CAMPUS WIDE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADE

NFORMATION SESSION

• Project Objective:

- Upgrade and Modernize Campus Wide Fire Alarm System
 - 1. Replace Front End (Central Monitoring Servers) Hardware and Software
 - 2. Replace Remote Monitoring Stations
 - 3. Replace Fire Alarm Control Panels in all Buildings
 - 4. Replace Fire Alarm Devices Where Required
 - 5. Install Fiber Optic Network for Communications to Connect all Buildings

What is a Fire Alarm System and What Does it Do

- Fire Alarm System has Various Devices and Control Panels in Buildings working together to Detect and Warn People of Smoke, Fire, and Carbon Monoxide Presence.
- Devices are Connected to Control Panels in Each Building
 - Smoke Detectors, Heat detectors, Carbon Monoxide detectors, Pull stations, Horns/Strobes etc.
- Control Panels from each Building are Connected to Central Monitoring (Front End) Through Underground Cable Infrastructure
- Front End is monitored 24/7 by Campus Police and can also be accessed at Central Utilities Plant

• Why are we Upgrading the Existing System

- Fire Alarm Systems Consist of: Various Devices, Control Panels and Front End Servers
- Front End Servers are from the 90's and operate on Windows 98 Platform
- Building Control Panels are approaching the End of their Life and need Replacement
- Replacement Parts are limited availability or not available in some cases
- Building Panels are Connected to Front End Through Copper Cabling, which is older technology
- Modern Systems will not Work with Copper Cabling and Require Fiber Optic Network
- Upgraded system will be more redundant
- Allows systems to be brought up to more recent codes

How will the Project Affect Me

- Project Impacts all Buildings on Campus (40+7)
 - Control Panel Replacements in Each building
 - Some Buildings May Require All Device Replacements
 - Fiber Optic Cable Installation Inside Buildings to connect to Control Panels
 - Fire Alarm Impairments
- Project Impacts All Campus Outdoors
 - Excavation to Install new Fiber Optic Cable Infrastructure Between Buildings
 - Walkway and Road Closures





• How Long Will it take to Complete the Project:

- Project is Expected to Take 2 to 3 Years to Implement
 - Underground Work will be Completed During the First Year
 - Front End and Control Panels will Also be Installed in First Year
 - Device Replacements (Where Needed) will Take 2 to 3 Years to Complete
- Schedules will be Developed on Priority Basis
- Student Class schedule and Dorm Residence Will be Taken into Consideration While Scheduling installations inside the Buildings

• Construction Priority:

- 1. Fiber Optic Cable Installation (Connects all Building FA Communications to Front End)
 - Use Existing Underground Conduit where available
 - New Underground Duct Banks (Conduits) where needed
- 2. Replace Front End Hardware and Software
- 3. Replace Fire Alarm Control Panels in all Buildings
 - Buildings will be Prioritized based on the Age of System in the buildings and Fiber Availability
- 4. Replace Devices in Buildings Where Needed

• System testing:

- 1. All New Systems will be Tested Prior to Activation
- 2. Old and New System will Work in parallel until all Buildings on old System are decommissioned and transferred to New System.
- **3.** Project Completion 2023

• Questions: