The University Club Presents

Guest Speaker John Summerlot

Safety and Security in the Schools

Wednesday, March 27, 11:30 a.m.
University Club Presidents’ Room

In the last 20 years, we have seen a dramatic shift in the fields of emergency management and safety especially for those working in educational institutions. As new threats and hazards have emerged, the professionalization of safety and emergency management has brought new skill sets to schools. Take just one of those threats, active shooter, and look at how often we see and hear about it. Then think of how little we hear about the actual preparations, policy shifts, training, and facility changes happening behind the scenes to counter this threat. This professionalization has often gone unnoticed and happened outside of the public eye.

We will look at the changing landscape of emergency management in education including examining policies, practices, and training. Education is also a game of budgets. We will look at the issues of prioritization regarding making our students safer and addressing the most common safety issues. And we examine a case study of how the messaging about safety and emergencies needs to be presented in ways that relate to the target demographic.

John Summerlot is an adjunct instructor in the School of Public Health where he teaches courses on emergency management and search & rescue. He holds both civilian and military emergency management certifications and serves on the Incident Management Team for both Indiana University and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. John frequently trains, teaches, and works with students in the School of Education for who are entering careers in education as well as non-profit agencies in the community to develop comprehensive emergency plans. John currently serves as Director of the Center for Veteran and Military Students. He is also the parent of three kids in MCCSC schools and is the parent representative on the Jackson Creek Middle School safety committee.

Deadline for reservations Thursday, March 21

Reservations are required. Please call the UClub office at 812-855-1325 or email uclub@indiana.edu. We need to know how many chairs to set for the presentation and call in a group reservation for the Tudor Room.

There will be no meal served in the University Club. After the presentation, those who desire can have lunch in the Tudor Room. Lunch will be on your own.