



CRIME ALERT

On Campus

Posted Date: 01/31/2012

Incident:

On Monday, January 30, at approximately 11:30 p.m., a **Malicious Burning** event occurred in the McDowell Hall elevator.

The following was reported to the Department of Public Safety and the District of Columbia Fire Department:

University Police, responding to an emergency phone activation, discovered that a card reader in the McDowell Hall elevator had been damaged by fire. The District of Columbia Fire Investigator has been notified of this incident. No injuries were reported.

Suspect Description:

There is no suspect description at this time.

If you have information relating to this incident, or witness suspicious activity, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** or **911** for the Metropolitan Police Department.

Safety Tips

- All occupants are required to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds or some other evacuation signal is present.
- Keep calm.
- Use the nearest exit to leave the building.
- Use the stairwell only (hold on to hand rails).
- Do not use elevators.
- Person(s) with disabilities should be assisted to the stairwell landing. Request assistance from DC Fire Department and direct them to the area where the disabled person(s) is waiting.
- Never attempt to travel through smoke-filled or other imminently hazardous areas.
- If you encounter smoke in the stairwells, close the door and use a different exit.
- Do not return to the evacuated building unless the Department of Public Safety or DC Fire Department provides authorization.

General Tips

- Report any suspicious activity or suspicious individuals to the Department of Public Safety.
- Program AU Public Safety into your cell phone for emergencies: **202-885-3636**.
- Use the **Public Safety Escort Service** while walking on campus at night. To arrange for an escort, call **202-885-2527** or use a blue light or red emergency phone.

The American University Department of Public Safety (AUDPS) notifies the campus community when crimes are reported to AUDPS or the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) which the University believes represent a continuing threat to its students or employees, in a manner consistent with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The University uses its best efforts to provide information that is both accurate and helpful, but community members should recognize that the University is able to relay information only as it is reported to AUDPS from MPD. Community members are encouraged to report external incidents to AUDPS to assist in the effective implementation of this program.

If you would like a copy of this alert, please visit <http://www.american.edu/finance/publicsafety/crimealerts.cfm>

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