



Spring 2017 Meeting
Emergency Preparedness for Libraries
Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA
Friday, April 28 • 10am – 2:00pm

10 am

MALiA Business Meeting

10:30 am

Active Shooter Awareness Presentation
Sgt. Craig Dowdy, Lynchburg Police Department

11:30 am

Lunch

12:30 pm

Emergency Action Plan Development
Charla Gilbert, Director of Planning and Branch Operations &
Angela Fields, Circulation/Reserve Specialist,
Virginia Tech University Libraries

About our speakers....

Craig A. Dowdy, Sergeant, Vice/Narcotics Unit, Lynchburg Police Department

Sergeant Craig A. Dowdy has been employed by the Lynchburg Police Department for 12 years, including 10 years on the Tactical Unit where he currently serves as a Team Leader. He has instructed countless hours of Basic and Advanced Tactical Operations which includes Active Shooter Awareness.

Sergeant Dowdy has spent 12 years in the United States Army Reserves where he has served as a Drill Sergeant and is a Combat Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserves in January 2016 and is pursuing Army Chaplaincy. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies and Missions and a Bachelor of Theology from Appalachian Bible College. He also holds a Master of Arts in Religion and has almost completed a Master of Divinity in Military Chaplaincy from Liberty University.

Sergeant Dowdy and his wife have two young children and love spending time outdoors hiking, camping, and spending time on their little horse farm.

Charla Gilbert, Director of Planning and Branch Operations, Virginia Tech

Charla Gilbert engages in library wide assessment activities and oversees the operations of three branches, two off-site facilities, Port Digital Research Commons, and the libraries mailroom/purchasing/travel unit. Charla is currently the Visiting Program Officer for the Association of Southeastern Regional Libraries (ASERL) New Metrics Project which provides opportunity for collaborative opportunities with regional peers for continuous improvements of using data and assessment to contribute to the story of library value. Her research interests include wide scale assessment and collection of data that demonstrates the value and impact of library services, operations and resources as well as emergency preparedness. Charla received her Masters in Library and Information Science and her Business Process Management and Business Operations Management from Indiana University.

Angela Fields, Circulation/Reserve Specialist, Virginia Tech

Angela Fields works in Circulation/Reserve at the Virginia Tech Newman Library and is counted on to provide leadership, guidance, and assistance to all patrons on the wide variety of patron services available at Virginia Tech. She also assists in coordinating and leading emergency preparedness efforts such as emergency evacuation drills, documenting processes and procedures for shelter-in-place, secure-in-place, and evacuation, as well as train new graduate assistants and other interested employees on emergency practices. Angela has been at Virginia Tech for over 11 years and has a wide range of experience in public relations as well as certifications in health and safety.