In February of 2006 the USM LAC campus initiated a Safety and Security Committee. This committee was made up of staff, faculty, students, USM Police Department, Lewiston Police Department, Lewiston Fire Department, as well as the State Police.

The committee worked diligently to develop the USM LAC campus *Immediate Emergency Procedure Guidelines Manual*. The development of the emergency plan was a direct result of the University's concern for creating a safe campus for all users. The policies and procedures in the manual were intended to provide guidance to be followed whenever possible.

The committee also obtained two (2) AED units, one for each building.

Manuals have been distributed in each classroom, faculty office, and staff/faculty lounge. In addition, each staff member also has a manual and are provided with training on how to respond to an incident. An incident/emergency could be, among other things, a fire, a bomb threat, a chemical spill, a suicide attempt or other medical emergency, court ordered papers, and an armed or unwanted person in the building.

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