual threat, you then escalate to the highest level, Condition Red. By having a "pre-made decision" already set up in your mind, you can move physically fast enough to deal with the problem.

In the next issue, we will discuss Condition RED and BLACK together because they coincide with each other!

Happy Halloween

HALLOWEEN TIPS!!



CREATE A SECRET FAMILY CODE WORD. NO ONE BELIEVES ANYONE WITH A "MESSAGE" FROM MOM OR DAD IF THEY DON'T KNOW THE SECRET WORD.

TEACH CHILDREN TO NEVER TAKE A SINGLE STEP TOWARDS SOMEONE SPEAKING FROM A CAR. NORMAL ADULTS DON'T ASK CHILDREN FOR HELP!

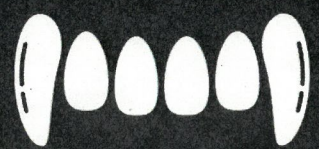


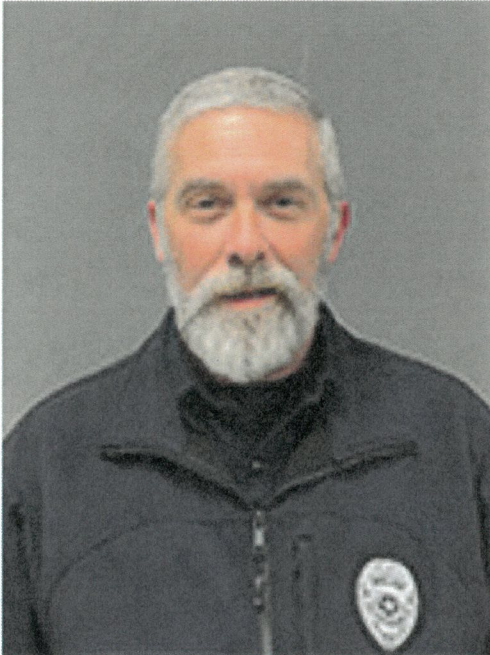
IS YOUR CHILD WEARING SOMETHING THAT ALL THE OTHER KIDS ARE WEARING, TOO? MAKE SURE THEIR COSTUME HAS SOMETHING UNIQUE AND IDENTIFIABLE (THAT THEY CANT EASILY DROP)

IF YOUR CHILD IS WEARING A DARK COSTUME, FIND A WAY TO MAKE THEM MORE VISIBLE TO OTHERS.

Glow-in-the-dark skeleton paint, glow stick jewelry, reflective tape, etc.

DON'T LET COSTUMES OBSTRUCT LINE OF SIGHT, INCLUDING PERIPHERAL VISION. BETTER YET, OPT FOR HALLOWEEN MAKE-UP INSTEAD OF MASKS.





OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

I would like to introduce everyone to Arlan Dunford. Arlan is a retired Wythe County Code Enforcement Officer where he served the citizens for 26 years. Arlan has worked at WCC PD for seven years and is also one of WCC's two RAD instructors. Arlan holds numerous certifications including RAD Instructor, Nuisance Animal Trapping Certification from Va. DGF, and even an auctioneers license.

Arlan's hobbies include deer and turkey hunting, bass fishing, and golf. He also has a love for sports and cheers for the Dallas Cowboys, Florida State Seminoles, and the New York Yankees.

Arlan is the "fun" guy at the PD...he is always smiling and having a good time. You will find Arlan looking for a cup of coffee or trying to find a snack when he isn't patrolling the campus.

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

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

