




MEMORANDUM

September 26, 2008

To: ASU community

From: Michael Crow, President 

Subject: 2008 Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Report

I am pleased to share with you the [2008 Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Report](#). Every year, the Arizona State University Police Department publishes and distributes the Annual Crime Statistics Report as required by the Jeanne Clery Act. The Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose specific annual and timely information about campus crime and security policies. All public and private higher education institutions participating in federal student aid programs are subject to its provisions. You may obtain a copy of this report by calling the ASU Crime Prevention Unit at 480/965-1972.

As one of the nation's largest public universities located in one of our biggest and fastest growing metropolitan regions, ASU can be considered "a city within a city." Within this context, the safety and security of all those who study, live, work and recreate on its campuses is of paramount importance. As a community of scholars, teachers and professionals, we share a critical responsibility to educate and protect ourselves and those around us, and the fulfillment of this obligation begins with becoming informed about public safety issues in and around the university and taking the initiative to report criminal or dangerous activity.

Three years ago, ASU adopted a series of campus safety and security measures for the purpose of addressing university protocols, identifying potential safety issues, facilitating the reporting of criminal or dangerous activity, and enhancing information sharing between university offices. Since then, ASU has augmented these efforts by implementing a variety of initiatives across the institution:

- ASU remains declared, posted, and strictly enforced as a "Weapons Free Zone."
- ASU has an active and regularly updated Emergency Response Plan that includes contingencies for a range of man-made and natural situations.
- In August 2007, ASU established an [Emergency Preparedness web site](#) to provide a clearinghouse for all ASU information related to emergency preparedness. The site includes information about what to do in an emergency; university and community, state and federal emergency preparedness resources; ASU's Emergency Response Guide for

responding to specific situations; safety, counseling and support services and resources; standards for threatening behavior and the Student Affairs campus safety training schedule. Also included are related links, including [Campus Safety Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#), and an [anonymous e-mail form](#) for asking questions.

- In 2007, ASU launched a new [Text Message Alert System](#). The text message system is an opt-in service in which students, faculty and staff can choose to receive a text message on their cell phones from ASU in times of an emergency on one of the ASU campuses or in the immediate vicinity. In the case of such an emergency, participants in the system will receive specific safety information or instructions. **To subscribe to this service please visit: <http://www.asu.edu/uagc/emergency>.**

ASU PD has mutual aid agreements and/or strong working relationships with our surrounding City, County, State, and Federal law enforcement partners. In addition, ASU PD has, and will continue to, conduct joint training exercises with several surrounding law enforcement agencies, including “active shooter” training with the Tempe Police Department.

- ASU PD has been teaching “active shooter” protocols to students, faculty, and staff for three years.
- ASU has the ability to disseminate emergency safety information through e-mail, its websites, and the Maricopa County’s Community Emergency Notification System (CENS), which can be used to notify large groups of people via phone land lines in specified geographic areas.
- In January 2008, ASU dedicated the new PD [headquarters](#) on the Tempe campus, which houses a state-of-the-art [Emergency Operations Center \(EOC\)](#) and serves all campuses. ASU PD has also implemented a new digital police communications system that allows ASU Police Officers, for the first time, to communicate with virtually every other police and fire agency in the Valley. This greatly improves the response and coordination with other first responders that may need to come on to one of ASU’s campuses.
- The pay scale for Police Aides was increased to enhance recruitment and retention of Police Aides, who provide a variety of security-related services in support of Police Officers.
- ASU reorganized its [Public Safety Advisory Committee \(PSAC\)](#) into four committees, one for each ASU campus. This enables campus specific focus and action on issues by each PSAC.
- In 2006, ASU launched the [Campus Safety and Compliance Hotline](#) (877-SUN-DEVL) to provide students, faculty and staff with an additional tool for voicing concerns pertaining to safety or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations or policies.
- In 2006, [ASU Residential Life](#) finalized a set of minimum safety and security standards for student housing on all four campuses and conducted a thorough audit of all residence halls. The standards include, but are not limited to, the implementation of card access systems on all perimeter residential facility gates/doors, surveillance cameras on exterior entrances, increased security patrols, 24-hour desk and on-call services, new safety and

crime prevention programs/publications/staff training, mandatory uniforms and/or IDs for residence hall personnel and vendors, and new guest procedures. Standards not already in place are currently being implemented or studied for future implementation.

- Monies generated by parking decal purchases have facilitated the addition of university security personnel and the ongoing installation of closed-circuit security cameras in university parking structures.

In addition to these university-wide measures, campus-specific measures have also been implemented.

ASU at the Downtown Phoenix campus

- ASU PD has established a [strong partnership with the Phoenix Police Department](#) and the Downtown Phoenix Partnership to provide visual security throughout the campus area. The campus also contracts with a security firm to insure that a security presence exists in all of its facilities.
- The campus hosts [Campus Safety Day](#) to educate students, faculty and staff about available safety programs, services and resources.
- Each building on the campus and every classroom in the University Center employs electronically controlled access security to prevent unauthorized entry.
- Emergency call boxes are located in the parking garages and surface lot at University Center and the College, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Nursing & Healthcare Innovation and Taylor Place residence hall.
- Video cameras have been installed at numerous locations in and around campus facilities and additional cameras are planned for the Information Commons.
- Student Affairs and security personnel conduct regular sessions for students, faculty and staff regarding security issues and safety plans.
- A [Campus Environment Team \(CET\)](#) has been established on the Downtown Phoenix campus.
- Campus Safety Escort Services are available to faculty, staff, and students.
- Areas of refuge phones to 911 are located in the lobby of all campus buildings.
- [Student and Campus Community Development](#) has distributed safety whistles and emergency contact cards throughout the campus and has identified key distribution points for safety related resources intended for students, faculty and staff
- The PSAC hosts Campus Safety Town Halls and regular campus safety walks to ensure that community members and City partners have both an opportunity to share concerns and also to participate in safety reviews of the campus. Cross walks, street signage, and lighting improvements are upcoming priorities.
- Representatives from across the campus are actively engaged in proactively educating our community on light rail safety.
- Taylor Place residence hall staff have been trained by police officials, Environmental Health and Safety staff and Student Affairs staff in facility safety, emergency response and strategies for educating residents about personal safety.
- Taylor Place is equipped with 24-hour security, approximately 70 video surveillance cameras and an electronic access system to gain entrance to the 13-story residence hall after 7 p.m. and on weekends.

ASU at the Polytechnic campus

- ASU Polytechnic hosts Campus Safety Town Halls and its annual Campus Safety Walk. Improvements to campus lighting, emergency call boxes, and safety escorts have been addressed. Emergency call box locations are identified on the [ASU Polytechnic parking map](#).
- A [Campus Environment Team \(CET\)](#) is available to assist the campus community.
- Representatives of ASU PD, Student Affairs, CGCC Security, Counseling & Consultation, and the Office of General Counsel convene on a weekly basis to address safety and security concerns.

ASU at the Tempe campus

- Residential Life has worked closely with ASU PD to introduce Campus Security Assistants (CSAs) and/or Police Aides (PAs) into the residence halls and ASU PD neighborhood satellite offices, and to establish a new [safety web page](#).
- ASU PD and Tempe Police have increased campus patrols between 10 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.
- For the last two years, [Student Life](#), in collaboration with Counseling and Consultation and PD, has offered two-hour, [bi-monthly campus safety presentations](#) to provide students, faculty and staff with information about university safety policies and guidelines, personal safety tips, available resources, and security protocols.
- Campus safety resources are also available through [Counseling and Consultation](#) and the [Student Escort Service](#).
- Representatives of University Administration, ASU PD, Facilities Management and others conduct a Campus Safety Walk each year to identify safety concerns, such as lighting, overgrown foliage and physical infrastructure damage, and develop a subsequent remediation plan. To date, nearly all of the issues identified during these evaluations have been resolved.
- A [Campus Environment Team \(CET\)](#) is available to assist the campus community.

ASU at the West campus

- ASU West hosts events throughout the year that incorporate safety education with the support and participation of ASU PD.
- ASU PD and administrators participate in scheduled campus safety walks to conduct Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations, which serve to identify potential safety issues. As a result of past walks, several lighting and overgrown foliage concerns have been addressed and emergency call box locations are now identified on the [ASU West parking map](#).
- Safety resources are available through West campus [Student Affairs](#) and [Counseling Services](#).
- The [Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety](#) examines and develops workable solutions for all forms of violence, and trains school professionals in violence prevention.
- A [Campus Environment Team \(CET\)](#) meets regularly to address campus issues.

These examples represent only a partial list of ASU's overall efforts to address issues of safety and security on its four campuses, but they effectively demonstrate our active commitment to the protection, education and empowerment of our university community. I hope these details are helpful in supporting your personal engagement on this issue and providing reassurance that safety and security are at the forefront of every plan to advance ASU.

I encourage you to take advantage of every resource that is available to you in this regard and please remember that your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.