Key Dates To Know
MARCH 13 - 17  
SPRING BREAK
MAY 15 – 19  
FINAL EXAMS
MAY 20 & 21  
COMMENCEMENT

Message From Police & Safety Services

Police and Safety Services offers a sincere welcome back to our SSU community after what we hope was a joyous holiday season for all! As we progress into 2017, it occurred to us that we are entering our 43rd year serving our community as a sworn law enforcement agency. As you can see from the above photos, the landscape has changed over the years, and so has the appearance of our police vehicles. Gone are the blue and white paint designs and rotating emergency lights of past years. These have been replaced by a more modern and noticeable black and white paint design and highly visible LED emergency lights. So, moving forward into the future, we are motivated by many things that include new opportunities, the continued dedication of SSU faculty and staff, and the enthusiasm of new and returning students. We look forward to working together to make SSU an even more magnificent learning environment. We wish everyone much success during the Spring 2017 semester and beyond!

Campus Safety Escorts

The safety of community members is a priority of Sonoma State University Police and Safety Services. Police and Safety Services offers safety escorts to individuals who request safety assistance as they walk to and from on-campus locations during hours of darkness. Safety escorts may be available during daytime hours upon special request. Safety escorts are provided by trained Police and Safety Services employees. Safety escorts are free to our community members and can be arranged by calling Police and Safety Services at (707) 664-4444. Police and Safety Services encourages community members to utilize personal safety escorts with the understanding that escorts cannot be arranged in advance. Personal safety escorts are not designed to be used in lieu of non-safety/security transportation needs. In most cases, safety escorts will be provided in a timely manner, unless delayed due to other urgent demands for Police Services.

Did You Know.....
“More than half of all adult cellphone owners have been on the giving or receiving end of a distracted walking encounter.”
Emergency Management’s Emergency Notification System

What is the Emergency Notification System (ENS)?

The emergency notification system was developed for colleges, universities and businesses. Designated account managers are able to send text messages to cell phones, office phones and email communicating emergency information and updates to students, faculty and staff in real-time. For that reason, all students, faculty and staff, have been opted-in.

The notification system will only be used when there is critical information regarding an imminent emergency to convey to students, faculty and staff. All campus email addresses and employee office telephone numbers are opted into the system. All mobile phone numbers entered into PeopleSoft are automatically uploaded to the system daily. In order to receive text messages, it is critical that ALL members of the campus community (students, faculty and staff) log in to MySSU via online services to either review OR update information:

1. Once in Online Services click Main Menu in top blue bar
2. > click Self Service
3. > click Personal Information
4. > click Phone Numbers and update or add your Mobile number –ensure number type is “mobile.”
5. Click Save to update the information

Why were you opted-in?

For safety reasons, as many people as possible must be reachable quickly, requiring access to students, faculty and staff cell phone numbers. Because of this, students, faculty and staff were opted-in.

How do users opt-out?

To opt-out, text STOP SSU to 23177 or 63079 or email:

emergency@sonoma.edu

How do I opt-in if I am on campus but am not an employee or a student?

Various groups on campus (i.e. Tech High, the Bookstore, Center for Distributed Learning, etc.) are not Sonoma State programs, yet they reside on campus and therefore must be informed on emergencies. To opt in, send an email request to:

emergency@sonoma.edu

Vehicle Operation & Cellular Phone Law Change

Effective January 1, 2017, section 23123.5 of the California Vehicle Code now prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or wireless electronic communications device. However, a driver may operate a handheld wireless telephone or wireless electronic communications device if:

1. The device is mounted on a vehicle’s windshield in the same manner as a portable Global Positioning System (GPS) or is mounted or affixed to a vehicle’s dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the drivers view of the road, and:
2. The driver uses his/her hand to activate or deactivate a feature or function of the device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver’s finger.

This section does not apply to manufacturer-installed systems that are embedded in the vehicle.

Support the ‘Zone,’ The DISMOUNT ZONE! Please continue to dismount from your wheeled conveyances in areas identified by the above sign. IT’S THE LAW!!!!!!!!

Read the 2017 Campus Safety Plan at:
www.sonoma.edu/ps/about/campus_safety_plan_