

Fire chief works on building inspection plan

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One of the keys to fire prevention is ensuring that businesses and other public spaces are adhering to state and national safety codes. However, this is not always as easy as it might seem. That is why Vermillion's new fire chief, Richard Shannon Draper, is working on a plan that will find most of these places under inspection for fire hazards once every two years.

"I want to work with the business community," Draper said at an educational session with the Vermillion City Council in late February. "We're going to work with the business community so that we're all working toward this same goal of this safe environment."

While the fire department has educational programs in place for local schools and other public agencies, Vermillion currently is lacking in regular inspection, Draper said.

In going through the records, he found that only 32 inspections were undertaken in 2010.

"We should be inspecting all public spaces," Draper said.

While there is not enough manpower to inspect the individual places each year, Draper said it is possible to inspect some of them every two years, and the more high-traffic places on a yearly basis. "What my plan is, is to divide it into high hazard or target occupancies and the others," he said. "That would be the bars, the hotels, the daycare facilities, theaters and educational (facilities)."

The state currently has inspectors who go through the schools from kindergarten through university level each year.

"I intend to participate in those, not to override that inspector, but to just be aware of what's going on in our community," Draper said.

In terms of businesses, Draper said there are several common code violations, which usually are present because the business owner doesn't know what the codes are to begin with.

For example, some businesses don't have the required fire exits.

"There's a business in our community where the back door – which is the second means of egress – has a regular door lock on it. A regular handle and lock, and

Forum: Detection important to wage cyber-war defense

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As more data is uploaded to computer networks around the world, more of modern warfare may be conducted in cyberspace.

However, while cyber warfare may have an effect, it won't necessarily have an enduring result, said Lt. Col. Damian Donahoe, senior military science instructor at the University of South Dakota.

"(Cyber warfare) has a method that may be used to prevent something from happening or slow something down, but in and of itself, it usually doesn't out and out destroy something," Donahoe said.

These statements were made during an international forum called, "Are We Ready for Global Cyber War?" which took place at USD Monday afternoon.

One recent example of cyber war took place in Iran, where an attempt was made to slow down that nation's uranium enrichment project.

"What we've seen with Iran is, obviously, they've done some things and worked around it, and they're starting to rebuild their capability. That's one of the things," Donahoe said. "Cyber warfare is kind of a support function. In and of itself, it's not the end, it's the means that might help you get some immediate results."

Part of the reason for this is expense, said Joe Reynoldson, information technology security officer for the University of South Dakota.

"It turns out that that's not a cheap way of doing things, and it's certainly not the way that things are tackled most often," he said. "Most often, it's these simple attacks against users. Instead of trying to launch a frontal assault against our servers, they simply get into a user account ... do some reconnaissance and knock that system out."

Even though much of what could be termed "cyber warfare" has limited long-term effects, Miguel Penarada, cyber security analyst for the state of South Dakota, said major problems can still arise due to the sheer volume of data that is stored electronically – including Social Security information, user names, passwords and e-mail addresses.

"Data can be collected very easily," Penarada said.

This illegal data collection becomes easier as advances in technology helps modern computer viruses go through the "air gaps" created to protect servers,



Lt. Col. Damian Donahoe, Miguel Penarada, and Joe Reynoldson discuss cyber warfare during Monday's noon international forum held on the USD campus.

(Photo by David Lias)

Reynoldson said. "Modern malware can cross the air gap these days, so just because the system is not plugged into the Internet doesn't mean that it can't still get infected," Reynoldson said.

The U.S. government has collected approximately 20 security controls to protect against these kinds of attacks, some of which are used at USD, Reynoldson said.

"There are a number of things on there, including keeping an inventory of devices, keeping secure configurations of your devices, performing boundary defense," he said. "The important thing in the training that I did recently that they brought up time and again is that the offense has to inform the defense."

"The idea is that you need to be watching ... in order to defend against it," he said.

Donahoe agreed, saying the military is constantly looking for cracks which could compromise its computer systems.

For example, USB drives are not permitted for use on military computers, and their networks are detected by the computers automatically, Donahoe said.

To this point, Reynoldson added, "Prevention is ideal, but detection is a must."

"The idea is not that you expect to block all possible attacks," he said. "The idea is that you at least know an attack is happening or succeeding against you so that you can react to it."

11 vie for 2013 S.D. State Spelling Bee title at USD

Eleven students will compete for a trip to Washington, DC and the 2013 Scripps National Spelling Bee at the University of South Dakota at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 23.

The South Dakota State Spelling Bee at Farber Hall on the USD campus will be streamed live by Coyote News at <http://ustream.tv/channel/Coyote-News> and features 11 students who qualified by finishing as a top speller at regional competitions throughout the state.

Students participating

Saturday are: Carolyn Blaha, seventh grade student from Wagner Community School, Mitchell Region; Lexis Sherron, eighth grade student from the Sioux Falls Region; Whitney Fuerst, eighth grade, Tripp-Delmont (Mitchell Region); Adele Benoit, seventh grade, Yankton Sacred Heart Middle School (Vermillion Region); Emily Fox, seventh grade, Spearfish Classical Christian School (Rapid City Region); Luke Norby, third grade, Dakota Valley Elementary School (McCook Lake), Vermillion

Region; Max Oesterling, eighth grade, Rapid City Region; Maria Braga-Henebry, eighth grade, Sioux Falls Region; Genesis Reynolds, seventh grade, South Middle School Rapid City; Maddy Gillett, eighth grade, Sioux Falls; Connor Lightfield, eighth grade, Milbank Middle School, Watertown Region.

The State Spelling Bee winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, May 26-31. In addition to transportation and accommodations for the student and a parent, the

winner receives a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is administered on a not-for-profit basis by the E.W. Scripps Company and local spelling bee sponsors in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Department of Defense Schools in Europe; also, the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea. The competition is open for students in first grade through the eighth grade.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

BERGEN LUTHERAN Church: "The little white church on Timber Road." Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuharth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 102 Prosp: Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study 12:00 noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service – Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School – Sunday, 9:20 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH: Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday - 9:00 to 10:30am; During school year: Impact for Kids (5-11), Wed - 6:00pm-7:30pm; For more information Check us out at Cornerstonesd.org or (605)624-8809.

DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Regehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church: 12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

Elk Point Baptist Church. Sunday worship at 11:00am, Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981

FAITH FELLOWSHIP of the Open Bible on Bypass 50 and Highway 19: Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m. Pastor Tony Armbrust, 624-2921.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 401 Main Street, Makell, NE. Worship: 10am. Sunday School: 9am. Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays. (605)658-0240 (402)-692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church: Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Worship 9:00 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH (C&M) 1800 Constance Dr. West on Cherry just before you go down the hill. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m., May-August 10a.m., AWANA Sunday School small groups. 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com

IMMANUAL Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church, Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church, 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

ST. AGNES Church, 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer: St. Agnes Church and Parish Office, tele. 624-4478. St. Agnes Rectory, 505 Catalina, tele. 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday, Week-day Masses – consult weekly bulletin; Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4-4:45p.m.

ST. PAUL'S Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more info. The Rev. Rita Powell, priest.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, 226 E. Main St., Pastor Steve Miller. 10:30a.m. Worship Service. No Longer Strangers www.uccvermillion.org

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Unitarian Universalist "The Uncommon Denomination." Services are the first and third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the United Church of Christ, 226 E. Main. Child care services and refreshments provided. All welcome. Info: www.unitarian-vermillion.blogspot.com

The Vermillion First United Methodist Church, a welcome place reaching out to all God's people. Located at 16 N. Dakota St. Adult Sunday School 9am; Sunday Worship 10:25am; Children's Church after Children's Sermon (PreK-5). Welcome Table-serving free meal Mondays 5:30-7pm. Youth Group with Meal (Gr. 6-8) Wednesdays 5:30-7pm. High School Youth Group 7pm. Adult Choir Rehearsal 7pm. Praise Band rehearsal 8pm. Friday Morning Book Study and Breakfast 6:45am. Call (605)624-2179 for more info. Pastor Rick Pittenger.

Trinity Lutheran Church 116 E Clark St Worship Schedule: Saturday evening: 5:30 PM and Sunday morning: 10:00 AM

Radio broadcast: Sunday morning at 10 AM on KVTK Radio, AM 1570. Holy Communion celebrated each Saturday evening and the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays each month. Pastor Trisha Boese

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