



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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Office of Safety and Security

As we enjoy the holiday season, it is a good time to reflect on the past year with an optimistic eye to the future. Departments in the Office of Safety and Security have several new initiatives and enhancements.

The University Police Department has spent the last couple of years working toward national accreditation through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators ([IACLEA](#)). Their work will culminate with an onsite inspection early this spring.

UPD is also working to provide important training with national experts in the field of victim-centered and trauma-informed investigations as we seek to enhance our ability to address sexual violence in our community.

The department is also expanding active shooter awareness training to allow greater access to community members. Future courses will provide additional information on the University behavioral intervention processes.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety is set to introduce online training for the use of golf carts on campus. This will be the template for other online offerings.

The Office of Emergency Management will continue to work with departments on the development and refinement of continuity of operations planning. The Office is also ramping up their marketing of the Rave Guardian smart-phone app that allows users to communicate more effectively with the University Police Department, family, and friends.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

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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

Accreditation

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA, www.iaclea.org) is an association that represents campus public safety leaders at more than 1,000 institutions of higher education, offering IACLEA accreditation to university law enforcement and public safety agencies. IACLEA accreditation constitutes recognition that an agency conforms to the highest professional standard for law enforcement and security services.

The IACLEA Accreditation Commission has carefully selected over 225 standards that impact officer and public safety, address high liability and risk management issues, and generally promote operational efficiency throughout the agency. Among these are many standards which are unique to the specialized university policing environment. Not only will the University Police Department undergo a full audit and inspection in 2017, we must be reaccredited every three years to ensure we are maintaining the standards and high level of performance in our field.

The University Police Department will be only the second police department in the state to receive national accreditation, and the only university police department.

Victim-Centered Trauma-Informed Investigations

Victims of sexual assault and violence often face a wide range of challenges after the incident. Victims who speak about their assault can be misunderstood and met with a wide range of negative reactions, including: disbelief, shame, disgust, and blame. These reactions not only cause further damage to victims but hinder successful investigations and prosecutions.

The University Police Department is in the process of bringing quality victim-centered trauma-informed investigative training to the university in 2017. Not only for UPD but for other areas of the university and broader audiences, where such training will be beneficial. Using a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach to investigations will help yield better outcomes for sexual assault victims. Read more about this topic [here](#).

Active Threat Response

The term "Active Threat" is used to describe the threat as immediate and ongoing. These situations evolve very rapidly and may require immediate action on your part. The University Police Department strongly urges each of you to familiarize yourselves with possible scenario and the options available to you.

While much has been focused on shooting incidents, threats to your physical safety come in many forms. It is an unfortunate reality that we must consider a variety of threats. Individuals may be armed with firearms, knives, personal weapons, or more recently vehicles. Other individuals may verbally threaten violence or be in mental crisis. By expanding training and community education programs we hope to not only help people understand how to respond to such events, but how to help us prevent them through behavioral intervention and threat management solution.

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“Emergency Preparedness is a Team Sport.” –Eric Whitaker

Always remember. If You See
Something Say Something.

Emergency Management

Weather Notes

As we know all too well the weather in South Dakota provides a variety of challenges. To address these challenges the SD Office of Emergency Management offers information on their Be Ready [website](#). This includes seasonal preparedness tips, family disaster preparedness, and kid safety. **Be Safe, Be Informed, and Be Prepared.**

Active Shooter Awareness Training (along w/Sergeant Anderson UPD)

Next class will be January 2017. Additional information will be provided when the date and location are set.

Campus Alert System and Alertus Desktop

A test of the systems was conducted Dec. 9, 2016. Results from the test are:

Campus Alert: SDSU Contacts: 13,588

Unreachable: 38

Confirmed: 2,906

- 61 percent by Campus Assigned Email
- 12 percent by Mobile Phone
- 12 percent by SMS text
- 6.4 percent by secondary Email
- 8.6 percent by either business phone, secondary phone or home phone.

Not Confirmed: 10,644

We ask you to confirm that you have received the message. This allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of our emergency communication processes. To confirm your message please follow the directions in emergency messages.

Alertus Desktop: 3,520 computer devices were activated with the test message. Only 677 devices acknowledged the message. The response rate could be due to the day and time the message was sent and how many individuals were in front of their computer at that time. However, 65 percent of the messages that were acknowledged were within 60 seconds.

Jackrabbits Guardian

Can a smartphone keep you safe? It can help. The combination of a smartphone's data, location technology and other innovations can help to keep you safer. Use Jackrabbits Guardian App when you travel over the holidays to connect with family and friends.

The Rave Guardian is a free app and works the same as Jackrabbits Guardian without the SDSU branding. If your guardian doesn't have an SDSU email account, they can download the app from an app store. You can set a safety timer (up to 10 hours) with that guardian of choice. Once your Guardian accepts your request they will see a map of your location. The app tracks and displays your location so assistance can be provided if you become stranded and are unable to request help directly. It also allows your selected guardian to keep track of your progress as you travel. Additional information about Jackrabbit Guardian is available on the Office of Emergency Management [website](#).

Please contact me to visit your department/division meetings to discuss or answer any questions regarding safety and security on campus.

Does your office have a Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP)? If not, contact me for assistance in developing one.

Have a great rest of the holiday season and stay warm!

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contact the University Police
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In an emergency, dial 111
from a campus phone or 911
from a cellular phone.

Environmental Health & Safety

As we wrap up 2016 and look toward 2017, here are some things to look forward to from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety:

1. Online inventory for radioactive materials with a request area to dispose of spent materials;
2. Updated chemical disposal request forms;
3. Annual hazardous waste disposal;
4. Enhanced ergonomic training opportunities; and
5. Online training:
 - a. Golf cart use
 - b. UTV (Gator) use
 - c. X-ray safety
 - d. Laser user safety
 - e. Temporary radioisotope lab occupants.

For more information on these activities or to provide input into these processes, please contact our office.

As a reminder for those working in labs that use hazardous chemicals and radioisotopes on a constant basis, they will need to attend the classroom training for chemical hygiene and radioisotope use.

Bio-Waste Disposal: In the past, bio-waste materials were taken to Animal Research Building for incineration. However, due to capacity limitations this is no longer possible. For disposal, please contact Kenneth Larson in our office (Kenneth.larson@sdstate.edu) for disposal instructions. All bio-wastes are now collected and consolidated by our staff for disposal by a vendor.

Ergonomic Issues: In the United States, about one-third of all workers' compensation claims are related to ergonomic issues and cost businesses (including universities) between \$45 and \$54 billion a year. If you are having issues with pain while sitting at your desk, working in the lab, hand usage or other muscular/skeletal issues, contact [Tina Brown](mailto:Tina.Brown@sdstate.edu) and ask for an evaluation of your work area. Many fixes can be done very inexpensively.

Our goal is to make our office a resource in keeping faculty, staff and students safe. While it is inevitable that some accidents will occur, with training and understanding of what and how you are doing things we can greatly reduce the chances of injury. If our office can assist your lab, office or other facility, please let us know and we will work to keep you as safe as possible.

Thanks to all of you that have made our job in making SDSU a safer place by attending classes, discussing hazard issues and your cooperation during 2016.

Enjoy the new year and semester.

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