

GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS

AED - Automated External Defibrillator. An electronic device, when used by trained personnel, that can evaluate and advise the proper course of action, including electroshock of the heart, as part of a lifesaving process for a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

Biological Incident - a criminal and intentional release of viral, or bacterial agents, into the air or water, with the intent to cause illness or death in the general public. It may also be the intentional exposure, to the general public, by a host individual already carrying an infectious illness or disease, with the intent to spread the illness or disease to additional victims.

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a division of the US Department of Health and Human Services. This agency serves as the federal clearinghouse for the investigation, detection, reporting and treatment criteria for illnesses and diseases that may require a coordinated national response.

Central Police Dispatch - The Dallas County Community College District operates a central police dispatch center that serves all locations of the District. It may be reached by calling: **911** from any **College phone** or **972-860-4290** by **cell phone**.

Chemical Incident - an accidental or intentional release of chemicals which may result in toxic air conditions, fire or explosion.



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DCCCD - Dallas County Community College District

DCHHS - Dallas County Health and Human Services Department. The county level agency in health related emergencies.

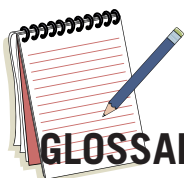
EOWS - Emergency Outdoor Warning System, the outdoor 'siren' system. Richland College has two units, one north of Sabine Hall and one south of Guadalupe Hall. Activation of the system is available to the Richland College Police Department, Richland College Office of Emergency Management and the City of Richardson, Texas, Office of Emergency Management.

FBI - Federal Bureau of Investigation, a section of the US Department of Justice, responsible for the investigation and enforcement of federal criminal statutes.

FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency, a division of the United States Department of Homeland Security, charged with the federal response to emergencies, and coordination with emergency planning prior to emergencies.

First Responder - Trained personnel who will assist with implementation of plans and procedures. First responders may be the College Police Department, College Health Center, Facilities Services and RC-ERT members.

Flash Flood / Flooding - the rapid and unexpected rise of water due to heavy rains in areas which are not able to carry off the water, causing low areas to temporarily be covered by "excess run-off". The rise and crest of these events can come with little advance warning.



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NIMS - National Incident Management System. A set procedure developed under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, that establishes a uniform response and identifies key personnel in the management of an emergency incident. The plan provides for the coordination of services and equipment between local, state and federal agencies responding to any emergency. NIMS is mandated as the single response model, nationwide.

NWS - National Weather Service, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, responsible for domestic weather forecasting and the issuance of weather watches, warnings and advisories.

Office of Emergency Management - a department of the college, staffed by trained administrators who oversee the formulation and implementation of emergency processes and procedures. These personnel also act as the Incident Commander (IC) upon activation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Radiological Incident - a criminal and intentional release of radioactive materials, into either the air or water, with the intent to cause illness or death in the general public.

RC-ERT – Richland College-Emergency Response Team, college staff members who are trained to assist the College Police Department and Office of Emergency Management during an emergency incident.

Restricted or Dedicated Routes - during an emergency it may be necessary to leave the college by certain, predetermined routes. These routes will be coordinated with other agencies to keep departing traffic out of the danger zone and expedite the evacuation process.

Severe Weather Area - specific areas within the college which serve as the “best available refuge areas”.