

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 18 November 2009

TO: ASU Campus Police

FROM: Loren Ammerman, Department of Biology

RE: Ultracold freezer alarm

CC: Robert Dowler, Kelly McCoy, Michael Dixon, Bonnie Amos, Terry Maxwell, Grady Blount

The Angelo State Natural History Collection (ASNHC) of frozen tissues is housed in an ultracold freezer in room 106 of the Cavness Science building. The collection contains over 14,000 tissue samples from animals that have been obtained with a huge investment of time and money over many years of work in the field. The tissues are regularly loaned to researchers around the world. If the tissues are not kept frozen they are worthless and essentially irreplaceable. The freezer is equipped with an alarm system that will automatically dial 4 phone numbers if the freezer fails.

The alarm system will dial my cell number (245-3894), then my husband's number (Micheal Dixon, 212-6186), and then Dr. Robert Dowler's (Curator of Mammals, ASNHC) number (245-6195). In the event that neither Dr. Dowler nor myself are available to respond to the alarm, it will dial your office (942-2071). You will hear a computer generated message "THIS IS PHONE NUMBER 486-6658. TIME IS XX:XX. ALERT CONDITION 2 EXISTS" repeated again and again. Dial 555 to stop the alarm.

I am requesting that IF the alarm system ever dials your office that you contact any of the persons listed below as soon as possible to notify them of the freezer failure. Thank you.

Loren Ammerman 245-3894

Kelly McCoy 947-9613

Robert Dowler 245-6195

Bonnie Amos 947-2667

Michael Dixon 212-6186

Terry Maxwell 486-1210