CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY TASK FORCE MINUTES

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chancellor Sean Burrage welcomed members and guests Wendell Godwin, Preston Draper and Bert Miller, East Central University; Don Raleigh, Samantha Rhea, Jeana Rae Conn and Joe Batt, Rogers State University; Norman Nieves, University of Oklahoma; Joedon Hughes, Rose State College; Jerrid Freeman, Northeastern State University; Kendra Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; Monica Trevino, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma; Chad Brown and Kelly Vongnarath, Carl Albert State College; Mike Zozula, Eastern Oklahoma State College; Joshua Busby, Langston University; Bill Knowles, Seminole State College; Jacob Lawson, Connors State College; Renna Bowers, Northern Oklahoma College; Patrick Daglaris, Oklahoma State University; Justin Rutledge, Murray State College; and Angela Caddell, Jarrett Jobe, Sarah Kimball, Lindsay Echols and Emelia Ross, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Burrage asked the task force to review the minutes of the April 1, 2026, meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Jarrett Jobe, OSRHE Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations, provided an update on the upcoming legislative session and interim studies affecting higher education. Topics under review include ACT assessments for all students, workforce development initiatives impacting the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO), and a study examining Oklahoma's growing aerospace and defense sectors. He also noted that the state system FY28 budget request and 2027 Legislative Agenda would be presented for State Regents' approval in October and highlighted key legislative priorities, including Oklahoma's Promise provisions for children of teachers, concurrent enrollment, deferred maintenance projects, and rising health insurance costs. Jobe also noted that legislative tours will begin in December.

Norman Nieves expressed concerns about House Bill 1675, which requires all camp facilities, youth camps, and outdoor programs to complete site-specific hazard assessments and develop emergency action plans by Jan. 1, 2027. He noted that many campuses host multiple camps each year, which could create significant challenges.

CAMPUS CASE STUDY: ACTIVE SHOOTER EXERCISE

Chief Joe Batt and Samantha Rhea presented an overview of RSU's recent collaborative active attacker training exercise involving campus police, campus and technology center staff, and nursing students. The program combined active attacker response training, Stop the Bleed

instruction, and mass-casualty triage exercises to improve emergency preparedness and strengthen partnerships across campus. Presenters highlighted key planning considerations, including tailoring training to the audience, ensuring psychological safety, coordinating campus communications, and selecting appropriate training spaces. Lessons learned highlighted the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration, clear triage procedures, participant feedback, and the continuous refinement of exercises.

CAMPUS EMERGENCY MANAGER CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Sarah Kimball informed members that the consortium will meet again in November to review emergency manager responsibilities under House Bill 1675 and discuss development of the related mandatory Emergency Action Plan required by January 1, 2027.

2026-27 NIMS COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Angela Caddell told members that the 2026-27 reporting period for Homeland Security's National Incident Management System compliance was open, and that the deadline was Dec. 31. She encouraged members to reach out to April Keeler, state NIMS coordinator, with any questions about the renewal process.

FALL 2027 STATEWIDE SUMMIT UPDATE

Caddell provided an update on planning for the fall 2027 summit, noting that the goal would once again be to hold the event at UCO. She encouraged members to submit keynote speaker and session topic suggestions. Potential topic areas identified through feedback from the previous summit include behavior intervention team training, emergency preparedness, opioid response and Narcan training, campus event coordination, bullying prevention, hazmat training, and drone activity.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Caddell informed members the next Oklahoma Homeland Security Conference would be held Oct. 27-29, noting the conference aims to educate attendees on the latest trends in homeland security and showcase new equipment and technologies that can enhance daily operations.

WRAP-UP AND COMMENTS

Caddell reminded members of a free online workshop scheduled for September 22 focused on the foundations of successful tabletop exercises using the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). She said the workshop, hosted by Task Force members Nieves, OU Emergency Manager, and Michael DeRemer, UCO Director of Emergency Management, would provide guidance on developing, planning, and conducting effective campus exercises.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.