

# Stony Brook University

## Police Department

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As we approach the upcoming holidays, the University Police Department would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. As always, the holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year with people spending time with family and friends, going to parties, and attending to last minute shopping. It is also a time when people become vulnerable to theft and other holiday crimes. Please try and avoid becoming a victim by keeping in mind the following safety tips during the holiday season.

#### When Traveling

- Set an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, pick up newspapers and collect mail.

#### When Going Out

- Lock all windows and doors while you're gone, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Turn on lights and a radio or the television so it appears that someone is

home.

- Don't place packages or gifts near windows or in other visible areas.

#### When Shopping

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lit area and as close to the store as possible.
- Remember to lock your car doors. Hide all visible packages in the trunk or under the seat.
- Keep items such as checks, credit cards and cash in your front pants pockets or inside your coat.

- Be aware of any strangers that may be approaching you for any reason.
- Do not wear expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash.
- Try to shop during daylight hours if possible. If you have to shop at night, try and bring someone with you.

#### When at Home

- Turn on outside lights.



Robert Lenahan  
Chief of Police

- Be sure to lock all doors and windows when you leave.
- Report suspicious behavior to the local authorities.

I would also like to remind you that December is designated as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. If you are planning on attending parties and consuming alcohol or other substances, please turn over your keys and "Don't Drink and Drive". If you do, you will be arrested.

**Stony Brook is Serious About Safety**

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Lawrence Zaccarese  
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### WINTER WEATHER

With the approaching winter season the Office of Emergency Management would like to provide you with a few tips on getting through the cold months. Preparing your home can greatly decrease the damage frigid temperatures and harsh storms can have.

Add the following supplies to your disaster supply kit:

- Rock Salt to melt ice on walkways
- Sand to improve traction
- Snow Shovels and other snow removal equipment.

Preparing your car is also important to getting through the winter months safely:

- Have a mechanic check antifreeze levels, your battery and ignition system, brakes, exhaust, heater and defroster, lights and hazards.
- Install good winter tires with adequate tread.
- Maintain at least a half tank of gas.
- Make sure to have an emergency kit in your car that includes a shovel, a scraper, flashlight, radio, blankets, salt and sand, flares and other items.



Always dress for the weather. Several layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing are better than one layer of heavy clothing. Wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

While preparing for the winter keep in mind campus policies. Candle use, as well as burning incense or other flammable items, is prohibited on campus. Electric or kerosene space heaters create a fire hazard and are also prohibited on campus.

University faculty, staff and students should visit the Stony Brook web site and tune into radio and television stations for status reports as to when the University will be closed and when it will reopen. The Office of Emergency Management monitors weather conditions throughout the season. SB Advisories and detailed information will be posted on the Emergency Management web site [www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/advisories](http://www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/advisories) as well as on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Weather information will also be given via Campus Cable TV Channel 8, WUSB 90.1, external media sources and will be recorded on the emergency weather line (631) 632-SNOW or (631) 444-SNOW.

For more information on preparing for winter weather visit our Severe Weather site at [www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/weather](http://www.stonybrook.edu/emergency/weather).

### SAFETY WARDEN PROGRAM

Safety Wardens are faculty and staff volunteers who are trained to assist with communications, evacuation, and coordination of building occupants during an emergency. Safety Wardens are provided a portable radio to communicate with the Building Manager, Fire Marshals, and other members of the Emergency Management Team. They are also issued a whistle and vest so they can be easily identified by building occupants and emergency personnel.

Safety Wardens play a key role during the winter months by assisting with the dissemination of emergency communications. Specific directions on building evacuations, shelter-in-place decisions, emergency drills, and school closings are often given to our Safety Wardens via portable radios for circulation to their assigned areas. Safety Wardens help ensure a safe and effective response to emergencies by working with the Emergency Management Team and building occupants.

To volunteer or for more information on the Safety Warden Program in your building send an e-mail to [Hilary.Wolfskill@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Hilary.Wolfskill@stonybrook.edu) or call the Office of Emergency Management at (631) 632-3046.



## OFFICE OF ACCESS CONTROL

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The Office of Access Control would like to welcome its new Staff Assistant, Maria Fernandez. Maria joins our team from Central Receiving and has already begun to acclimate to her new position.

With the welcoming of Maria, the Office of Access Control will be saying goodbye to its manager Jim Lang. Jim is retiring after 11 years as manager of Access Control and the Lock Shop and 20 total years with Stony Brook University. We would like to take this time to wish him well in all future endeavors and thank him for his service to our campus community throughout his career.

With Jim as manager, the Office of Access Control has grown vastly over the years and continues to undertake new projects. The recent addition of the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, as well as several major projects within the Research and Development campus, including the



Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC) and the Center for Excellence

in Wireless Technology (CEWIT), are just a few of the ventures Jim has overseen in recent months.

**The University's campus wide CCTV system** is another endeavor Jim has guided and directed. This major undertaking includes the migration of existing camera systems to an updated infrastructure as well as increasing the functionality of the systems components. These enhancements will provide an added level of safety and security for the campus community.

Congratulations Jim, you will be missed.

## C-CERT

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The Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) educates members of our campus community about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our campus and offers training in disaster response skills, such as fire safety and suppression, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, C-CERT members can assist others on campus or in our neighboring community during and after an event when professional responders may not be immediately available. C-CERT members also support community emergency response by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects.

Stony Brook C-CERT is a dedicated group of students, faculty and staff trained in emergency response and management. Many of our members are also EMTs, Paramedics, firefighters and law enforcement officers.

Stony Brook University C-CERT is a collaboration between the Office of Emergency Management and the Division of Campus Residences (Student Affairs). Stony Brook C-CERT is also an official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) registered CERT program.

Every semester, SB C-CERT chooses a number of students, faculty and staff from the applicant pool. These indi-

viduals will be enrolled in a 2-week intensive mid-semester probationary class immediately upon selection. Upon graduating from this class, the recruits will take their place as members of C-CERT.

For more information on C-CERT visit [www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/cert](http://www.studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/cert). Students, faculty and staff interested in joining C-CERT can attend an informational session or e-mail the recruitment committee at [sbccert@gmail.com](mailto:sbccert@gmail.com) for an application. Spring 2011 recruitment will begin on January 24th, 2011.



## PARKING ENFORCEMENT

George Volz  
Parking Relations and Appeals Manager

### HOLIDAY PARKING

During the holiday season there are many things going on in our academic, professional and especially personal life. Whether it is December graduation, holiday plans with the family or what gifts to get and where, I am sure the last thing on everyone's mind is where to park on campus. To help you plan your trip to Stony Brook, here are a few items to keep in mind.

### PARKING DURING FINALS WEEK

Classes officially end on December 10<sup>th</sup>. From Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> to Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, restrictions in the resident zones will be lifted in order to accommodate the need for students and their families to remove personal belongings after their last final. Faculty and Staff lots as well as all premium lots will be enforced. Meters are still enforced as well all indi-

vidually marked spots such as "Special Service" and "State Vehicle Only".

### PARKING AFTER SEMESTER END

December 20<sup>th</sup> marks the "End of Term" for the Fall 2010 semester. Restrictions are lifted in all lots from Tuesday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 through Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 except for the following:

*Life Science 1 & 2 Premium Lot  
Metered Lots  
24 hour Faculty/Staff Lots*

During these periods of unrestricted parking, the observance of Handicapped spaces and Fire Zones must continue. Meters are still enforced as well as all individually marked spots such as "Special Service" and "State Vehicle Only".

### WINTER SESSION

Winter session runs from Tuesday Janu-

ary 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 to Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>. During this time, the restrictions for the Stadium Premium lot and all Faculty Staff lots are in effect. Resident zones will continue to be unrestricted. During these periods of unrestricted parking, the observance of Handicapped spaces and Fire Zones must continue. Meters are still enforced as well all individually marked spots such as "Special Service" and "State Vehicle Only".

### METERED PARKING

Meters are in affect from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday. Meters will be enforced except for Thanksgiving, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Washington's Birthday occurs on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Classes are in session and all offices are open, therefore meters will still be in effect.

## University Police Investigations

George Rieu-Sicart  
Detective Commander

The University Police Investigations unit would like to remind all students, faculty and staff to safeguard their belongings before leaving for holiday vacations. Vacant dorm rooms and offices provide an opportunity for theft on campus.

Students, remember to take home your valuables during winter break. **Don't leave laptops, game systems, electronic devices, jewelry or other valuable items behind.**

Before you leave for the holidays, make sure to lock your doors and windows. For students this may include bedroom, apartment and suite doors. Many thefts on campus are related to unlocked doors. Do not

give keys or ID cards to others.

For those who may remain on campus during the holiday season, help University Police keep the campus safe. Report suspicious persons or activity by dialing 911 or 333 from any campus phone. From cell phones dial (631) 632-3333 to reach University Police dispatchers directly. Save yourself a step and program University Police into your cell phone.

University Police strongly recommends that students, faculty and staff participate in our Operation ID program. Operational Identification is a theft prevention program that involves marking property with

identifying numbers to alert thieves that valuables are marked for identification purposes. When stolen property is retrieved by University Police Investigators, having an identifying mark allows us to determine the owner of the property and ensure its safe return. Property identification also aids in the prosecution of offenders.

For more information or to sign up for our Operation ID program call (631) 632-3056 or visit our web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/police/programs/opid.shtml](http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/programs/opid.shtml).



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Stony Brook University Police Department will be hosting distracted driver presentations during the Spring 2011 semester. If you are a member of a department, group, or organization that has an interest in receiving this presentation please contact our Community Relations Team at (631) 632-9317 for more information and scheduling.

## REACTIONS — NOT DISTRACTIONS PLEDGE WINNERS



As part of the Stony Brook is Serious About Safety campaign, the University Police Department recently awarded three gift certificates to the University Book Store in a drawing for those who Took the Pledge on our web-site. By pledging to put an end to distracted walking/driving and do their part in providing for a safer campus community the following individuals were selected:

- 1st Prize — RHD Dillon Beckford
- 2nd Prize — University Police Officer Dawn Testa
- 3rd Prize — Student Rie Inaba

The Stony Brook University Police Department would like to thank these individuals and all others who entered this contest for pledging their support.

**Campus Safety. It's our job, but it's everyone's responsibility.**

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