

CHIEF'S CHALLENGE

The UMES Department of Public Safety will be participating in the 2006 Maryland Chief's Challenge. This campaign is being held April 6 and continuing through June 6. Chief's Challenge is a joint effort from various Maryland law enforcement agencies, to increase vehicle occupant

use of seat belts and child safety seats. As a department, we will educate the campus community on seatbelt usage.

Seatbelt usage is on the rise in Maryland. In 2005 it was at 91% compared to 88% in 2004.

Please remember to buckle up!



Special points of interest:

- Chief Challenge campaign starts April 6 thru June 6
- In 2005 seatbelt usage increased to 91%
- Maryland fine for operating a vehicle without your seatbelt is \$25.00



UPCOMING GRADUATING SENIORS



The Department would like to remind all graduating seniors that May 2006 is quickly approach-

ing. You can come to the department to get a printout of any outstanding parking fees. Why wait until the last

minute?

The hours of operation for parking fees are M - F 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENT DESIGN

Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED) is defined as crime prevention by enhancing the physical design of a building or environment which leads to the reduction of crime and improvement of quality of life. The basic guide in using the CPTED principle is to evaluate the security of your property. There are several ways you can make affordable enhancements that will help make your property and the surrounding area safer.

The four key principles that make CPTED work are:

- Natural Surveillance
- Natural Access Control



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- Territorial Reinforcement
- Target Hardening

Natural surveillance is the ability to see in and out of an area. In order to make visibility easier trim the shrubs and bushes below ground level windows.

Natural access control means controlling an area for entrance. The way to control access is by means of fencing and landscaping.

Territorial reinforcement is the act of showing ownership of property.

Target Hardening is the use of added security to secure property. The use of additional outside lighting to make an area more visible. The use of alarm systems help to deter crime.

BOOK BUYBACK

In the month of May, UMES bookstore will begin book buyback. As a student body, we need to take extra precautions and not leave textbooks unattended. If you are out studying late keep

your books in eye view, this is one of the best ways to prevent theft of books. If books are not being used, secure them in



your dorm room. Lock your door and also the main common area door. *Did you know that 94% of theft occurs due to unsecured doors?*

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

April is the national month for alcohol awareness. As a department, we would like to inform the student body about the affects of drinking alcohol. If you don't know, the legal age to consume or possess alcohol is 21 in Maryland.

Many are not aware of the consequences due to excessive drinking. Did you know that nearly 90% of crimes are committed while under the influence of alcohol or drugs? Alcohol slows down your judgment to make sound and responsible decisions. In other words, alcohol makes the

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wrong decision for you.

Then it is to late!

Alcohol is a depressant which affects your brain. It inhibits your coordination, causes poor judgment, slows reflexes, and distorts vision. Alcohol also affects the body physically. The alcohol that you consume into your body absorbs directly into your bloodstream and increases the chance of you having some type of life threatening disease.

Drinking coffee, or taking a cold shower will not sober you up!

Here are some annual statistics due to the consequences of drinking:

- ⇒ 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year
- ⇒ 400,000 college students have unprotected sex while intoxicated
- ⇒ 25 percent of college students have academic problems due to alcohol
- ⇒ 696,000 college students are assaulted due to drinking

To all UMES students the semester is coming to an end. ***"Be Safe and Make Wise Decision."***

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