Virginia Western Community College Campus Police Department

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Response and Supplemental information

before; your life depends on it. There are no rules, no halfhearted efforts you must go beyond what you think e ca abe f ge fee a d c ea of the threat. We empower you to survive!

Fire Alarms or Bomb Threats

For incidents involving fire alarm activation and evacuations we ask that you follow these universal procedures:

Familiarize yourselves with the classroom and building emergency exit plans that are posted in your classrooms.

Study the exit routes. If a planned exit is blocked due to fire, know which exit you should use as an alternative.

Exit the building quickly and quietly following the directions of your instructor, a college staff member or building coordinator.

Once you have exited the building you will be expected to meet in a designated assembly area. This location will be noted on the evacuation plan found in your classroom.

In this designated area you will be accounted for and advised of further instruction.

Please do not leave the classroom group and go to your car or wander off to another location on campus.

It is critical that everybody be accounted for, so emergency first responders are not placed in further danger because they now must look for you.

Weather Incidents

Severe weather in the Roanoke Valley, although rare, is possible. We must prepare for such events and be ready e d i a e ice

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In the event of imminent significant weather, you may be notified by one of the following; text alert, campus wide telephone page.

In the event of severe weather, please respond accordingly to the messages you receive through the alert mechanisms. Should a tornado present itself in the immediate area seek cover in interior hallways and bathrooms on the ground floor of the building you occupy.

Do not run for your car or exit a building unless there is an immediate danger of building collapse, or in your judgment the area is critically unsafe.

Once you have arrived in your area of shelter, remain there until you are advised by first responders that it is safe to exit.

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