



# 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 RED/BLACK

In our last three 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 last two colors, Red and Black.

### Condition RED

Going back to the situation in the park where someone is definitely following you and you know you need to make a plan of escape (Condition Orange), you quickly approach the next condition, Condition Red. The situation has escalated to the point where you are either engaging in a dangerous situation or are in retreat.

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**WELCOME BACK!!**

WCC PD would like to welcome all students, staff, and faculty back for the Spring Semester!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

WCC PD will be moving soon to Smyth Hall, Room 134. All other PD information is the same, but please note our new location.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**WITH A NEW YEAR UPON US, MAKE YOUR PERSONAL SECURITY A GOAL AND A PRIORITY!**

## **CONDITION RED/BLACK CONTINUED**

Once we have shifted to condition red, we cannot be surprised by the threat we are facing and we need to be fully prepared to deal with it. However, intense concentration on a forward threat will lessen the ability to maintain a 360-degree awareness for unknown threats that may come from other directions. Effective training under high-stress conditions will help avoid the tunnel vision that some describe as similar to looking through a toilet paper tube.

Being in Condition Red is physically and mentally exhausting, as it demands 100% dedication to the danger at hand. In summary, condition red means “Go time”; it is the time to act. Hopefully, if that moment comes, condition yellow and condition orange will have prepared you to have the necessary tools and strength (both physically and mentally) to deal with the threat at hand.

### **Condition BLACK**

The last condition is Black. This color represents full breakdown of the Central Nervous System and places you in “freeze” mode. Black is the worst possible state because you are having a catastrophic breakdown mentally and physically due to stress. Basically, you have never experienced fear at this level and your bodies only reaction is to completely shut down. You defeat Condition Black by being prepared through awareness and training.

### **Key Points to Remember**

- **Live in Condition Yellow...Utilize Situational Awareness and be aware of your surroundings.**
- **Think about what you would do if you find yourself in Condition Orange...have a base plan in your mind before and play the “What if” game with yourself.**
- **If you find yourself in Condition Red, the fight is on. Run if possible, fight if necessary.**
- **NEVER find yourself in Condition Black...Be aware, make a plan, seek out training, and know that bad things can happen. Never say “it won’t happen here or happen to me.”**

# WE WILL MISS YOU!!

As many of you may know, Sarah Asbury retired on January 5th. Mrs. Asbury was the Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Finance, however she worked as hard for the PD as she did for Mr. Dickens. She is not only a friend to everyone at the PD, but she was always the person that we called when we needed help. She will truly be missed by the PD and we hope that she enjoys a long and happy retirement!



## UPCOMING NEWSLETTER!



**The WCC PD NEWSLETTER will be published the first of each month. We will focus on safety, security, and what's going on with the PD, but we would like ideas and input on what you want!**

**If there is something that you would like to add to our newsletter, let us know and we will add it!**

**Please email any suggestions or ideas to [blawson@wcc.vccs.edu](mailto:blawson@wcc.vccs.edu).**