

Hi,

As I stated to you earlier today I thought it was a great meeting and was pleased by the attendance as well as the participation.

This is what I took away from the discussion;

- Seven Centers of those in attendance have cameras, however not monitored which is an issue because you can only view an issue after it has occurred.

Preventive Protocols-

- Kitchen drawers should be locked since there are knives and other culinary tools that can be used as weapons.
- Staff should wear name tags to be easily identified for participants, visitors, and emergency personnel
- Limit access points
- Check in at point of entry
- Sign at entrance of building stating "All Visitors Report to the Office"

Know What is Normal for your Center? What is Abnormal for your Center? If it is abnormal then follow up by checking on the situation or calling 911

Everyone on staff has a responsibility to know what is abnormal and freedom to report on what is abnormal. Act on Abnormal behaviors don't ignore them.

Hold fire drills and make it known to staff as well as participants what to do in the case of the fire or any type of evacuation. Participants should not get in cars and go home. Especially if there was a fire creative havoc in the parking lot/driveway exit creating a jam up of cars as the fire trucks/police were trying to respond.

Don't put restrictions on staff or participants if they know there is a fire/emergency in the building. An example was stated by Police Chief MacNamara where a school in another state had a fire and the rule was only the Principal could pull the fire emergency wall switch. Sadly the Principal was not in the vicinity and over one hundred students died in a fire.

Awareness is a no cost measure in dealing with Security. A simple mantra that we all know "if you see something, say something"

Mimi Peck-Llewellyn invited all members of CASCP to become members of the Coalition for Elder Justice in CT www.elderjustice.org

The coalition goals are to prevent elder abuse and protect the rights, independence, security and well-being of older adults. Mimi would like to see the TRIAD program to be resurrected. While some Towns are still active there are many towns not participating at all.

Idea for next meeting:

- Transportation Policies and Procedures

Lou Pentz from H.D.Segur Insurance is going to email a safety check off list for anyone one who signed up to receive one. I signed up and once I get it I can send a copy to you.

I am sure Sandy will give us all an overview as well since I know she is a better note taker than I.

Enjoy the weekend!

Judy