Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit of the Florida A&M University Department of Public Safety is a partnership-oriented operation. While working, visiting, or attending classes on campus, students, faculty, and staff must all take part in ensuring their personal safety. A number of programs and services are offered to the campus community. For information on any of the services we offer, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 850-412-5586.

Services

Community Oriented Policing

Programs

The Department offers several programs aimed at the prevention of criminal activity.

Remember that crimes occur only when criminals are given the opportunity. It is up to all of us to take that opportunity away. To help you do this, we have provided tips on preventive steps you can take before you are victimized. Also listed are steps to assist in the event you become a victim.

Operation I.D: is a tremendous tool for the university community. This free program involves the engraving of an owner supplied identification number on property which is of high value or easily stolen.

Operation Bookstamp: is a companion program to Operation I.D. Crime Prevention representatives and FAMU Bookstore personnel will stamp identifying information on the front cover of books after the last drop date for classes. This program will help the FAMU Bookstore and the FAMU Police Department in the tracking and resale of books. I.D. matching the identifying data must be presented before the book can be resold to the bookstore.

S.A.F.E. (Students Available For Escort) Team: During nighttime hours, a student-run escort service is available upon request to aid in safe movement between various locations on campus (i.e., classroom buildings, laboratories, libraries, parking lots, and residence halls). The SAFE Team members are students, who are responsible for all operational aspects of providing escort services -- from recruiting other students to become a part of the team to managing those teams. Oversight for the S.A.F.E. Team is the responsibility of the Crime Prevention Unit.

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D): This nine-hour self-defense course is offered to female students and staff. R.A.D. is a proactive abduction and rape prevention program
that focus on the educating and empowering women. This is a hands-on intense presentation.

**Self Defense Awareness and Familiarization:** This two hour self-defense awareness program is a pre-basis familiarization with physical training methods. This program is an opportunity for students and staff to receive information that may reduce the risk of exposure to violence and familiarize themselves to the possibility of future physical skills training.

**New Student Orientation:** New student orientation classes are available to assist the new FAMU students in their transition from home to campus life. During orientation the new students are given resource material to increase their knowledge of crime prevention measures.

**Student Organization:** All student organizations are briefed on the anti-hazing policy as well as safety precautions for organizations.

**Officer Friendly:** Officer Friendly presentations are available for the New Beginnings Preschool, Lucy Moten Elementary and FAMU Developmental Research School.

**College Crime Watch:** This national program was developed to mobilize and equip student-led movement in colleges and universities in partnership with public and private institutions to create a safer environment free of crime, violence, and illicit drugs in order to foster good citizenship throughout the world.

[Return to top of page]

**Services**

The Florida A&M University Department of Public Safety (FAMU DPS) offers an array of services that transforms students, staff and law enforcement into a circle of safety. Reflected below are some of the services that are presented by the Department at its security seminars aimed at enlisting support and cooperation of the entire campus community in crime prevention efforts.

- Residential and Dorm Security
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Personal Safety Tips
- Identity Theft
- Roommate Conflict
- Sexual Assault and Date Rape Presentations.
- Anti Hazing Information (Mandatory for Student Organizations)
- Tips for Preparing to Leave and Travel for School.
- Information and Referral Resource for City, County and University Victim/Witness Programs
- Crime Solving Forums and On Going Mentoring
Community Oriented Policing

Community Oriented Policing is an ideal concept for college campuses. The focus of community oriented policing is not simply responding to crime, but on preventing crime and resolving community problems. The philosophy rests on the belief that the police and the community must work together as partners to solve the contemporary challenges faced in today's society. Community oriented police officers are empowered with the autonomy and freedom to act as needed in order to implement and participate in community-based problem-solving efforts. Officers work closely with other organizations and community groups to educate community members about potential hazards they may encounter and how to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime, to identify the problems, concerns and fears of community members, to identify and eliminate hazards that may promote crime or disorder, and to improve the overall quality of life in the community. The Florida A&M University Department of Public Safety offers an array of services that embraces the community oriented policing concept in its day-to-day operations.