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MVC ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT AND OFFERS TRAINING TO INCREASE CAMPUS SECURITY

Marshall, Mo. (February 15, 2008)—In response to several different crises on college campuses around the country, and in order to increase the safety for all members of the college community, Missouri Valley College has added new security equipment and provided additional training in a re-evaluation of its crisis response plan.

MVC Dean of Students Heath Morgan and MVC Director of Security Mark Gooden have worked in conjunction with Marshall Police Department and Marshall Fire Department to ensure the highest level of safety for members of the MVC community.

"We want to make the Missouri Valley College campus as secure as we possibly can to make sure our students, faculty, staff and all visitors are safe," Morgan said. "The new plan and equipment and working with local authorities help us do a better job of doing that."

Installation was completed in January of a modular siren between Collins Science Center and Young Hall. The installation of the siren allows security personnel to alert individuals on campus by using pre-recorded instructions and alerts along with high intensity warning signals. A wireless activation method of the messages and warning signals decreases the activation time during an emergency.

"It was decided that installing a siren with such capabilities would be a great benefit to all members of the Missouri Valley College community due to the large amount of outside activities and the capability to alert many members of the college at one time," Morgan said.

With design considerations the siren will also be able to produce an effective hearing range of 2,800 feet from its location in a 360 degree range allowing members on the outside grounds of the campus to still be warned in a timely manner.

MVC faculty and staff attended training sessions on the crisis response plan. Each faculty and staff member were given a copy of the 2008 crisis response plan, which provides information, guidelines, and procedures to the MVC community. The plan highlights: definitions of emergencies and alert signals; emergency contacts; campus responsibilities; facility evacuation procedures; emergency procedures; and more.

"The training raises the awareness of the campus community, which is the key to the success of our crisis response plan," Morgan said. "I believe we are making great strides in providing a more safe and secure campus."

MVC's campus life office will offer crisis response plan training for students in the upcoming weeks, and the crisis response plan will also be posted on the MVC Web site. For more information about the 2008 crisis response plan, visit www.moval.edu.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers 28 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 12 sports and 20 varsity teams. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660) 831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.

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