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**Building Campus-Community Coalition  
is Topic of Talk at ECSU on May 8**

Willimantic, Conn. – Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) will host **Thomas Gebhardt**, Director of Personal Safety and Off-Campus Affairs, University Police Department and Chairperson of the Committee on University and Community Relations for the State University of New York (SUNY).

Gebhardt will speak to the Town-Gown Committee on **Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Johnson Community Room of the J. Eugene Smith Library** on the ECSU campus. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to the public.

Gebhardt will speak on “*Building a Successful Campus-Community Coalition*,” and will address issues of student alcohol use and abuse in the local community. Topics will include how to get a coalition started, changing skeptics to believers, and how to involve key members of the community in the debate, especially tavern owners.

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**Personal Safety Specialist Speaks at Eastern p.2**

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