

Memorandum

To: Science Departments
From: Ching See Chan
Re: **FDNY Inspection Result on 10-02-07**

Dear Colleagues,

The FDNY Inspection went extremely well for all the laboratories in the science departments on our campus yesterday. There were 31 labs inspected, and there were zero violations found!

Again, this achievement proves what the FDNY inspector has said many times, that York College has a really good team for lab safety:

- Chairpersons from every department worked lab by lab like Drs. Lawrence Johnson, Stanley Schleifer and Gerard McNeil to make sure their faculty and CLTs put forward their best efforts to prepare for the inspection. Dr. Robert Brugna particularly, invited the Science Dean and the EHS Officer to walk with him and his CLT to every lab in order to find out whatever needed to be in compliance for his department.
- CLTs Otis Robinson, Ramakrishnan Ponnampalam, Alireja M. Hassan, June He, Teresa Allen, Andrew Molteni and Robert Saby led by Joel Gomez prepared for the inspection extensively. Since the FDNY inspector first called, they started their walk-through for their whole floors, posted out warning to refresh regulations and reported findings to their chairs and professors. They preformed the real cleanup and they even did the final pre-inspection right before the inspector's arrival.
- Professors' great efforts are the guarantee to achieve a zero violation since the research labs are the areas consuming most of the chemicals. Drs. Stephen Fearnley, Jong-III Lee, Daniel Robie, Adam Profit and Louis Levinger were standing by at their research labs while the inspection was being conducted. Their seriousness really impressed the FDNY inspector.
- Keeping laboratories clean and neat is a good approach to reduce violations. Biology, Health Professions and Occupational Therapy labs are very organized. CLT Robert Saby said that he made the labs look nice because he treated the labs as his own house.
- The maintenance report for laboratory exhaust fans, fire extinguishers, showers & eye washers which were well prepared by B&G George Fellows, Eric Carlson and Paul Whaley are also an important factor for the excellent FDNY inspection result.
- Almost every one agrees that the Assistant to the EHSO Karim Waters is the key person for organizing this years FDNY inspection. I enjoy working with this intelligent, hard working young fellow and am impressed by his management skills which have improved in such a magnificent and mature manner.

Finally, I thank everyone for your contributions to make the FDNY inspection for 2007 at York College a great success.