Welcome
Welcome to Safety Source, CSU Stanislaus’ first safety newsletter. This publication is designed to be an informative source about safety and risk management. Because we know safety doesn’t happen by accident we are here to help inform and educate you in all things safety. While this newsletter is new, our concern about safety on campus is not. Safety & Risk Management has been a well-kept secret within the University Police Department. Well the secret is out! Our mission at Safety & Risk Management is to contribute to the learning environment by providing support, guidance, and leadership, while engaging the campus community in the promotion of safety. We look forward to helping empower you to keep yourself safe while at work and beyond!

What we can do for you!
The department has oversight of Risk Management, Occupational Safety, Emergency Management, and Business Continuity. All of these components come together to reduce risk at the university, aid in preparing for the worst case scenario, and ensuring that our students and employees are completing their tasks in the safest manner possible. In general we do this through hazard identification, risk and injury analysis, preparation, mitigation, and recovery efforts.

Meet the Staff - Safety & Risk Management

Amy Thomas
Amy Thomas has “grown up” at CSU Stanislaus. Starting as a Student Assistant for the UPD in 1993, she has held a variety of jobs in the Department. For the last 10 years, she’s been the Assistant Director for Safety & Risk Management. As a 1995 Alumnae of Stanislaus, she has a heart and passion for the well-being of the students and community she serves. Amy believes that the field of safety requires continuous improvement, so change management is the name of the game for Safety & Risk at CSU Stanislaus. To further improve her area of responsibility and her skills in public service, Amy has proudly begun the Master’s in Public Administration program right here at Stanislaus.

Kellie Marshall
Kellie Marshall has been with CSU Stanislaus since Fall 2001 and within the department of Safety & Risk since Fall 2005. She is a certified Health and Safety Trainer through UC Davis and a certified NIMS/SEMS trainer through the Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST). She has a passion for, and a wealth of knowledge regarding, safety and emergency management. Kellie has received many accolades during her career at the University and received the Employee of the Year award in 2009. She recently presented at the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians Annual Conference on lessons learned from our most recent full scale emergency exercise. Kellie looks forward to addressing any safety related questions you may have and is working hard to ensure the campus is ready for a Zombie Apocalypse when it hits!
Amanda Alberti
Amanda Alberti was born and raised in Southern California and moved to Turlock to attend CSU Stanislaus. She’s a recent graduate (2004, but who’s counting?). She became a police officer in 2005 and proudly served at Turlock Police Department, and in 2007 transferred to her alma mater, CSU Stanislaus Police Department. After 8 years of service as an officer she has since traded in her uniform for a Safety & Risk Management hat. Earning her Associate in Risk Management in March 2014 Amanda is your go to for everything from certificates of insurance, foreign travel insurance, special event risk assessment, and defensive driver training. Also a certified RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Instructor she enjoys empowering women to be able to defend themselves when necessary.

Malinda Simao
Malinda Simao has been a resident of Merced County since the age of seven, and received her Bachelor’s Degree from National University in 2009. Malinda first worked at CSU Stanislaus as the Safety & Risk Management Assistant from October 2010 until June 2011, and returned at the end of 2013. During her recent time here as the Business Continuity Coordinator, she has been an integral part of the Business Continuity Planning (BCP) Workgroup. In addition, she facilitates tabletop exercises, and provides training to individuals, groups, and campus administrators. Malinda provides support for the business continuity program: StanReady. Malinda is very knowledgeable in business continuity, and she continues her education through FEMA courses, and BCP associations. Make sure to contact Malinda for any business continuity needs, or help with establishing a BCP for your department.

- Faculty Affairs & Human Resources

Vickie Harrang
Vickie Harrang has over 19 years of experience in Human Resources. She has been with the Human Resources Department at CSU Stanislaus since 1998. She has held a variety of jobs in Human Resources with a focus in employee benefits and as the Workers’ Compensation Coordinator since 2008. She has earned a Certificate of Achievement with the Emergency Management Institute (FEMA). Vickie is very knowledgeable in workers’ compensation and continues to expand her knowledge in areas of health and safety. She is passionate and committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment at CSU Stanislaus and helping employees with the workers’ compensation process.

What to expect in coming issues!
Each newsletter will focus on topics that are related to Occupational Safety/Worker’s Comp., Environmental Health, Emergency/Business Continuity Management, and Risk and Insurance Management. The newsletter will also contain links to posters, training presentations, videos, and other resources that will be helpful to your office, and department. Practicing safe work habits not only reduces injuries and illnesses, but it will also allow you to be able to enjoy life outside of work.