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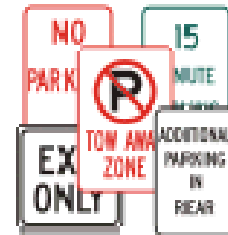
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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE BACK!!!

The Department of Public Safety welcomed the return of all faculty, staff, and students for what we expect to be a wonderful Spring Semester. The beginning of the semester through the end of February has been great, with the exception of a few safety concerns. As a unit, the Department of Public Safety is diligently working to improve these matters. With the help of the entire campus community, we can make the campus a safe location and ensure everyone an enjoyable semester.

Parking and Accessibility

In the past month it has been hard for anyone to miss the increase in parking enforcement by the Department of Public Safety and Student Security. As expected, we have not only increased the number of parking summonses issued, but also the number of complaints. Although some of the complaints were warranted, most had no validity. Back in January Chief Wright, Acting Director of the Department of Public Safety, issued a campus wide notice informing everyone to strictly adhere to all parking regulations, and all violators would be cited, booted, and towed. **NO ONE** is exempt from receiving a citation. Leaving notes and/or your vehicle hazard lights on, or parking in unauthorized designated areas after 5pm is no excuse. All motor vehicle operators are responsible for knowing the established



No Parking & Parking Lot

parking regulations. If you are unfamiliar and/or need more information, please feel free to visit the Department of Public Safety located behind Waters Hall to receive a copy of the parking regulations, or visit our website at www.umes.edu/police. **Remember, the parking regulations are established to provide a safe, and orderly flow of traffic for everyone's safety.**

Special points of interest:

- Buckle up for safety
- Engrave your property
- Student Security accepting applications
- Rape Aggression Class forming. Contact Cpl. Sykes or Ofc. Waters for details.

Pedestrian Access and Safety

USE SIDEWALKS



USE CROSSWALKS

STAY OUT OF
THE ROAD

WATCH FOR
TRAFFIC

The Department of Public Safety is dedicated to creating, and sustaining a safe and efficient campus for pedestrians and vehicles. A pedestrian friendly campus is both necessary and desirable by the University; therefore, there must be a balance of responsibilities and reasonable expectations among all people traveling. Whether they are on foot, cycling, or driving. In the recent weeks, there have been an increasing problems with pedestrians and motor vehicle operators not following proper rules of the roadway. The intersection at College Backbone Road and University Terrace, as well as, the crosswalk at the Student Services Center bridge is a major concern. Under Maryland Motor Vehicle Law Pedestrian's Rights and Rules, the following statutes will immediately be strictly enforced:

- Sec. 21 502 a2 ...driver failure to stop for pedestrian in crosswalk... \$65 fine and 1 point
- Sec. 21 502 b ...pedestrian unsafely crossing in path of vehicle... \$35 fine
- Sec. 21 503 a ...pedestrian failure when not in crosswalk to yield right-of-way to approaching vehicle... \$35 fine
- Sec. 21 506 a ...pedestrian walking along and on adjacent roadway where sidewalk provided... \$35 fine

The Department of Public Safety is committed to fostering an environment that is safe and enjoyable for all who visit our campus community. If you have any questions or concerns about pedestrian safety, contact our office.

INTERNET PHISHING

Internet Phishing scams are a major concern for all who surf the web. "Phishing" frauds normally involve a bogus e-mail using legitimate materials, attempting to get your personal financial details; such as credit cards, social security number, or

banking information. Some of the e-mails may even have a legitimate company's Web graphics or logos. You can protect yourself by taking some simple precautions:

- **never respond to an unsolicited e-mail asking for your financial**

information

- **report anything you think is suspicious to the company the e-mail is portraying (call a legitimate telephone number of the company)**

- **contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ifccfbi.gov**

If you think that you've been "phished" contact your financial institutions, the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion), and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-382-4357).



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FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Spring Break is vastly approaching – remember to take extra precautions in securing your property.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS CONT.

Community Safety

Area Directors and Resident Assistants are reminded that the Department of Public Safety is committed to Community Oriented Policing. If anyone is interested in establishing a Safety and Education Awareness Program on any police related topic for your residents, please contact Officer Trader at ext. 6590.

Road Safety

In an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents, the 25 mph speed limit on College Backbone road will be strictly enforced by the use of RADAR units.

While walking don't assume the driver of an automobile automatically sees you. For your safety **MAKE EYE CONTACT**

Education Safety

REMEMBER: ZERO TOLERANCE for all illegal drug & alcohol violations!

“Get an education not a criminal record”



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Also, Please, Please, Please –
DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!!!
The results could be FATAL