

# Christopher Newport University

## **Policy: Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness Policy Number: 1080**

Executive Oversight: Chief of Staff  
Contact Office: Office of Emergency Management  
Frequency of Review: Annually  
Date of Last Review: June 2024

### **A. PURPOSE**

Christopher Newport University (CNU) is committed to campus safety, to include preparing the university community to every extent possible for active threats on campus. In pursuit of a safer campus and an educated and prepared campus community, this policy is adopted to offer specific training to our community, and require it of first-year students, regarding response to an active shooter event.

### **B. POLICY STATEMENT**

As part of the university's new and transfer student orientation programs, Christopher Newport's Department of Emergency Management shall educate and train first-year students on how to be prepared for an active shooter event on campus; this program shall be completed by new students prior to the end of their first semester of enrollment at the university. The training shall also be made available to all students, faculty, and staff upon request. Additionally, enrolled students shall receive updated training from the Department of Emergency Management on a biennial basis.

### **C. DEFINITIONS**

**Active Shooter** - an individual actively engaged in killing, attempting to kill, or otherwise harm people with a firearm in a confined and/or populated area.

**First-Year Student** - a student that is enrolled in in-person classes at CNU for the first time regardless of previous higher education credits.

## D. PROCEDURES

### 1. Training

All new and transferring students shall be offered active shooter event preparedness training during their orientation programs.

The Director of Emergency Management shall create a training program that shall be provided in person, unless not reasonably feasible, in which case training may be provided through other appropriate means, including virtual format or other training tools. Regardless of format, the preparedness training should focus on University specific prevention and response activities, such as identification and reporting of concerning behavior, CNU's emergency notification system, and immediate actions to take during an active shooter event.

Returning students shall be required to review University active shooter event preparedness training, through the use of in-person, or virtual training material, biennially.

### 2. Resources

- a. In-person active shooter event preparedness training can be scheduled by contacting the Director of Emergency Management at (757) 594-7428.
- b. ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) Center's [CRASE \(Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event\) Training Video](#).
- c. [CNU Alert / Be Prepared](#)
- d. [University Police](#) or (757) 594-7777

## E. AUTHORITY:

*Code of Virginia §23.1-808.2*

## F. APPROVAL AND REVISIONS

**Approved By:** Policy Committee, May 23, 2024

**Approved By:** Board of Visitors, June 7, 2024

## G. NEXT REVIEW DATE: Summer 2025