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ACM TO MARK LAW DAY WITH AGENCY VISITS, EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS

CUMBERLAND, Md. -- Allegany College of Maryland will observe Law Day with visits by law enforcement and corrections personnel, displays and demonstrations of the equipment they use and discussion of career opportunities.

This public event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 1, will recognize the significance of this national observance as it serves to interest students in criminal justice, political science and related college programs.

Law Day was established by joint resolution of Congress in 1961 as an occasion for “rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under laws.”

Its purpose is to call attention to the principles and practice of American law and justice in a day to reflect on legal heritage, the role of law in society and the rights enjoyed under the Constitution.

Law enforcement agencies such as the Cumberland Police Department and Maryland State Police have committed to bring vehicles and the state Fire Marshal will show a robot used in their investigations.

From corrections, representatives of both the Federal Correctional Institution at Mexico Farms and the Western and North Branch correctional institutions at Cresaptown will send personnel to the event.

Law Day begins with the arrival of Trooper 5, the medevac helicopter operated by the Maryland State Police. It will land on a lower-campus ball field at about 10 a.m., weather permitting.

A roundtable of local criminal justice professionals will be held in the College Center’s Zimmer Theatre at 11 a.m. The discussion is facilitated by the C2J, a criminal justice student group.

At 1:30 p.m., FCI personnel will demonstrate tactical methods near the Physical Education Building. As their techniques employ distractionary devices that involve smoke and loud noise, the college community will be alerted that day so as not to be alarmed.

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