AU PUBLIC SAFETY

- Considers the safety and security of AU students, staff and faculty as its highest priority
- Is committed to promoting a nurturing environment conducive to learning, studying, and enjoying campus life
- Provides programs which support the academic mission of the University and promote excitement about the AU Experience
Your Public Safety and Transportation Services Team

- Shuttle bus Services
- Parking Services
- Patrol Services
- Emergency Planning Services
- Special Events Services
- Access Control Services
Public Safety Police Officers

- Are sworn police officers who patrol 24 hours per day, 7 days a week
- Perform admits, escorts, respond to emergency calls and write police reports
- Have the authority to stop, search, seize, detain and arrest on campus property
- Are armed with less-lethal weaponry, i.e. pepper spray
- T3s added for faster response times
Public Safety Aides

- Are AU student workers
- Are not police officers and cannot make arrests
- Have duties which include:
  - Student Patrols (campus watch)
  - Walking Escorts
  - Parking Enforcement
  - Camera monitoring
  - Special Events Security
  - Admits
- Sometimes go on to become AU Police Officers
AU Police Communications

- State of the art equipment, constantly being upgraded
  - Cameras
  - Access Control
  - Radios, ACU (interfaces with DCFC and MPD)
  - Alarm monitoring
- Answer calls for service and dispatch
Customer Relations Desk

- Information Line calls
- Issue parking permits
- Lost and Found
- Ticket Payments
- Service with a smile
AU Access Control

- Residence Halls
  - Locked 24 hours
  - Require valid ID cards, to Enter
  - Service Desk staff check IDs

- Classroom buildings locked based on academic schedule
Other Public Safety Services

- Safe Ride Home Program
- 24-Hour Safe Escort Service
- Emergency Blue and Red Phones
- Rape Aggression Defense classes
- Cab vouchers to hospital
- Annual Security Report posted on the Public Safety website
- Clery Act Compliance
  - Crime Alert Bulletins
  - Daily Crime Stats
  - Information Bulletin Boards Located Throughout Campus
Parking Services

- Responsible for:
  - all campus parking
    - Issuing Permits
    - Parking Enforcement
    - Collecting Enforcement Charges
    - Processing Appeals
  - Shuttle Services
    - 10 Minute Intervals
    - To Main Campus, Metro, Tenley, and WCL
    - 7:00 AM - 12:30 AM
      - Sunday – Thursday
    - 8:00 AM – 3:00 AM
      - Friday & Saturday
Emergency Preparedness

- prepared.american.edu website
  - View emergency procedures
  - Register for DC Text Alerts
  - Access to Public Safety Website

- Joint training and exercises with MPD

- Campus Emergency Response Team meets regularly

- Staff members participate in regular emergency drills
Laptop Theft Program

- PSAs patrolled campus looking for unattended laptops
- Unattended laptops were moved to Public Safety
- Students were told of laptop theft problem
- Laptop theft reduced by 60%
Safety Briefing for Students

- Lock doors and windows whenever room is unattended or during sleeping hours.
- Do not open doors for strangers.
- Do not prop open residence hall exit doors.
- Do not lend room key or ID card to anyone.
- If fire alarm sounds, leave the building immediately.
- Use locks to secure valuables such as laptops, jewelry and currency.
Safety in the City Briefing

- Travel in groups of two or more at night
- Use Metrorail and Metrobuses.
- Program these numbers in your cell phone
  - 202-885-3636 (AU Public Safety)
  - Roommates or friends cell phone number
  - Dorm's front desk line.
- Carry small amount of extra cash for cab ride
- Take licensed, marked taxis only
- Pay attention to your surroundings, minimize cell phone and iPod use
- Avoid using ATM machines alone at night
- Never leave your drink unattended, no matter where you are.
- Avoid binge drinking
- Arrange for ride home before you go out.
Thank You!!

Be Safe!

Questions?

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