



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SPRING IS HERE!

The Department of Public Safety would like to wish all faculty, staff, and students a wonderful and safe Spring Semester. Mid-term exams are over, and “finals” are just around the corner. We know everyone is “buckling down for the home stretch,” so we will continue to do our best at providing a safe campus environment. In this issue, the Department of Public Safety strives to provide informative topics to help our relationship with the campus community. Spring is here! So let’s make it safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The Department of Public Safety is not only a diverse team of officers dedicated in providing quality police, security, emergency communication, and parking and motor vehicle enforcement services to the University. More than that, we work with our customer in mind - you - our campus community. That’s where our philosophy of Community Oriented Policing (COP) comes into play.

At the Department of Public Safety, COP is an organization wide belief and management approach that promotes greater visibility; the forging of partnerships between Public Safety and members of the University community; proactive problem solving; and community engagement to address the causes of crime, the fear of crime, and other issues of concern to help improve your stay at UMES. At the heart of COP, we seek to



empower the campus community, by seeking help to dramatically reduce crimes and incidents for a more secure atmosphere.

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Pedestrian rules of the road enforcement
- ♦ Underage Drinking Violations
- ♦ Physical and Sexual Assault Programs are being conducted

Community Oriented Policing Cont...

An example of COP in action is the establishment of the Department of Public Safety's new Police Sub-station, located at the rear of the Student Resident Apartment Office. The Sub-station will provide for greater visibility and accessibility to the majority of our residents for all police services. This is just one example of many developmental plans, to include the reimplementation of the Bicycle Patrol Unit, that will help all of us succeed in our goal.



With COP, the Department of Public Safety's vision of customer service, open and honest communication, dignity, professionalism, and commitment can and will be achieved with the dedication and cooperation of the entire campus community. *Remember, it takes a village to raise a child - so we must all do our part.*

ZERO TOLERANCE

The Department of Public Safety is dedicated in strictly enforcing the University's Zero Tolerance policy on illegal drug activity. Any student caught with any illegal drugs on and/or about their person or property will be charged. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! It is every student's responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct established rules on illegal drugs, and reporting of drug activity.



Possession, Use, and/or Intent to Distribute (traffic) Drugs

A student shall not possess or use illegal or controlled drugs, other substances or paraphernalia, as defined by the laws of the State of Maryland. No student shall sell or give such drugs or substances to any other person. Individuals who remain in the presence of individuals who engage in the illegal or abusive use of drugs, whether actively participating or not, will be subject to

the same disciplinary action and sanctions as the offenders. The misuse and abuse of prescription drugs and inhalants is a violation of this Student Code of Conduct (see complete UMES Drug Policy in Student Handbook).

If you are caught, and found guilty at your Judicial Hearing, you are ensured to be suspended from the university for an undetermined amount of time. In

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addition, any police officer within our department has the option to also charge you criminally, which will result in the possibility of having a criminal record that could effect your entire career.

The use of illegal drugs is not conducive to a positive learning environment, thus the Department of Public Safety will do everything in our power to rid our campus community of this negative element, to include, but not limited to, searches of rooms and persons where the presence of illegal drugs is detected or reported.

The bottom line is to “JUST SAY NO,” to illegal drugs, and those associated with them.

Maryland Law Enforcement Chiefs' Challenge

From April 5 through June 5 2005, the Department of Public Safety will join more than one hundred law enforcement agencies across Maryland to participate in an intensive, highly publicized, and competitive annual effort to educate the public about the lifesaving and injury - reducing benefits of safety belt use. Maryland has a rich history of being a leader in safety belt and child safety seat compliance, and we will do our best to uphold that part of Maryland's history.

The Department of Public Safety is committed and dedicated in establishing community - based educational programs for proper seatbelt usage. As you are probably aware, there has been an increase in vehicle and foot patrols enforcing

Maryland seatbelt laws. Our highest priority is to protect and preserve the lives of the citizens we serve, by ensuring that the seatbelt laws are adhered to. This will help reduce the loss of lives and the severity of injuries resulting from unbuckled occupants in motor vehicle crashes.

The facts speak for themselves:

Of the 31,910 vehicle occupants killed in crashes in 2001, 60 percent were not wearing seatbelts.

In fatal crashes, 75 percent of all passenger car occupants who were totally ejected were killed. Only 1 percent of those occupants had been using a safety belt.



In the past 26 years, safety belts prevented 135,000 fatalities and 3.8 million injuries, saving \$585 billion in medical and other costs. If all vehicle occupants had used safety belts during that period, nearly 315,000 deaths and

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5.2 million injuries could have been prevented — and \$913 billion in costs saved.

Seatbelts do save lives and we must do our part to make sure everyone buckles up. As a team, we want our message to be clear to our campus community. If you don't buckle up, at least one member of our law enforcement community will stop you and issue a ticket - because all of us care about the citizens we serve.



Friendly Reminders

The Department of Public Safety would like to remind all 2005 Spring Graduating Seniors to pay all outstanding parking fines as soon as possible. Clearance sign offs within the Department of Public Safety will begin on Monday May 2, 2005. Hour of operation will be from 8am - 3pm, Monday - Friday.

All Faculty, Staff, and Students are encouraged to use the Emergency Blue Light Phones located throughout the campus community. The phones are for your convenience, and are an essential tool for your safety.

The Department of Public Safety has four numbers for contact:

Emergencies - 410-651-3300

Non - emergencies - 410-651-6590

Police Sub - Station - 410-651-2249

Anonymous Tip Line - 410-651-8484

The Department of Public Safety strives to provide the highest quality of law enforcement service to all members in which it serves. We value your input as constituents of our campus community. Please take a few minutes to fill out our service evaluation questionnaire located on our website at www.umes.edu/police