Annual California Campus Safety Plan Report

This report is designed to provide you with important information about safety and security at San Diego State University (SDSU). SDSU prepares this report in compliance with California State Education Code, Chapter 16, of the Donahue Higher Education Act, Section 67380. The passage of AB 1433 amended sections of the California Education Code related to student safety provisions. Publicly funded educational institutions in California are required to compile reports of occurrences and arrests for Part I crimes of willful homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault as well as crimes occurring on campus that involve violence, hate violence, theft, destruction of property, illegal drugs, and alcohol intoxication committed the previous calendar year. This report is separate and distinct from the Annual Safety Report (ASR) required by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act).

Campus safety is a shared responsibility. The best protection against campus crime is an aware, informed and alert campus community working in partnership with law enforcement. The vast majority of our students, faculty, staff and visitors do not experience crime at SDSU. However, despite our best efforts, crimes sometimes still occur. This information is provided because of our commitment to campus safety and in compliance with California State Laws.

University Police: Your Community Policing Agency

Safety and security are coordinated by the University Police Department, located in the Public Safety building on the main campus (55th and Remington Road). The Department has a force of 34 sworn police officers and 53 non-sworn support employees. The University Police Department has primary police jurisdiction on University property, and is responsible for reporting and investigating all crimes and traffic accidents, responding to medical emergencies, enforcement of state laws and local ordinances, and all other incidents requiring police assistance. Criminal cases are forwarded through our investigations unit to the San Diego District Attorney’s Office or the San Diego City Attorney’s Office for prosecution. As part of a mutual aid agreement, per a written memorandum of understanding, the San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit will be the primary investigative unit on any homicide, non-negligent manslaughter or officer involved shooting that occurs at SDSU.

Access to Campus Facilities

Campus facilities are provided primarily for the educational needs of enrolled students, research activities of faculty and business needs of staff members. Use of University Facilities is governed by the SDSU Buildings and Grounds policy. Persons without a lawful purpose on campus may be removed per California Penal Code Section 626.6. Access to campus residence halls and apartments is restricted to hall residents and registered guests, and are regulated by University Housing. All entrances to the residence halls are locked 24-hours a day. Students who live in campus housing may enter the building by using their room key or access card(s). Security phones/intercoms are located at the entrances of residential buildings and desk assistants are located in the lobby to assist visitors in contacting residents. Students
who have room or apartment doors open to the public are encouraged to keep doors closed and locked at all times.

**How to Report a Crime or Other Emergencies on Campus**

Crimes, suspicious activity, safety hazards, or campus emergencies (including medical and fire emergencies), should be reported directly to the University Police as soon as possible by dialing 9-1-1 from any phone or by using one of the duress telephones located throughout campus. Campus duress phones are distinctively marked and have a blue light on top. Campus elevators are also equipped with emergency phones. Most classrooms are equipped with campus phones that can be used to summon assistance or report crimes. For non-emergencies, contact the University Police at (619) 594-1991 (from a campus phone, dial 4-1991). You may also report a crime in person by coming to the University Police headquarters located in the Public Safety building at 55th and Remington Road.

To report a crime or other emergency occurring in the community surrounding SDSU, contact the San Diego Police Department by dialing 9-1-1 or (619) 531-2000 for non-emergencies.

**We Encourage Accurate and Prompt Crime Reporting**

Faculty, staff, students and visitors are encouraged to promptly report any criminal activity directly to the University Police. This facilitates a timely response, thorough criminal investigation, and the ability for us to make timely warning and emergency notification to the University community if necessary. We understand that in some cases the victim of a crime may feel uncomfortable contacting the police, may not want the police involved, may not desire criminal prosecution, or may want to remain anonymous. If you do not want to report a crime directly to the University Police or need assistance in doing so, you may also report a criminal offense to the following designated campus officials:

- Director, Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities at 619-594-3069
- Director, Residential Education Office at 619-594-5742
- Director, Counseling and Psychological Services at 619-594-5220
- Director, Student Health Services at 619-594-5281
- Director, Center for Human Resources at 619-594-4648

A procedure is in place to capture crime statistics reported to these designated campus officials for inclusion in our annual crime statistics, and to issue a timely warning or emergency notification if appropriate.

**Anonymous Crime Reporting**

Crimes can be reported anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at (619) 235-TIPS (8477) or via the Crime Stoppers link on the Department’s web page at: www.police.sdsu.edu. The University Police, Counseling and Psychological Services, the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities, the Center for Human Resources and the Residential Education Office will accept confidential and anonymous reports of crimes for inclusion in the annual statistical report. It is our goal to provide assistance
wherever a report is made and to make sure we include the crime in our annual Safety and Security report.

California Penal Code section 11160 requires prompt, mandatory reporting to the local law enforcement agency by healthcare practitioners when they provide medical services to a person they know or whom they reasonably suspects is suffering from wounds inflicted by a firearm or as a result of assaultive or abusive conduct. The healthcare practitioners at Student Health Services must report these types of cases to the University Police.

The counselors at Counseling and Psychological Services will inform their clients of the procedures to report crime to the University Police on a voluntary or confidential basis, should they feel it is in the best interest of the client. A procedure is in place to anonymously capture crime statistics disclosed confidentially during such a session.

Security and Crime Prevention Programs
The SDSU Police Department emphasizes the importance of crime prevention. Each police officer is responsible for problem identification and for working with our community to educate and reduce the potential of criminal activity. The department coordinates several programs available to members of the campus and the community at large. University Police works closely with Residential Education staff to provide training and educational information on crime prevention and personal safety techniques.

Beginning with summer orientations, the University Police provide safety presentations to incoming students and their parents, which continue throughout the school year. Safety presentations range from sexual and dating violence, to domestic violence prevention, stalking, bystander intervention and consent.

Actions taken in the last 18 months to increase safety:
- Implemented Aztec Shield mobile safety app. This app allows users to send text-tips directly to SDSUPD, GPS track our safety shuttles, request safety escorts as well as “virtual” escorts through Friendwatch feature.
- Added new stops for the Red & Black campus shuttle, expanding service to new areas of campus.
- Provided numerous “active shooter” response trainings to faculty, staff and students.
- Participated in two emergency response exercises, including annual Great Shakeout drill.

Changes in safety precautions expected to occur in the next 24 months.
- Hire three police officers to fill current vacancies.
- Hire up to five emergency dispatchers which will increase availability to answer emergency calls.
- Evaluate and recommend installation of additional surveillance cameras on campus.
• Evaluate replacement and upgrade of campus-wide “Blue light” emergency phones.

**California Safety Report 2015 – Statistical Chart**

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