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Featured Article

Preventing Crime on Campus: A look inside the University of Georgia Police Department’s Crime Prevention Bureau

In many ways a major university such as the University of Georgia functions as a small community. There are numerous buildings, roadways, and open areas which allow life to flourish on campus. Residential areas, dining halls, and entertainment facilities provide places for students, faculty, and staff to work, live, and congregate. The university is a safe environment, but as in all communities, the number of people interacting on a daily basis provides the opportunity for crime to exist. The University of Georgia Police Department works hard to address this issue through a variety of services provided by the department. The Crime Prevention Bureau plays a vital role.



Variables that Affect Crime on Campus

There are many variables that influence crime on campus. Human factors such as the size of the student body, the student demographics, the number of people who visit campus for large events, and the

number of students living on campus are important in addressing crime. Other factors include university alcohol policies, the crime rate of the neighborhoods bordering campus, the adequacy of exterior lighting, and high security areas. These variables can increase the opportunity for crime to occur on the University of Georgia campus.

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention is the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce this risk. The University of Georgia Police Department’s Crime Prevention Bureau is committed to educating the university’s faculty, staff, and students in lessening the opportunity to become a victim of a crime. In order for crime to occur, three factors must be present: ability, desire and opportunity. Take out any one of the three and crime cannot occur. We cannot influence a criminal’s ability or desire but we can lessen the opportunity.



UGA Police officers demonstrate a defensive maneuver during a recent personal safety class for women.

Services Provided

The University of Georgia Police Department is a full service department whose mission is to protect life and property at the University of Georgia. Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility and a partnership between law enforcement and the community is essential. The Crime Prevention Bureau is constantly searching for new ways to expand its mission of pro-active law enforcement. The Crime Prevention Bureau also solicits from the community issues which they feel are of the greatest concern. The bureau produces programs, lectures, and pamphlets which cover a wide range of safety topics.

The Crime Prevention Bureau conducts comprehensive surveys (risk assessments) of campus buildings and lighting upon request. The Crime Prevention Bureau also, conducts a campus-wide lighting survey each fall and spring. These detailed surveys involve a coordinated effort between the police department, physical plant, and student government association. These surveys focus on how to better improve lighting around buildings and thoroughfares to deter criminal activity.

Since the beginning of 2004 the Crime Prevention Bureau has educated 6,349 faculty, staff, and students through various programs and presentations. Personal Safety for Women is the most popular of these programs. This program consists of a classroom lecture and a self defense workshop. Through these activities women are taught how to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim and how to better defend themselves if they are ever attacked.

Contact Information

For more information on how to help prevent crime in your department, please contact Sgt. David Page at (706) 542-0104 or Officer Philip Potter (706) 542-0411. Additional information can be found on the University of Georgia Police Department's website at: www.ps.uga.edu.

Crime Prevention Programs Offered

[Self Defense](#)

[Campus Survival](#)

[Pedestrian Safety](#)

[Personal Safety For Women](#)

[Acquaintance Rape For Men](#)

[Alcohol Awareness](#)

[Operation ID](#)

[S.T.O.P](#) (Security Tips for Office Personnel)

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES?

Personal safety goes beyond programs and lectures in crime prevention. Personal safety also involves being prepared, in advance, to handle an emergency or disaster. An important aspect of being prepared is having an emergency kit on hand, stocked, and readily available. The University Office of Security Preparedness (UOSP) has created a "**GRAB AND GO!**" emergency kit that includes basic items that would be needed in the event of an emergency. A corresponding brochure is available for downloading from the UOSP website <http://www.uosp.uga.edu> in the AWARENESS section. The American Red Cross, Department of Homeland Security Ready Campaign, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other links are also available on the UOSP homepage.

If your office or department would like to have a demonstration of the emergency kit, contact the University Office of Security Preparedness by email, phone, or fax (information located at the bottom of this bulletin).

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