

# Stony Brook University

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Robert Lenahan  
Chief of Police

The start of a new academic year is an exciting time for the University Police Department. The summer months involve extensive planning and coordination with other University departments in preparation for the arrival of new and returning students. These key departments share a common goal, which is to do everything we can to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus. We are doing all we can do to fulfill that mission, but we need your help!

Coinciding with the fall semester, the University Police Department, under the direction of the Office of the Vice Presi-

dent for Facilities and Services, is partnering with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Center for Prevention and Outreach, Counseling and Psychological Services and Campus Residences in a personal safety campaign, "**Stony Brook is Serious about Safety**". For more information about this campaign, please visit [www.stonybrook.edu/sb/safety](http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/safety).

The first phase of this educational awareness program will promote vehicular and pedestrian safety. Although vehicular and pedestrian safety has and will continue to be a top priority for our department, the unfortunate reality is that there have been a number of recent incidents in which pedestrians have been injured by vehicles. As you are aware, a significant contributing factor in accidents involves driver or pedestrian inattention. Quite often, this inattention is caused by the use of cell phones, iPods or other electronic devices.

To combat this dangerous trend, the University Police Department has and will continue to enforce the illegal use

of cell phones by motorists on our campus. We have also been actively engaged in making students aware of the dangers involved in using electronic devices while walking to their destination. Their diminished awareness of their surroundings increases the likelihood they will be injured.

The University Police Department has also created a website with valuable information and basic safety tips, simply the do's and don'ts of phone usage, which can be found at [www.stonybrook.edu/police/safety/reactions-not-distractions](http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/safety/reactions-not-distractions). While there, please use the link to our "**Take the Pledge**" page, in which we encourage everyone to commit to making our campus a safer place to be by taking your cell phone and "Put it Down".

Please enjoy the other valuable information contained in our newsletter and share it with you friends and neighbors. If you have any suggestions or comments on this newsletter, please contact (631) 632-3046.

**Stony Brook is Serious About Safety!**



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is tasked with preparing for emergencies to protect the students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus community. OEM is hard at work planning for the new semester and the challenges ahead. For new students, this may be their first experience away from home dealing with things like severe weather, personal safety, health care, and other emergencies that may arise during their initial semester here at Stony Brook. For returning students, some of the things they may have learned in previous semesters need refreshing.

September is National Preparedness Month and marks the annual time where government agencies, private sector businesses, and the general population should closely examine the impact unexpected emergencies may have on themselves and their families. Though it is OEM's job to prevent emergencies from occurring, respond during actual emergencies, and recover from any damage caused by an event, there are many things that the campus community can do to aide in the overall mission of maintaining a safe campus and protecting ourselves and those around us. The Office of Emergency Management strives to provide the community with the information you need to be prepared and get involved. Recommendations for the upcoming school year include:

### DISASTER PLAN CHECKLIST

Develop and practice a disaster plan checklist with other students to prepare for what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency.

- Decide where your dorms will reunite after a disaster. Identify two places to meet; one close to your dorm and another outside your immediate area, such as the library, cafeteria, or a friend's dorm.
- Practice using all possible exit routes from your dorm room and building.
- Designate an out-of-state friend or

relative who you can call during a disaster to confirm you are safe. If phone circuits are busy, long-distance calls may be easier to make. This out-of-state contact can help you communicate with others.

Familiarize yourself with the emergency plans of buildings you visit often, such as your classes, cafeteria, and library.

### EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Keep enough supplies in your dorm to survive for at least three days. Store these materials in an easily accessible container or cupboard, and update them twice a year at daylight-saving times. Suggested items are available online or at your local grocery, drug, or army supply store.

#### SUGGESTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- One gallon of drinking water per person per day
- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat canned foods and manual can opener
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries
- Whistle
- Phone that does not require electricity

### GO BAG CHECKLIST

Every student should assemble a Go Bag – a collection of items you can use in the event of an evacuation. Each Go Bag should be sturdy, lightweight and portable, such as a backpack. A Go Bag should be easily accessible and ready to go any time.



#### SUGGESTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, birth certificate, deeds, photo identification, etc.)
- Extra set of car and house keys
- Credit/ATM cards (preferably cash in the event access to ATMs/banks is limited)
- Bottled water and non-perishable food, like energy or granola bars
- Flashlight
- Battery operated AM/FM radio, and extra batteries
- List of the medications you take and their dosages, or copies of all your prescription slips, with doctor's names and phone numbers
- First aid kit
- Lightweight raingear and Mylar blanket
- Contact and meeting place information for your dorm, and small regional map

Most importantly, we encourage students, faculty and staff to sign up for the SB Alert system by logging into your SOLAR account. During an emergency the Office of Emergency Management will often send text messages, voice messages, and e-mails to alert the campus community of imminent safety threats. Minor events like severe weather, power interruptions, or health advisories will be posted on the SB Advisory page at [www.stonybrook.edu/emergcnv/advisories](http://www.stonybrook.edu/emergcnv/advisories). In addition, you can follow OEM on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/sbuem>. We recommend that all members of the campus community closely monitor this site for detailed information.

For more information on what you can do to prepare for emergencies at Stony Brook University please visit [www.stonybrook.edu/emergency](http://www.stonybrook.edu/emergency) or call us at (631) 632-3046.

## ACCESS CONTROL & LOCK SHOP

James Lang  
Manager

The new school year is upon us. As it does at the beginning of each semester, the Office of Access Control is gearing up to meet the demands of returning students. Our Lenel software administrators are preparing for the massive download of student data to ensure access to all of the residential students. This year, there are over 9,000 students that will be living on campus.

During this time we are also tasked with entering new scheduling data for all of the classrooms under the control of Teaching,

Learning and Technology. This requires manual entry of over 1,000 schedules into the Lenel software. Our Lock Shop staff is receiving numerous requests for keys and The Office of Access Control is busy catching up with the myriad of requests for various types of security system installations.

If you are a student and are experiencing problems gaining access to your residence hall please visit your quad office. Information on quad offices are posted on the Campus Residences site located at: <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/res>.

If you are having difficulty gaining access to a classroom, please contact the Teaching, Learning and Technology AV Service Counter at (631) 632-9400 during normal business hours. On weekends, rooms are opened and locked according to actual schedules provided by the Registrar's Office. If you are having difficulty gaining access over the weekend please contact University Police at (631) 632-3333.



## PARKING ENFORCEMENT

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When you mention Parking Enforcement to members of the campus community, many people have visions of little yellow tickets waiting for them upon returning to their vehicle. While it is true that Parking Enforcement does have the unenviable task of reminding people where they can't park each day, they are also there to help in times of need.

Motorist assist is available to our campus community during times of need such as a dead battery, out of gas or even keys locked in a car. When one of these situations happens to you, you can call University Police dispatch at (631) 632-3333 and they will log in your call and send assistance.

**Dead Battery** – You come back to your car and realize you left your lights on and now your battery is dead. Call UPD and let them know the situation. They will request your location, make, model and color of your vehicle and ask that you wait by your car with the hood up. This will make it easier for Parking Service Attendants (PSAs) to locate your vehicle. The Attendant will hook your battery up to their rechargeable jump pack and help you get your vehicle started. If the problem is more severe than a simple dead battery, you will have to contact your own roadside assistance or tow service.

**Keys Locked in Car** – You may have accidentally left your keys in the ignition or on your seat before locking your vehicle. Phone UPD and notify them of your situation. The PSAs have equipment on hand to aid in accessing your vehicle. You will be asked to sign a waiver releasing the university of liability in the event there is damage to the vehicle. The PSA's will make every attempt to retrieve your keys and most of the time they are successful. In the event they simply cannot unlock your vehicle, you may have to contact a local lock smith or roadside assistance.

**Flat Tire** – You may have experienced a flat tire or a tire that appears under inflated. Parking Enforcement motor assist is equipped with a portable air compressor. If you need to have your tire inflated in order to get home or to a service station, call university police. Again, have the location, make and model of your vehicle handy and stay close to your vehicle so the PSA can find you. Parking Enforcement will NOT change your tire for you or aid you in the changing of a tire for liability reasons. If you need further assistance you may have to contact your own roadside assistance or local service station.

**Out of Gas** – You may have overlooked your gauges and realize that you are now

out of gas. Parking Enforcement does provide a service that will include transporting you to the nearest gas station. At that point you may purchase enough gas to get your vehicle to a gas station. The PSA will use a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved gas can to transport the fuel. Upon returning to your vehicle, you may fill your tank with the gas that you have purchased. As with the previous situations, contact university police dispatch and notify them of your request. Provide the dispatcher with the location, make and model of the vehicle and wait by your car with the hood up. If you need further assistance you may have to contact your own roadside assistance or local service station.

As you can see, Parking Enforcement offers a number of services to the community to help in times of need. It is also good to have items in your vehicle or on your person that may help in case of emergencies. Some recommendations include a can of fix-a-flat, a spare key in a safe location using a hide-a-key, and make sure you have the phone number of your roadside assistance or local service station handy.

For more information on Parking Enforcement please visit our web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/police/departments/parking\\_enforcement](http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/departments/parking_enforcement).

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Robert Lenahan  
Chief of Police

The University Police Department has taken tremendous strides over the past few years in becoming a part of the vibrant campus setting here at Stony Brook University. The Community Relations Team has been leading that effort and team members take great pride in being recognized as a willing collaborative partner with many departments, both on and off campus.

A prime example of this collaborative effort is their participation in the many student/parent orientations provided for incoming freshman and concerned parents/legal guardians. During the orientations, team members conduct a power point presentation that highlights services available through the Community Relations Team.

The presentation also emphasizes basic safety tips and discusses ways in which students can minimize their chance of becoming a victim of a crime. It is just this type of proactive measures that consistently aide our campus in remaining a very safe environment.

Many recent studies have identified that the number one concern of parents when sending a child away to school is their safety. Parents/guardians want to know that someone is watching out for their loved ones. Quite often, parents as well as students leaving orientations express relief and gratification after having heard just how committed to providing a safe campus environment the University Police and the Community Relations Team are.

The Community Relations Team continues this type of reassuring effort throughout the academic year by offering to conduct crime prevention seminars to interested groups. Topics of these seminars include safeguarding personal property, becoming aware of your surroundings, and educating the campus community on the various services available to individuals who desire or are seeking assistance.

To learn more about the Community Relations Team, visit their web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/police/departments/community](http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/departments/community).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Community Relations Team will be giving two presentations of their Alcohol Awareness Seminar in the month of September. On Wednesday, September 8th and September 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm the presentations will be held in the Kelly Dining Center. These presentations will include information on alcohol awareness as well as a demonstration of the Fatal Vision Goggles. Fatal Vision Goggles use a special lens to allow a wearer to experience a realistic simulation of impairment.



For information on more programs offered by the Community Relations Teams and other members of the University Police Department please visit our web site at [www.stonybrook.edu/police/programs](http://www.stonybrook.edu/police/programs).

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Members of the University Police Department recently participated in two fundraisers/public awareness programs in an effort to give back to our surrounding community.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics is an actual running event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics through "Adopt-A-Cop" sponsorships, local fundraising events, and Torch T-Shirts and other merchandise sales.

The Marcum Workplace Challenge Run is a run designed to build camaraderie among employees while networking, having fun and staying healthy. Funds raised through the 2010 run went to benefit the Children's Medical Fund of New York and the Long Island Children's Museum.