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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



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Chief of Police

As the Police Chief for the University Police Department, and on behalf of the Office of Emergency Management, the Office of Access Control, and Parking Enforcement, I want to welcome you to the first edition of the UPD newsletter. All of the above areas which fall within the University Police Department share a common set of core values and beliefs. These core values and beliefs can be captured in the simple phrase "we provide for the overall safety and security of all individuals who are on our campus".

Although the above statement simplifies what each

Department is all about, the reality is that each area has many roles and responsibilities within this campus setting. The purpose of this and subsequent newsletters is to better educate the campus community on specific responsibilities, as well as to offer basic tips which will make your time spent with us safe and enjoyable.

The basic format of our newsletter, which I am sure will evolve over time, will be to highlight each department mentioned above, and give readers a more in depth understanding on specific responsibilities. The authors of each respective section will also provide important information which readers should find educational and may be of significant benefit.

Since being appointed the Chief of Police almost two years ago, I have focused on ensuring the University Police Department works in collaboration with our key internal partners within the University, as well as our external partners such as the Suffolk County Police Department and other important agencies. Due to the important contributions of all of our department members, we have made tremendous strides in these areas.

I have been and continue to be amazed at the true professionalism exhibited by our members on a daily basis. This includes our patrol officers who are the first responders when people in need call, our investigators who conduct criminal investigations which quite often lead to fantastic arrests, our Community Relations Team that provides Crime Prevention lectures and workshops, as well as my executive staff that makes sure it all runs smoothly.

Since you are reading this, I would like to encourage you to share this newsletter and spread the word to other areas and departments you think may benefit by the materials contained in the following sections. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in this newsletter, please feel free to contact Hilary Wolfskill at 631-632-3046.

Hope you enjoy and please stay safe!



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Lawrence Zacarese
Assistant Chief of Police / Director of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management is located within the University Police Department and is tasked with all aspects of emergency preparedness for the campus community. The mission of the University Police Office of Emergency Management is to:

- Maintain the highest level of preparedness to protect the students, faculty, staff, and other members of the campus community.
- To mitigate loss of life and vital assets prior to, during, and after an emergency or critical incident.
- To facilitate the fastest possible recovery after an emergency or critical incident.

The Office of Emergency Management works with all campus emergency responders, public and private agencies, volunteer organizations, and the local business community to meet this mission. The Office is also responsible for identifying campus vulnerabilities, effectively mitigating disasters, providing public education, responding to all-hazard emergency situations, ensuring continuity of campus operations, and coordinating recovery efforts with various campus departments. Emergency Management frequently partners with the Department of Environmental Health & Safety, Campus Operations & Maintenance, Student Health Service, Campus Planning, Design & Construction, Athletics, Campus Residences, and the Office of Student Affairs.

The Office of Emergency Management functions as the primary coordinating office with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private entities to develop, maintain, and implement the University Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). These partnerships are crucial for planning purposes and the Office maintains close relationships with the Suffolk County Police Department, Suffolk County Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services, Nassau County Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, State Emergency Management Office, and others to ensure all agencies collaborate and share information.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricanes are violent storms which can bring intense winds, heavy rain, a storm surge, floods, coastal erosion, landslides, and tornadoes. While it is difficult to predict the exact time, place, and force of hurricanes, the tri-state area and our campus community must be prepared. The hurricane season began on June 1st and lasts until November, although most hurricanes occur in mid-August to late October. Each season, on average, six hurricanes form in the Atlantic Ocean of which two become major hurricanes.

What should I do during a Hurricane?

- Follow the instructions of University Police, Fire Marshals, and emergency personnel.
- Stay indoors until advised to exit.
- Stay in interior hallways and keep doors closed.
- Do not open windows or doors to see what is happening outside.
- Beware of the "eye" of the storm. The "eye" is the center of the hurricane, which may bring a temporary period when the air may be calm.
- Do not leave your safety or shelter until advised by emergency personnel. Residential students will be notified by campus residence staff.
- When the "all clear" is given, exit your location with extreme care. Beware of electrical wires, broken glass, and falling or fallen objects.
- Do not enter structures, vehicles, or areas that are damaged; many people are electrocuted after a storm.

For information about Stony Brook University re-opening, call the SB Alert Hurricane Hotline at (631) 632-7669.



SB ALERT & EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

SB Alert is the University's emergency notification system. It is used to alert you of major emergencies, immediate threats or impending situations that can pose harm to you, disrupt classes, impact facilities, activities, or other operations. When activated, the system can send a voice, alphanumeric page, e-mail and/or text message to all of the devices that you enter into the SB Alert contact information. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to sign up for this service and update their contact information when it changes.

The Office of Emergency Management has recently created an SB Advisory page that is used to notify the campus of incidents that do not necessarily constitute an immediate threat, but rather are for informational purposes only. Examples of SB advisories may include weather forecasts, emergency management programs or training announcements, and campus traffic conditions or road closures.

SB ALERT

To register for SB Alerts visit :
www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/alerts

To view active and archived SB Alerts and SB Advisories visit:
www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/advisories

To follow the Office of Emergency Management on Twitter and for more information visit:
www.stonybrook.edu/emergency

If you have any questions regarding Emergency Management please contact:

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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The Community Relations Team has been known as the face of the University Police Department. The team covers a wide range of events and functions on the campus including, but not limited to, parties, escorting of dignitaries, orientations and safety talks, organizing programs for fingerprinting and Operation Identification, as well as assisting the shifts when they are in need.

During the past semester, community relations also assisted with safety concerns that were raised due to demonstrations and protests which took place for various reasons like the reduction of services in Southampton and the Graduate Student Organization's complaints of inadequate compensation for the services which they provide.

Additionally, the Community Relations Team arranges a number of programs, not only on campus, but off-site as well. The team arranges the programs in the dorms to assist Resident Assistants with

their needs. Students can come to the programs and gain valuable information on how to make their experience at Stony Brook safer while also having what they learned reinforced.

There are two different programs through which this is accomplished. The first is the Alcohol Awareness Program. During this program, officers explain the concerns and possible consequences of excessive drinking. After the presentation, officers then provide "Beer Goggles" for the students, which replicate different blood alcohol content levels and have them "walk the line" to more realistically show the students the difficulty in functioning in such an impaired condition.

The second program is the Operation Identification Program. During this program, officers speak about crimes of opportunity and how to properly secure your belongings. After the program is complete, those in attendance can elect to have their personal items engraved with a

unique number so that if it were ever stolen and recovered by the police it could be tracked and returned. Besides these programs, which are offered to all students and employees of the University, the team also makes occasional off-site visits to local high schools to speak about campus safety and what to expect when they get to college and to be aware of their surroundings.

If anyone is interested in arranging a program for their department or dormitory, please feel free to contact us. The number for the Community Relations Team is (631)632-3056. To contact the Community Relations Sub-Station in the Student Activities Center (631)632-9317. We are also available through our website, www.sunysb.edu/police. The e-mail addresses for all of the officers on the team are available through the website as well as links to directly set up appointments for fingerprinting and Operation ID.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

George Volz
Parking Relations and Appeals Manager

As many of us know, parking at Stony Brook University can be extremely challenging, especially during the Spring and Fall semesters. It has become part of our daily routine to allow enough time to search out the most convenient and at the very least, available, parking space so we can get to work, class or appointment. As difficult as this can be, there are some ways to avoid "unnecessary" tickets during the course of your time here at SBU.

Expired Permit—For many of the Faculty and Staff on campus, this is probably one of the most common summonses to receive. With a two year expiration date, not many actually remember when their permit expires. Do you consciously look at the date and ask yourself "When does my permit expire?" We hang it on the rear view mirror and go about our business for a couple years until we are greeted by a yellow envelope one afternoon. Even though e-mails are sent to the campus community each December as a reminder, there are other ways to set reminders for ourselves.

In this day and age, just about everyone

has either a handheld device or computer program that can be set with a reminder. Using your Lotus notes Calendar application, you could set a reminder for December 2011 that your Faculty/Staff permit will expire on 1/31/2012.

Most cell phones, Blackberries, iPhones etc. have a calendar application that can also be utilized if you do not have access to a computer. Simply access the desired date that provides enough time to renew your permit before it expires and add a reminder. For Special Service, Premium and Resident permits, you would need to set a yearly reminder based on the specific expiration date for each of these permits. It would be best served to enter your reminder as soon as you receive your permit.

Unauthorized Parking—The best way to avoid an "Unauthorized Parking" ticket is to educate yourself where you are "Authorized" to park. Sounds simple enough, but the number one reason why people find themselves in the wrong place is because "someone told me it was OK to park there". The source of this misinfor-

mation can come from friends, an RA, someone in a window in the Bursar's office etc. The best source of information comes from the Parking and transportation web-site at www.stonybrook.edu/parking. This website will provide you with information for specific parking lots, hours of enforcement and changes in restrictions such as summer session parking rules. A common mistake students make is parking in the 24 Hour Enforced Faculty/Staff lots. The assumption is all restrictions are lifted in Red Zones after 4:00pm, but that is not the case in certain lots.

There is also a color coded map that will help you determine what areas have been designated as specific zones. Every parking lot has been identified as a particular zone; there are no "free" spaces on campus. Please note that there are three Premium, "Brown", zones that are not interchangeable.

ACCESS CONTROL & LOCK SHOP

Lawrence Zacaress
Assistant Chief of Police / Director of Emergency Management

The Office of Access Control & Lock Shop is located within the University Police Department and is responsible for all aspects of physical and electronic security for the Stony Brook campus community. The staff is tasked with the design, installation, and maintenance of all traditional locking systems, electronic card access, closed circuit television systems (CCTV), and intrusion detection systems for all campus buildings.

The Office has been very busy over the last several months with a number of major projects that enhance the existing security infrastructure as well as the installation of new systems keeping pace with campus construction projects and applicable requirements. In the spirit of cam-

pus safety and community, the Office of Access Control is committed to following emerging trends in technology and security applications to keep all members of the campus community safe while visiting, working, and studying at our university.

Although the nature and description of specific operational aspects of the security systems installed across campus must remain confidential there is one particular project that highlights the dedication of the entire staff. The Office was responsible for the design and installation of an elaborate security systems installed at the Stony Brook University Medical Center which protects new born babies with the latest technology. The Office of Access

Control is responsible for projects like these all over campus in addition to the constant requests for maintenance to and the addition of locks and camera systems.

If you would like to submit a work request for lock repair, keys, or card access please visit the FIXIT web-site at www.stonybrook.edu/fixit. Any questions can also be directed to the Office of Access Control at (631)632-6407.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Due to the reduced summer schedule and limited amount of students on campus, there are currently no programs scheduled. If you are interesting in scheduling a program please contact the Community Relations Team at (631)632-3056. Please check back after the school year has started to see more of the scheduled programming.



RECOGNITIONS

University Police Department: The Stony Brook University Police Department was recently presented with the Frederick R. Preston Partnership Award by the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) & Center for Prevention and Outreach Services (CPO) in partnership with the Office of the Dean of Students for outstanding service and contributions to the quality of student life on the Stony Brook campus.

Assistant Chief Zacaress: Our Assistant Chief of Police / Director of Emergency Management, Lawrence Zacaress, was also recognized individually by Student Health Service for his personal contribution to the quality of student life.

Detective Borowski: Detective Gary Borowski was awarded the Campus Safety Officer of the year for 2009 by the Long Island College and University Security Consortium for his efforts in the apprehension of a male that was responsible for numerous burglaries on Stony Brook campus as well as Adelphi, St. Johns, Montclair State University, and the New Jersey College of Dentistry and Optometry.