



Safety & Security Newsletter

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The safety and security of any community is an obligation shared by those who are formally tasked to do so and the community members they serve.

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Welcome to spring time in South Dakota. I can say with some degree of confidence that winter may be behind us and spring is here. With the advent of warm weather, I encourage you to get outside as often as you can. Whether you are biking, hiking walking, fishing or other type of recreation please be aware of your surroundings. Condition can change quickly and accident can happen at any-time. The US Forest Service has information on outdoor safety on their [website](#).

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. SDSU and other universities strive to provide a violence free environment. The Clery Act, Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) are federal regulations that guide university policies and procedures related to sexual harassment. Title IX considers sexual assault and extreme form of sexual harassment. Information and resources are available in the SDSU [Annual Security Report](#) and on the Title IX and Equal Opportunity [website](#).

Threat assessment and management continues to be front and center for higher education. I encourage you to review the information provided on the Violence Prevention and Education [website](#) regarding the SDSU Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT). This site provides information on the BIT, identification of threatening and concerning behaviors, and access to an on-line referral of concerning behavior.

Congratulations to three members of the University Police Department. Read more about them in the UPD portion of this newsletter.

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For Emergencies call 111 from
a campus phone.

Emergency calls using 911 will
be transferred from the
Brookings Police Department
to the UPD Communications
Center.

Resources (Links)

[Annual Campus Safety Report](#)
[Brookings Police Department](#)
[Brookings County Sheriff's
Office](#)

University Police Department

The University Police Department is pleased to welcome two new officers into our ranks.

Officer Jared Thompson is a graduate of both Northern University and Boston University where he earned his MA in Criminal Justice. Jared also has a background in uniformed security services.

Officer Kevin Lipinski served in the US Army National Guard, worked in corrections & communications in Minnesota for 9 years, and has worked in the communications division of the University Police Department for approx. 3 years.

Both Jared and Kevin have a lot of training a head of them. After completing our 8-10-week field training and evaluation program the officers will receive additional on the job training and job shadowing with experienced police officers as part of our patrol unit. They will then attend the SD Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre for 13 weeks of training. Once they return from the academy each will be put to work protecting the people and property of SDSU as certified police officers.

We are also pleased to announce that one of our own has been recognized as the civil service employee of the month.

Corporal Wade Oorlog began his time with SDSU as a student and a community advisor. He became a student officer in 2004, a part time police officer in 2006 and was promoted to full time police officer in 2008. Throughout his time with the department Corporal Oorlog has consistently provided a high level of public safety and law enforcement services to the campus community. He holds numerous instructor level certifications in the field. His knowledge and expertise when it comes to radio communications, vehicle repair and maintenance and specialized electronic components have been invaluable in keeping the department's fleet of vehicles roadworthy and operational. While Corporal Oorlog has not always been the face of the department, he is always working diligently in the background to keep it up and running. Corporal Oorlog is without question an unsung hero when it comes to the safe and secure environment of SDSU.

April is **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it. Please follow these links for more information and ideas of how you can get involved:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/about>
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/sexualviolence/>

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“Remember; when disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed.” - Steven Cyros

Always remember. If You
See Something Say
Something.

Emergency Management

With recent events I thought it would be appropriate to refresh everyone on the “If You See Something, Say Something”™ campaign from Homeland Security.

The “If you see Something, Say Something”™ campaign uses the public to enhance the nation’s security, urging citizens to report odd occurrences such as unattended packages or luggage, questions about security procedures, and surveillance of government buildings, infrastructure, or large public venues.

South Dakota’s campaign includes social media messages, posters, public service announcements, and other components to advertise a toll-free number for the public to use. Campaign materials have been disseminated to counties, travel information centers, universities, and private businesses. Public service announcements continue to run on radio stations statewide.

The campaign encourages citizens to call 9-1-1 immediately if they witness a life-threatening emergency, a crime in progress, or a rapidly evolving public safety issue.

To report suspicious activity call:
SDSU Police Department at 605-688-5117
Or call Toll-Free: 1-844-3SD-SAFE or 1-844-373-7233

<https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>

Federal and State Emergency Management utilizes numerous social media accounts to provide information to the public before, during, and after a disaster.

Federal: [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

State of South Dakota
SD OEM - [Facebook](#)
SD OEM - [Twitter](#)
SD Highway Patrol - [Facebook](#)
SD Highway Patrol - [Twitter](#)
SD Dept. of Public Safety - [Twitter](#)

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For after-hours assistance
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Department at 688-5117

In an emergency dial 111 from
a campus phone or 911 from a
cellular phone.

Environmental Health & Safety

Spring might be here! One never knows in South Dakota, but it's time to get out, start walking and riding instead of driving. If you are riding a bicycle to work or around campus, remember that pedestrians have the right of way, always. On the streets and roads, a bicyclist must follow all traffic rules such as stopping at stop sign, proper side of the street and if available, stay in bicycle lanes. Brookings is working on making it a much more bicycling friendly town. ([Brookings Bicycle Commuting Guide](#)). On campus, remember when you are on your bike, pedestrians have the right of way at all times. Use a bicycle bell to let others know you are there. In 2010, 800 bicyclists were killed and half a million had injuries: helmets are the most important safety feature when riding ([Head Injuries](#)). Enjoy riding, but when riding on campus or the streets of Brookings, please be safe.

Occupational and Laboratory Eye Accidents

Just like a bicycle helmet can prevent head injuries, proper eye protection and goggles can be an eye saver. The eye is the most vulnerable part of your body to laboratory injuries due to a projectile, chemicals or some types of light (i.e., lasers, UV). It is an SDSU requirement that whenever you or a close lab partner are using hazardous materials whether they are chemical or physical, you must be wearing the proper goggles. However, accidents do happen and when they do, one must be prepared for understanding how to use an [eyewash or emergency shower](#).

At SDSU, you will see several styles of eyewashes: stand-alone models mounted on the wall, eyewash stations combined with a safety shower or some are attached to a sink. Such eyewash stations may or may not be within the laboratory but they must always be within 10 seconds or 30 feet of a lab occupant at all times. Some wall mounted models will be located in the hallway outside of laboratories. When using an eyewash make sure the user's eyes remain open as the water washes them, it is an uncomfortable sensation but if the eyes are closed the eyewash is not effective, it is recommended to wash your eyes and your whole face for a minimum of 15 minutes to ensure the material is washed out. After using an eyewash, one should immediately report to a physician to ensure that there is no eye damage. The victim also must fill out a first report of injury so that they can be covered by [SD Workman's Compensation insurance](#). Please ensure you know the location and function of your eyewash and safety shower before handling chemicals. In addition, be sure you understand where and how to use the emergency shower. In 2008, a woman in California died from a chemical fire accident: she was only about 12 feet from a safety shower that might have saved her, but she did not know it was there.

I hope you have a great spring, enjoy the weather and the chance to watch all the changes spring brings, from the greening of the grass to leafing out of the trees.

Dr. Gary L. Yarrow, Director
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