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A Message from President T.K. Wetherell



I'm pleased to take this opportunity to speak to all students, their families, faculty, staff, and visitors about the critical issue of safety at Florida State University. Everything this institution attempts to accomplish is predicated upon the assumption that we can live, work, study, and visit in an atmosphere free from undue fear, risks, and/or criminal activity. Please read this Seminole Safety Guide and become aware of the many programs and activities that are available to ensure your safety and well-being. Be proactive! This publication contains a wealth of information about becoming safety conscious and safety active. Be aware of where you are, who and what are around you, and all you can do to ensure your own safety as well as the safety of others. I assure you that the University administration and its Police Department will do everything we can, on a "24/7" basis, to make your stay at Florida State University as pleasant, productive, and safe as is humanly possible. But safety must begin with you! I am offering this time-tested advice from a father and a grandfather as well as a university president. Be respectful of yourselves and others –you know the difference between right and wrong and should act accordingly. And do not be tolerant of or apathetic about serious wrong-doing or inherently dangerous situations when you witness them. We cannot totally eliminate all the dangers which threaten our physical, emotional, and material well-being. However, with concerted effort, we can significantly reduce these threats and concentrate more productively upon achieving the goals that bring us to Florida State University in the first place.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T.K. Wetherell".

A Message from Chief David L. Perry -- FSU Police: A Leader in Public Safety



The Florida State University Police Department (FSUPD) is committed to providing Florida State University with a safe environment conducive to the goals of education and research. Although reported crime at Florida State is relatively low, it is important for students to remember that we are not immune from criminal activity. Therefore, we share many of the crime and safety issues that exist in any city. In partnership with the community, we work to prevent crime and solve problems that affect students, faculty, and staff. The safety and security of the University is the combined responsibility of the entire Florida State University community.

To maintain an effective working relationship with the community and to respond to its needs, the FSUPD is organized into four twelve hour shifts that work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Officers conduct visible patrols, respond to reports of crimes, address problems, and provide information and resources to the community. This information - which includes many practices, procedures, and safety tips for keeping safe at FSU, are delivered in several ways. It is published annually in the Annual Safety Guide, which appears on the website (www.police.fsu.edu), and is discussed in safety talks that are conducted by police

officers at student orientations, new employee orientations, and other gatherings. Community members interested in arranging a safety talk should contact the department for scheduling.

I encourage all students, faculty, staff and visitors to be aware of the resources offered from the department and innovative equipment being utilized daily. Our officers are committed to initiating and maintaining close ties with the community. Feel free to stop by our headquarters at the corner of Jefferson Street and Woodward Avenue in W.A. Tanner Hall to ask any questions about security issues that are important to you. Also, by taking the time to familiarize yourself with our resources and by using the information provided on our website, you will be helping us to help you in the pursuit of a safe campus. Feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

FSU Police: Pride, Enthusiasm, Professionalism, and Integrity

The FSU Police Department is a fully commissioned, professional force of police officers. This was validated on May 22, 2002, when the Department was awarded accreditation status by the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA). Since, the Department has been re-accredited in 2005 and again in July 2008. This accreditation signifies that the FSU Police Department meets or exceeds the highest professional standards set for law enforcement agencies, sworn officers, and non-sworn support personnel. Only 100 of the more than 300 agencies in the State of Florida have received this distinction of excellence from the CFA. FSU police officers are trained and certified the same as county and municipal officers in the state of Florida. Additionally, all newly-hired officers are required to complete a thirteen week field training program in order to apply law enforcement skills within the Florida State University environment. Consequently, FSU police officers are prepared to provide a full range of law enforcement services in an environment that requires additional care and understanding of the uniqueness of an educational community. The officers are authorized to carry firearms and make arrests on property controlled by the FSU Board of Trustees. In 2009 legislation was passed authorizing the FSUPD to enforce laws within 1000ft of any campus owned property. In addition to this the FSUPD has a written mutual aid agreement with both the Tallahassee Police Department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office. These agreements also extend extra-jurisdictional authority to the FSU Police Department in other parts of the city in order to carry out investigations and perform other duties. The Department uses uniformed officers to patrol the campus 24 hours per day – on foot, in automobiles, and on bicycles. Using a well established cooperative relationship with local law enforcement, area agencies regularly report to the FSUPD students who have been arrested for off campus offenses.

SAFETY AT FLORIDA STATE

Campus Safety Walk

Once a year, the University community joins together during evening hours in efforts to improve safety conditions on our campus. Police officers team with faculty, staff, and students, who are then assigned to zones throughout campus. The teams walk thoroughly throughout their zones, pointing out anything from lighting issues to safety hazards.

Safety and Security Advisory Committee

Composed of faculty, administrators, and students, this standing university-wide committee addresses ways to improve campus safety and serves as an advisory body to the Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration on safety and security issues. Interested parties should contact the Office of the Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration, 214 Westcott Building.

MARC (Men Advocating Responsible Conduct)

A program for and by men to raise awareness of sexual violence and its effects. This program was developed in conjunction with a nationally recognized leader in rape prevention geared toward men. This program is currently under way with our fraternities.

Safety Planning

Members of the Dean of Students and University Housing staff, along with students from Greek organizations, Inter-Residence Hall Council, Student Government Association, and FSU Police are working continuously to plan for student events and to promote safety awareness.

Traffic Safety

The FSUPD employs a comprehensive education and enforcement program aimed at reducing DUI, speeding, aggressive driving, and lack of safety belt use. The FSUPD has received state and national honors for its traffic safety efforts.

Campus Security Advisor, Student Government Association

College students are the most commonly victimized and yet are the most apathetic about safety concerns. To promote students' safety through awareness and security programs, each year a student is appointed to serve as a liaison between law enforcement agencies and the Student Government Association.

FSU Sexual Assault Task Force

The FSU Sexual Assault Task Force's mission is to build stronger links and awareness in the University community concerning sexual assault and its effects. Chaired by the Victim Advocate Program, membership includes representatives from the FSU Police Department, the Division of Student Affairs, the

Student Government Association (SGA), Department of Athletics, faculty and students. The Task Force serves as a clearinghouse of information for the University, maintains policy and legislative updates, develops and maintains training guidelines, and assists with the educational component for students, staff, and faculty.

Student Rights and Responsibilities Office

As part of the Dean of Students Department, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities implements and enforces the FSU Student Conduct Code. Through the student judicial process, students charged with violations of the Student Conduct Code are informed of their rights, held responsible for behavior that adversely affects the university community, and ultimately guided in making better decisions about their conduct. This office is also responsible for dealing with violations involving student organizations. For information, call 644-5136

Victim Advocate Program

A victim advocate is available 24 hours a day to respond to the needs of victims of crimes, including victims of sexual battery. Advocates offer emotional support practical assistance (such as contacting professors when requested), and necessary referrals (to counseling, legal aid, medical attention, etc.). Whenever possible, the University will assist student victims in rearranging class schedules and room assignments if requested. The goal of the program is to help students cope with their victimization and continue to have a rewarding college experience. Advocates can be contacted by calling 644-7161 or 644-2277 weekdays, and 644-1234 (through FSU Police Department) evenings and weekends and asking to speak to an advocate.

University Residence Hall Safety Week.

Members of University Housing staff and resident students plan and implement an annual "Safety Week" to educate students about crime prevention. Activities include programs, informational flyers, and unique initiatives for each hall.

PROGRAMS

Alcohol Compliance Team - ACT Team

The ACT Team is a partnership between local law enforcement agencies, other public safety agencies and other college officials designed to enforce alcohol laws and regulations in the greater Tallahassee/Leon County area. The FSU Police Department is a founding member of this coalition.

Greek-Copp

The Greek Copp Program is a Community Policing Program focused on FSU Greek Organizations. The program was founded with the idea of fostering a mentor style relationship between FSU Police Department and our Greek Community Family. Our relationship is comprised of regular meetings between Greek Life Risk Managers and Greek Copps to discuss current issues. These issues range from Florida State Laws to Florida State University Policies. The Greek Copp relationship has developed further by participating in pre-party walk-thrus. These party walk-thrus focus on creating a safe party environment as

well as further fostering the relationship in a mentor style setting. The relationship has blossomed and we now participate in risk management presentations for the entire Greek Life Family.

Operation ID

Campus police work with the staff in each residence hall to assist students with the engraving of their identification number on personal property and bikes. Serial numbers are recorded, aiding in the recovery of stolen articles.

Physical Security Analysis

Campus police officers, who are state-certified crime prevention practitioners, regularly visit residence halls and other multiple-living units to inspect lighting, shrubbery and all entry points. Officers review security procedures followed up by making recommendations to appropriate administrators. These officers also conduct security surveys at campus academic facilities as well, making crime prevention suggestions to department heads and persons responsible for building operations.

Physical Plant Consulting Program

During the planning and construction phases of new and renovated buildings, police experts consult with architects and engineers to ensure that the structural design offers the greatest degree of deterrence to crime.

Crisis Management Unit

Students who are experiencing an emotional or mental crisis, or who may become a threat to themselves or others, can receive early intervention from the Crisis Management Unit. Carefully selected police officers and graduate psychology students are specially trained to stabilize an impending crisis until professional medical or counseling resources can focus on the problem.

SAFE (Student Alert Force Escort) Connection

Funded by Student Government and the University, the service provides, free of charge, a safe passage for students, faculty and staff who need to traverse the campus after dark.

BEEPP (Bicycle Education, Enforcement, and Pedestrian Program)

The Bicycle Education, Enforcement, and Pedestrian Program (BEEPP) is a new traffic safety program focused on multi-modal transportation safety on campus. Officer's education motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians on safety issues associated traversing the campus.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is a seven week program where community members can learn about FSUPD from the inside. For more information call 644-1388 or 644-3660.

Stop Rape Week

A week of lectures, panel discussions, media and theater presentations on the subject of violence against women is sponsored by the Women's Center. The events are intended to help both men and women better understand and prevent the crime of rape.

Designated Driver Program

Students who have been drinking too much are provided rides home, assuring safe transit. CALL 644-SAFE (7233). Don't drive impaired!

RAD (Rape Aggression Defense)

RAD is a self defense program for women designed to “develop and enhance the options of self-defense, so they may become viable considerations to the woman who is attacked.” Call 644-1388 or 644-3660 or visit the FSUPD crime prevention page: <http://webapps.police.fsu.edu/exponent/?section=27>. RAD is now offered for credit!

Traffic Education and Enforcement at Florida State

The Florida State University Police Department employs specific and directed traffic enforcement aimed at DUI, speeding, aggressive driving, and unbuckled motorists. The FSUPD employs the use of sobriety checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, as well as seatbelt and speeding enforcement campaigns. As a member of the Leon County Multi-Agency DUI Strike Force, FSUPD has zero tolerance for impaired drivers. “Over The Limit, Under Arrest”.

CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION

Protect Your Property

- Use a “discus” style padlock (not the “master lock” type) on all storage units. Check the unit periodically to make sure nothing has been disturbed.
- Don’t lend your keys. Keys can be duplicated.
- Don’t mark your key chain with your name, address or license number. Lost keys can lead to theft.
- Engrave or mark all valuable personal property with your name and driver's license number. Keep an inventory of items.
- Move valuable items out of easy sight of windows and doors.
- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Copy all important papers and cards that you carry in your purse or wallet, including your driver’s license. Keep the copies in a safe place— the information will be invaluable if they are stolen or lost.
- Copy your vehicle ID and tag number. If your vehicle is stolen, it cannot be entered into the nationwide law enforcement network without this information

In Your Car

- Check the back seat before entering.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked at all times, even when driving in daylight, so no one can jump in at a red light.
- Keep enough gas in your tank for emergencies. Don’t offer rides to anyone you do not know, even if he or she claims to be a student
- Honk your horn—a good deterrent—if someone suspicious approaches your vehicle. Criminals don’t like attention.
- Lift the hood, put on the flashers, and wait inside for help with the doors locked if your car breaks down. Ask people who stop to call the police or AAA for you. Don’t accept a ride with anyone you do not know.

At Home

- Keep doors locked at all times, even if you are only away for a few moments. Do not “prop open” doors in the residence halls.
- Be assertive and demand that any unwanted person in your residence leave, or leave yourself. Anyone who refuses to leave is a trespasser. If you live in a residence hall, call FSUPD.
- Make sure hallways, entrances, garages, and grounds are well-lit. Leave porch lights on all night. When you expect to return after dark, leave an interior light on with shades drawn. If you live on campus, report any malfunctioning light.
- Know who is at your door before you open it. Campus staff should carry identification, and no solicitors are allowed on campus. If you live off campus, install a peephole in your front door.
- Make calls for strangers who want to use your phone. Don’t open your door or let them in.
- List initials and last name only on your mailbox or door and in the telephone book.
- Get to know your neighbors. If you live off campus, join a neighborhood watch system and share information on suspicious circumstances.

Away from Home

- Walk or jog with a friend. Avoid jogging after dark. If you must, stay in well-lit areas; walk midway between curbs and buildings and away from alleys and bushes.
- Don’t stop for stranded motorists. You are of greater help to them by calling the police.
- Keep valuables in the trunk of your vehicle, not on the seats.

- Park your car in well-lit areas.
- Remove all keys from your vehicle. Thieves look for keys. Walk with your keys in your hand.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Don't fight back if your purse or wallet is snatched. Turn it over to the thief rather than risk personal injury, and call the police immediately.
- Be careful about when and where you patronize Automatic Teller Machines (ATM). Accessing ATM cash in remote locations, particularly after nightfall, could expose you to risk of robbery and personal injury
- Avoid working or studying alone in a public-access building at night

If you have a disability

- Be on the defensive; use SAFE Connection at night (644-SAFE).
- Use reflective tape on wheelchairs or other mobility aids.
- Report any hazardous conditions to Student Disability Resource Center at 644-9566 (Voice or TDD)
- Use designated sidewalks. If you have a visual impairment, be sure to get thorough orientation. If unsure about hazards, please ask. Remember to use your cane properly.



Play it Safe: Cyclists are reminded that in Florida, a bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways, and must obey the same traffic laws as other vehicles. At FSU, cyclists may legally ride on sidewalks, provided that pedestrians are given the right of way and that an audible signal is given before overtaking and passing pedestrians. Wear a helmet when riding – nearly 75% of all bicycle related deaths are the result of head injuries. At night, use adequate lighting and reflectors. Observe all traffic laws that you would observe in a motor vehicle. Bicycles may not be parked where they impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Do not park bikes on railings, stairwells, or handicap access ramps.

Residence Hall Safety

Residence hall exterior doors are locked at all times. To gain admittance, visitors must call a student's room or the main office using the telephone at the main entrance of each hall. Visitors are then met at the entrance by their student-host. At night, hall staff provides support in checking the identities of those entering the halls. Students are urged not to allow entrance to anyone who is not their guest. Visitors are to be escorted at all times by their student-host, who is responsible for their actions and behavior. University Housing staff give a high priority to the security of residents. Resident assistants receive training in safeguarding security, and monitor building safety measures on an ongoing basis. Night staff makes periodic checks of floors and exterior doors, and report security-related matters to resident staff or to the police.

Each semester, campus police and Housing staff jointly present safety programs to all residents. In addition, fire evacuation drills are conducted in every hall each semester. Fireworks, explosives, weapons, and flammable liquids are strictly prohibited in the residence halls, as are all devices using an open flame or open heating element. And please remember, falsely activating or tampering with fire safety equipment violates state law and creates dangers for the entire residential community in the case of real fire or emergency.

Individual University police officers are assigned to specific residence halls through the Adopt-A-COPP Program. This community-based policing enables students and police to become personally acquainted. The assigned officer keeps in touch with students and residence hall staff and informs them of physical

safety and security concerns. For a review of all residence hall procedures, please refer to the *Guide to Residence Living* and *Personal Safety in the Residence Halls*, available in each hall's main office.

In an elevator:

Press the alarm button if the elevator becomes impaired while in operation. Police will respond as quickly as possible. Remain inside until help arrives. Only trained elevator personnel are authorized to remove trapped occupants. No one else should attempt to release them or to force elevator doors open.

S.A.F.E. Connection... (Student Alert Force Escort)

Phone: 644-7233 - Phone Service is FREE from any campus pay phone.

Hours: 7:00pm to 3:00am - Seven days a week.

If you walk on campus at night, take precautions and call SAFE Connection for a SAFE escort. SAFE Connection provides service to residence halls, libraries and most other campus buildings, and Alumni Village. Get to know the SAFE escorts. That way, you will be walking with a friend.

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing and most personally devastating crimes in the country. The Federal Trade Commission reported in 2003 nearly 3.25 million people had their personal financial information misused. What, exactly, is identity theft? It is the theft of your good name and credit that occurs when a criminal co-opts your name, Social Security number, credit card number or some other piece of personal information. Once "armed" with this information, identity thieves can open new credit accounts, obtain cellular phone service, or open a new checking account – all without your knowledge! You may not know this has happened for months – until you start getting bills about which you know nothing!

Here are some tips to help prevent this type of theft:

- ✚ Take your credit card receipts with you—never toss them into a public container.
- ✚ Do not allow your financial institution to print your social security number on your checks.
- ✚ Safeguard your credit, debit, and ATM card receipts.
- ✚ Do not carry extra credit cards, your Social Security Card, birth certificate, or passport in your wallet or purse unless absolutely necessary.
- ✚ Reconcile your check and credit statements in a timely manner

Timely Warnings and Crime Bulletins

The Florida State University Police Department issues campus “Crime Bulletins” promptly to the campus community upon the discovery of a crime that is determined to pose a threat to public safety on campus, or that are in the public interest. Crime Bulletins are normally placed on the FSUPD website at www.police.fsu.edu, and are also distributed to students, faculty and staff via campus wide e-mail.

Alcohol & Drugs

Florida State University has established standards of conduct concerning the possession, sale, serving, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs on the Florida State campus. These policies and rules reflect a concern for the health and safety of the campus community and apply to University faculty, students, staff, visitors, and guests.

State of Florida statutes declare that it is unlawful for any person under 21 years of age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages. Consequently, no one under the legal drinking age may consume, distribute or possess alcohol on University properties or as part of any University activity. It is unlawful to sell, give, serve, or permit alcoholic beverages to be served to anyone under 21 years of age. Furthermore, servers can be held civilly liable for damage caused by underage drinkers to whom they provided alcoholic beverages.

It is unlawful to be under the influence of, use, possess, distribute, sell, offer, or agree to sell, or represent to sell narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances, except as where permitted by prescription or law. The FSU Police Department aggressively enforces Florida's impaired driving laws. Never drink and drive. Violations of these laws are dealt with both through the criminal courts and through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students found liable are subject not only to criminal prosecution but to administrative sanctions, including permanent expulsion from the University.

Note: The Florida State University Student Handbook and the Schedule of Classes should be consulted for further information.)

Programs and Treatment Referral

The Office of Health Enhancement at the Thagard Student Life Center provides many educational materials, books, pamphlets, videos, and CD-ROM programs for students, faculty, and staff who are interested in or suffering from the effects of alcohol and/or substance abuse. Referrals to local programs, including counseling services, AA, ACOA, NA, and Alanon groups are also offered. KARMA (Knowing About Responsible Management of Alcohol and other Drugs) ph# 644-8871, is a volunteer student organization that provides peer education through involvement with special projects, such as Alcohol Awareness Week, Safe Spring Break, and presentations to classes, residence halls, and student organizations. Students may also seek treatment for substance abuse problems at the Student Counseling Center, 644-2003, located within the Student Life Building. The FSU Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, 644-1588, provides referrals, limited treatments, and evaluations for alcohol and substance abuse.

Sex Offenses

If you are the victim of a sexual assault:

- ✓ Try to remain calm and alert.
- ✓ Call 9•1•1. Your call will automatically be routed to the proper law enforcement agency: University Police on campus, Tallahassee Police in the city, Leon County Sheriff's Office in the county.
- ✓ Stay on the phone with the dispatcher as long as you are needed.
- ✓ Do not change your clothing.
- ✓ Do not clean your body or your clothes.
- ✓ Do not disturb or alter the crime scene.
- ✓ Ask for an FSU Victim Advocate by calling 644- 7161 or 644-2277 weekdays, or 644-1234 evenings and weekends.

REMEMBER: The preservation of physical evidence may be critical for successful prosecution of the offender.

If you are a sex offender:

- ✓ You are subject to arrest, incarceration, and prosecution through the state courts.
- ✓ As a student, you are subject to University judicial proceedings that may result in permanent expulsion from Florida State University

University Judicial Action

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Division of Student Affairs, coordinates all judicial proceedings involving sexual misconduct of students. Victims of sexual offenses may report these incidents to the FSU Police at [644-1234](tel:644-1234), to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities at [644-5136](tel:644-5136), or through the Victim Advocate Office at [644-7161/644-2277](tel:644-7161/644-2277).

Students charged with violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be given adequate notice of the charges and allegations against them, and be provided an opportunity to address these charges during a hearing. Victims of sexual misconduct may be asked to provide testimony at these proceedings, and are allowed to submit input into the sanctions imposed should the students be found responsible for the charges against them. In cases where the alleged offender's conduct poses a threat to the University community, the Dean of Students may choose to impose an immediate suspension until a hearing can be convened to determine the facts of the case. Both the alleged victim and the alleged offender are allowed to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice during the proceedings, and will be informed of the final outcome of any campus disciplinary hearing. Students found responsible for violations of sexual misconduct will be sanctioned according to the options outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. This can include suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the University. University disciplinary proceedings may be held in instances involving sexual misconduct even when formal state charges are not brought. Complete information on the University judicial process can be found in the Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook

CRIME STATISTICS 2006 - 2008

CRIMES REPORTED TO FSU POLICE 2006-2008

The following statistics are gathered from our records management system which reflects what is reported and/or generated by our agency and then reviewed to determine what sub-category to place the crime in

OFFENSES (including attempts)	CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY						Non-Campus Building or Property			On Public Property			TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED		
	2006		2007		2008		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	7	1	6	2	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	7	7	7
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	11	2	8	0	8	0	0	2	1	2	3	4	13	13	13
Aggravated Assault	12	2	5	0	19	1	0	1	0	2	3	2	14	9	21
Burglary	78	19	69	23	60	24	1	17	20	0	0	0	79	86	80
Arson	5	5	3	1	8	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	5	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	0	20	0	18	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	24	18
HATE CRIMES (By Prejudice)															
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAVEAT: Statistics above show an increase in Aggravated Assaults. This is largely due to two separate incidents on campus where 3 individuals were assaulted in each incident accounting for 6 of the 21.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS/REFERRALS FOR SELECT OFFENSES BY FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND NUMBER OF REFERRALS FOR SELECT OFFENSES BY OTHER UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS 2006-2008

The following statistics are gathered from our records management system which reflects what is reported and/or generated by our agency and then reviewed to determine what sub-category to place the crime in. Referrals are reported mostly by Housing and Student Rights and Responsibilities

OFFENSES	CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY						Non-Campus Building or Property			On Public Property			TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED		
	2006		2007		2008		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	
Liquor Law Violations															
ARREST	348	60	202	51	152	36	0	9	9	13	24	18	361	235	179
REFERRAL	243	243	126	126	188	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	126	188
Drug Law Violations															
ARREST	87	46	99	43	90	45	0	2	2	43	9	16	130	110	108
REFERRAL	14	14	12	12	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12	3
Weapons Law Violations															
ARREST	5	0	5	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	3	7	7	7
REFERRAL	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1

CRIMES REPORTED BY OTHER UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS 2006-2008

The following statistics are reported by any other campus security authority at FSU for example; Thagard Health Center, Dean of Students Office, The Med School etc.

OFFENSES (including attempts)	CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY						Non-Campus Building or Property			On Public Property			TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED		
	2006		2007		2008		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HATE CRIMES (By Prejudice)															
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAVEAT: Includes Forcible Sex Offenses on campus as reported by Thagard Health Center on an internal form produced by the Health Center. Although this form does not report in a manner as requested by the Clery Act, the numbers are reported in this table in the interests of public safety.

CAVEAT: The above chart does not include Forcible Sex Offenses reported by Thagard Health Center as occurring off campus with no specific location. In the past the FSU Police have included those numbers in good faith, however they do not meet the reporting parameters for the Clery Act. The numbers are 2006 – 15 / 2007 – 26 / 2008 – 18.

CRIMES REPORTED BY OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AREAS CONTIGIOUS TO FSU 2006-2008

OFFENSES (including attempts)	CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY						Non-Campus Building or Property			On Public Property			TOTAL CRIMES REPORTED		
	2006		2007		2008		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Res	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot	Tot
Murder	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Manslaughter	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Forcible Sex Offenses	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Robbery	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Aggravated Assault	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Burglary	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Arson	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Motor Vehicle Theft	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HATE CRIMES (By Prejudice)															
Race	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Gender	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Religion	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sexual Orientation	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ethnicity	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Disability	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

CAVEAT: For 2006-2008, the Tallahassee Police Department did not report crime statistics in a format as requested by the Clery Act, meaning statistics were not delineated as “on-campus”, “non-campus”, or public property (public streets and thoroughfares on and contiguous to campus). The Tallahassee Police Department, however, does participate in Uniform Crime Reporting, and statistics for the FSU area may be ascertained by contacting the Tallahassee Police Crime Analysis Unit at 850-891-4309.

Note: In 2006, 2007 and 2008 data collection, FSUPD reached out to other local law enforcement agencies for data inquiries to include the Leon County Sheriff’s Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida A&M University Police, Florida Highway Patrol, and Beverage Enforcement. Agencies either reported no crimes that were not reported to FSUPD or did not respond.

Other law enforcement can be contacted for crime records at the following:
 Leon County Sheriff’s Office Records: (850) 922-3317
 Florida A&M University Police: (850) 599-3256
 Florida Highway Patrol Troop H: (850) 488-8676
 Florida Department of Law Enforcement: (850) 410-7140 (Crime Analysis)
 Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT): (850) 922-9903
 Tallahassee Police Department (850) 891-4309

CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE

The Florida State University Police Department trains for emergencies on campus whether based on natural occurrences or of a man-made origin. The police department is keenly aware of community concerns regarding incidents such as the one impacting our ACC sister university, Virginia Tech. In this light, the following synopsis is provided for students, parents, and employees about FSU's ability to respond to such emergencies:

Prevention: The FSU Police Department engages and participates in a number of prevention initiatives.

- Student Situations Resolution Team – Campus officials regularly meet to discuss concerns involving students who may be in need of intervention services offered by the University.
- CMU (Crisis Management Unit) - . Students who are experiencing an emotional or mental crisis, or who may become a threat to themselves or others, can receive early intervention from the Crisis Management Unit. Carefully selected police officers and graduate psychology students are specially trained to stabilize an impending crisis until professional medical or counseling resources can focus on the problem.
- Threat Assessment Team (TAT) – Similar to the Student Situations Resolution Team, but focused on employee based issues.
- Public Safety Meetings
- Continuous communication with the Dean of Students Office and Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- Dean / FSUPD Meetings
- Daily Report Sharing Process with FSU Departments
- Greek COPP and Adopt-A-COPP Initiative – Officers assigned to specific Greek organizations and residence halls to increase rapport and communication between law enforcement and students.
- Data Sharing Project with the County Jail System
- Welfare Checks on Students
- Training and Best Practices – Officers participate in more than 5 times the in-service training as required by Florida standards.
- Partnerships with Students Regarding Safety – FSUPD regularly partners with student organizations for joint crime prevention programming, such as “Campus Safety Walk”.
- Emergency Planning Coordinator – FSU employs a full time emergency management professional.
- Emergency Audible Notification System – Three sirens on campus to notify the community in case of a critical life-safety emergency.
- Emergency Email Notification System – FSU is continually developing new ways to reach students and staff in line with rapidly developing communication technologies.
- Mutual Aid with the City and County (in addition to training conducted) – Jurisdictional crossover to enhance services to students off campus.
- Chats with the Chief (twice a month in the Student Union)

These represent a few of the many programs and initiatives either in place or under development at FSU. The police department practices a policy of continual analysis and improvement concerning prevention and response to critical incidents.

THE ACTIVE SHOOTER

Florida State University Police Officers received frequent, realism-based training concerning the response to an “active shooter”, that is, a person actively shooting at and harming persons on campus. The FSU Police Department trains to quickly engage and eliminate the threat.

If YOU are in the area of an Active Shooter...

- Report Suspicious Incidents to the Police or Administrator in a timely manner 644-1234 or 911
- Remain Calm
- Remain in a secure location (lock or secure the entrance)
- Remain Quiet and out of sight (if possible)
- Turn off all lights in the location
- Notify 911 of the nature of the emergency
- Give as many details as possible
- Let the 911 dispatcher end the call (don't hang up)
- Notify Parents when the situation has been resolved

GET INFORMED! INFORMATION SOURCES IN AN EMERGENCY

FSU Webpage – www.fsu.edu – Click on the emergency information icon or you can type in www.alerts.fsu.edu to go directly to the page.

644-INFO – Dial 850-644-INFO to receive the latest information regarding a campus emergency, or campus closing.

WFSU Radio – Tune in to 88.9 FM or 580 AM for information.

REPORT CRIME THROUGH FSU'S STREAMLINED EMERGENCY RESPONSE

University emergency numbers and safety resources:

✦ Emergencies (calls are toll-free)	9•1•1
✦ Crisis Management	644-1234
✦ Police Administration	644-1239
✦ Thagard Student Health Center Information	644-6230
✦ SAFE CONNECTION (free from campus pay phones)	644-7233
✦ Student Counseling Center	644-2003
✦ Victim Advocate Program weekdays	644-7161 or 644-2277
✦ or evenings and weekends	644-1234
✦ University Housing	
✦ Main Office	644-2860
✦ Maintenance	644-1871
✦ Dept. of Environmental Health & Safety	644-6895
✦ Emergency Information - University Communications	644-4636

EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

FSUPD: When there is URGENCY, but NO EMERGENCY dial 311

Tallahassee emergency numbers:

Police Department Emergencies	9•1•1
Police Department Information	891-4200
TDD for hearing impaired	891-4375
Leon County Sheriff's Office	922-3300

Refuge House and Rape Crisis:

24-hour Hotline	681-2111
Telephone Counseling & Referral Service (24 hr.)	224-6333

IN THE EVENT OF AN IMMEDIATE THREAT, DANGER, INJURY, FIRE, OR CRIMINAL OCCURENCE, CALL 9•1•1.

University Police are part of the countywide “Enhanced 9•1•1” system and automatically receive calls related to campus. The system ensures that the correct emergency responder -- police, medical or fire -- is directed to the right place in the shortest amount of time. Since telephone numbers appear on the police computer screen, callers who are either too young or too incapacitated to give their number or location can still receive emergency assistance. Certified police service technicians are on line 24 hours a day.

BLUE LIGHT PHONES

If you are out and about on campus and need help — look for a “blue light.” The blue light identifies the location of an emergency telephone. Simply press the Emergency phone button (no dialing is necessary) to be connected to the University Police Department. Note the location of the blue light telephones as you move about the campus. You may never need to use one, but — be aware of their location.

ELEVATOR TELEPHONES

Emergency telephones are located in the elevators in academic and residential campus buildings. Simply lift the receiver or press the button to be connected to University Police.

EMERGENCY PULL STATIONS

Pull stations are alarms located throughout the University Union and in numerous academic buildings. To summon help, you need only pull the handle to activate alarms, both locally and in the police station. Personal Safety Alarms are blue in color; Fire Alarm pull stations are red. Remember, false alarms can result in formal criminal charges and prosecution

Emergency Notification and Warning (FSU ALERT)

Florida State University Policy, OP-G-9.1.3, establishes the emergency notification and warning program at Florida State University. This program is commonly referred to as the "*FSU ALERT*" emergency notification system. This document, in aggregate with OP-G-9.1.3.1 FSU ALERT Activation Procedures, constitutes the University's Emergency Notification and Warning Plan. The policy is publicly available on the University Web site: <http://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu>

The objective of the emergency notification and warning system, *FSU ALERT*, is to provide timely notification and warning to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of Florida State University of a threat, occurring or imminent, that poses an immediate threat to their health, safety, or general welfare while on campus.

The University has procedures, OP-G-9.1.3.1, to implement the Policy and Plan. Collectively, the Policy, Plan, and Procedures provide a mechanism for the University to, without delay, confirm an emergency or dangerous situation, take into account the safety of the campus community, and initiate immediate and appropriate notification and warning, unless the notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

The Policy, Plan, and Procedure include processes by which University officials will confirm that there is a significant emergency, determine who to notify, determine the content of the notification, and initiate the notification system.

The Policy, Plan, and Procedures specify the roles and responsibilities of persons or organizations on campus responsible for carrying out this process.

Florida State University – University Relations and its subsidiaries maintain procedures for disseminating emergency information to the larger community.

Emergency Response, Evacuation and Management

Florida State University Policy, OP-G-9, establishes the framework through which the University prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates against the effects of a wide variety of emergencies and disasters that could adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of its students, faculty, staff, visitors, and families through the establishment of programs. The policy is publicly available on the University Web site: <http://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu>

Florida State University conducts at least one test, exercise, or drill annually to test the University's emergency response procedures. In 2008, FSU participated in the following tests, exercises, or drills:

January 17, 2008, 12:16PM	<i>FSU ALERT</i> Emergency Notification Test (unannounced)
March 25 – 27, 2008, All-day	Incident Command System Exercise (announced)
April 18, 2008, 10:00AM	<i>FSU ALERT</i> Emergency Notification Test (unannounced)
May 29 – June 5, 2008, All-day	Statewide Hurricane Exercise (announced)
June 12, 2008, All-day	CSX Railroad Tabletop Exercise (announced)
July 6 – 9, 2008, All-day	Critical Incident Response Exercise (announced)
September 11, 2008 11:30AM	<i>FSU ALERT</i> Emergency Notification Test (unannounced)

Florida State University Policy, OP-G-8.1, has procedures in place for the evacuation of each structure on campus. Each semester (Spring, Summer and Fall), unannounced fire evacuation drills are conducted in occupied residential buildings. Annual fire evacuation drills are conducted in all other non-residential structures on campus. The policy is publicly available on the University Web site:

<http://policies.vpfa.fsu.edu>

Florida State University
Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315)
2009/2010 Fire Safety - Annual Compliance Report
Stats for 2008

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) specifies new campus safety requirements regarding fire safety issues for all title IV institutions that maintain on-campus student housing facilities. These disclosures are a subset to the overall Annual Security report prepared by the institution. In summary this act requires all college/university campuses nationwide to make public their fire safety information, statistics and all fire-related events to students and their families. This public disclosure is intended to inform current and prospective students of the fire safety programs and policies in place, and the institution's state of readiness to detect and respond appropriately to fire related emergencies.

General Statement of University owned/controlled student housing

The Florida State University operates twenty-three Student Residence Halls. All Residence halls are protected through out with complete supervised fire alarm systems which are monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week by the University Police Department. In addition twenty two the facilities are fully protected with integrated automatic sprinkler systems, the twenty third, Deviney hall contains a partial system. All buildings contain portable fire extinguishers and are provided with emergency power systems that are designed to automatically activate whenever there is a power loss. These backup power sources support the facilities life safety systems including all fire safety equipment, sprinkler systems, hallway lighting, emergency exit doors, and lighting in all emergency exit stairwells.

At Florida State University all Residence Hall staff receive comprehensive fire safety training at the beginning of each academic year. In addition, a quality control program that covers emergency and evacuation procedures is reviewed regularly with the occupants and staff of each respective residence hall. Each resident is given a copy of the Residence Halls Safety and Security Brochure, which includes information on fire safety and what appropriate action to take during a fire alarm or fire emergency. In addition, every student room has emergency evacuation maps installed on the inside of the front door to direct occupants to primary and secondary exits. Finally, planned fire drills, coordinated with the University Police, EH&S Fire Safety Personal, General Housing and the Residence Halls Staff are conducted at the beginning of each semester that a facility is to be occupied.

Specific Fire Prevention Related Policies

It is the policy (OP-G-8) of the University to protect faculty, staff, students, visitors, contractors, property, and assets of Florida State University (FSU) while providing the safest possible environment, free from potential fire hazards. The primary goal of the University's Fire Prevention Program is to recognize hazardous conditions and take appropriate action before such conditions result in a fire emergency. This goal is accomplished by (1) conducting periodic fire safety inspections of all University buildings, (2) increasing the fire safety awareness of employees and students by conducting periodic training on basic fire safety.

Annual Fire safety inspections of all University facilities are conducted by the Division of the State Fire Marshal, the Authority having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for all properties assigned to Florida State University. A copy of the completed Fire Inspection Report for each building is forwarded to the Department responsible for maintaining fire safety compliance of that building. The responsible department is expected to correct any deficiencies and notify the AHJ by returning a copy of the report indicating the date (as determined by the AHJ) when each deficiency was corrected. The AHJ may conduct a follow up inspection to verify correction of all deficiencies once notification has been received. Copies of all completed Fire Inspection Reports are maintained by EHS.

To minimize the potential for fires at Florida State University, it is the Policy Program (OP-G-8.1) of the University to prohibit open burning and the use of combustible decorations at all times (unless in accordance with other University policies and procedures, and or authorized by the Authority Having Jurisdiction). Open burning as defined by the University is any open/exposed flame or combustion that produces heat, light or smoke, and has the potential to cause a fire. Examples of open burning are, but not limited to, candles, incense, bonfires, campfires, barbecue grills and their related accessories such as gasoline, propane, lighter fluid, charcoal; and pyrotechnics. The Fire Safety policy program also prohibits the use of the following items in any University owned or operated facility indoors (unless in accordance with other University policies and procedures, and or by the Authority Having Jurisdiction): Portable space heaters, barbecue grills, hibachis, smokers (gas, electric, charcoal) and related accessories including lighter fluids and lighters, and other similar type products (for cooking/ warming purposes), any open flame device or object including candles, incense sticks and related accessories, hot plates, slow cookers, deep fryers, electric skillet, electric woks, griddles, sandwich makers/grills and other similar type products (for cooking/warming purposes), toaster ovens (for cooking/warming purposes), flammable/combustible liquids (for recreational/personal use), fireworks, firecrackers, rockets, flares, sparklers and other devices, halogen lamps, ceiling/wall tapestries, live Holiday trees or non fire retardant artificial Holiday trees. Exceptions: (1) Portable Space Heaters are allowed for the Animal Research facilities for the comfort and wellbeing of the research animals under its care, (2) Approved Portable Space Heaters as authorized by the Environmental Health & Safety and the University Facilities Departments, will be allowed for employees/students with diagnosable medical conditions as determined by licensed health-care professionals with such documentation kept on file at the University's Human Resources or Student Affairs divisions, (3) The "cooking" and "warming" options exclude cooking and warming done in areas designed and built for such purposes and only while the use of these devices are under the direct supervision of qualified personnel such as catering staff and certified food preparers.

2008 Statistical Fire Report- University Residence Halls

2008 Statistical Compliance report as reported to the University Police. The statistics were valid at publication, but may not reflect current trends.

TOTAL FIRES- 5 (see description)

Damages – N/A (minimal < \$1,000 per event)

Injuries - 0

Fatalities- 0

- 1) UPD Case # 0801-0197 – Salley Hall -someone burned paper in the elevator
- 2) UPD Case # 0804-0105 – Dorman Hall - burned pile of debris and plastic bottles in the north parking lot against the wall which created burn marks on the building
- 3) UPD Case #0811-0150 – Gilchrist Hall - burned papers and flyers on bulletin board
- 4) UPD Case #0811-0150 – Broward Hall - burned papers and flyers on bulletin board.
- 5) UPD Case #0811-0150 – Landis Hall - burned papers and flyers on bulletin board.

Notification of Missing Students

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should **immediately** notify FSUPD at (850) 644-1234. FSUPD will initiate an investigation.

After investigating the missing person report, should FSUPD determine that the student is missing, the FSUPD shall, within 2 hours after receipt of the report, transmit the report for inclusion within the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center databases. The information is also relayed to other local and surrounding law enforcement agencies. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, FSU will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after FSUPD has determined the student is missing.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify confidentially an individual to be contacted by FSU in the event the student is determined to be missing. If a student has identified such individual, FSU will notify that individual no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. A student who wishes to identify a confidential contact can do so by contacting the FSU Residence Life Office at (850) 644-2863.

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act became effective October 28, 2002. This law requires the FSU Police Department to notify the University community when a convicted sex offender becomes affiliated with FSU as an employee, student, vendor, or volunteer. If a crime occurs on the campus, contact the FSU Police Department as soon as possible to ensure proper reporting and recording of the incident for further investigation and preventative action. In addition to the numerous reporting channels discussed within this publication—the FSU Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, and on campus departments—you may submit an **anonymous and voluntary** report of suspected criminal activity to the FSU Police Department by accessing its web page at: <http://webapps.police.fsu.edu/exponent/index.php?section=78>. For the purposes of ensuring that accurate and up-to-date crime and safety information is reported to all University constituencies, the University Police Department works closely with the following campus departments—not only to obtain pertinent information—but, moreover, to ensure campus entities can direct inquiries about campus crime safety to the appropriate distribution point. These other University departments include: Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Thagard Student Health Center, and University Housing. The entire Seminole Safety Guide can be accessed on the web at: <http://www.police.fsu.edu/pdf/SafetyGuide.pdf>. The FSUPD will gladly provide a print copy of the Seminole Safety Guide to anyone requesting it. Specific information regarding convicted and released sexual predators in the Tallahassee community may be obtained by accessing the FSU police department's web page at www.police.fsu.edu, and clicking on the sexual predator link to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, or you may directly access the FDLE web page at: <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/>.

Campus Safe Zone

The FSU Police Department participates in the Campus Safe Zone by receiving training and resource packets. The Safe Zone symbol (pink triangle inside a green circle) lets others know that our office is informed about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered resources, and respectful of confidentiality. The symbol is a visible reminder to anyone that FSU does not condone discrimination, and thus promotes and atmosphere of acceptance of differences. Any faculty, staff, or student may participate in Safe Zone. Please contact the Student Counseling Center at 644-2003.

THIS PUBLICATION IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATE FORMAT UPON REQUEST

Contact the Student Disability Resource Center at the Student Services Building 97 S. Woodward Ave. (Parking Garage #2). PHONE: 644-9566 TDD: 644-8504.

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OP-C-14 Weapons in Vehicles

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY

FS 790.251

OBJECTIVE

To clarify FSU's weapon's policy while remaining consistent with Florida law and "*The Preservation and Protection of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act of 2008*" which became effective July 1, 2008.

OVERVIEW

Florida State University is a "school" based on the established definitions from Florida Statute 790.115. As such, students, staff and faculty must not have any type of defined weapon in their possession and cannot store a weapon in their vehicle while on any University property.

A. Weapons in Vehicles

Firearms and other weapons may not be carried in vehicles parked on University property.

Section 790.25(5), Florida Statutes, authorizes persons 18 years of age or older to possess a concealed firearm or other weapon in a private conveyance for self-defense if the weapon is securely encased and not readily accessible for immediate use. Section 790.115(2)(a), Florida Statutes prohibits possessing weapons or firearms on school property. Although Section 790.115(2)(a)3, Florida Statutes, provides that a person may carry a firearm in a vehicle pursuant to Statute 790.25(5), it provides that schools may provide policies waiving the exception.

Florida State University waives the exception in the previous paragraph and is a "school" based on established definitions from the Statute. Florida State University students, staff and faculty must not have any type of defined weapon in their possession and cannot store a weapon in their vehicle while on any University property. A weapon could include non-lethal weapons such as pellet guns, knives, metallic knuckles, slingshots, billie's, tear gas guns, chemical weapons or device, or other objects defined as a deadly weapon.

This policy does not apply to Florida State University Police Officers, municipal, county, federal or other state law enforcement officers while on or off duty or acting in an official capacity, since they are required to possess weapons and uphold the law.