



C.O.P.P.S. Newsletter

Community Outreach from Police & Parking Services



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The Chief's Corner

On behalf of the entire staff at Police and Parking Services, I would like to begin by extending our heartfelt congratulations to our 2006 graduating class. You and your family should be proud of your accomplishments, as well as the positive contributions you will undoubtedly make in your community.

As this school year comes to a close, I would also like to thank the SSU community for its continued support of Police and Parking Services throughout the year. We realize that societal and environmental changes are inevitable, and therefore we must also maintain a constant strive for improvement and the flexibility to adjust operations in response to these changes. This year, for example, you might have noticed improved lighting on campus, aggressive patrols of facilities, increased awareness and enforcement of traffic laws, and increased activities related to disaster preparedness and training.

The staff of Police and Parking Services work 24-hours a day to provide a safe living and learning environment. Be mindful of the safety tips presented to you throughout the year and those in this newsletter. These tips are not exclusive to the SSU campus and should be practiced throughout the year. Take care and have a safe summer!

Best regards,
Nate Johnson, Ed.D.
Chief of Police / Sr. Director
Police and Parking Services

Congratulations on Retirement! Police Captain George Ellington

After 15 years of committed service, Captain George Ellington is retiring. He has been an inspiration to all of us over the years with his positive attitude and exceptional work ethic. He will now return to Southern California to be closer to his wife Martha and his children, Sarah and Glen. He will retire and return to his first love – teaching. We wish him the best in his retirement and will miss him very much.



Safety Tips for the Summer

- ★ Make sure windows are rolled up and doors are locked. With the weather being warmer, people often forget to take these simple precautions when parking.
- ★ Do not leave any pets or children in your automobiles. Heat can reach unbearable temperatures.
- ★ If you are planning a vacation, make sure to lock all doors and windows in your home. Unplug all electronic devices (blow dryers, TV, computers, etc). Inform trusted neighbors so they may watch your house and look out for suspicious activities.
- ★ Summer means fun in the sun! But be safe — don't let a heat-related illness ruin your day. Always drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks when working or playing in the hot weather.
- ★ Remember to wear sunscreen. Skin cancer is becoming a very serious problem. More than 1 million cases of basal cell or squamous cell cancer are diagnosed annually.
- ★ Swim in supervised areas only. Obey all rules and posted signs. Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgment, balance, coordination, your swimming and diving skills, and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.
- ★ Fasten your seat belt and drive the speed limit. Local law enforcement and CHP will be on the lookout this summer.

Megan's Law Update

~ Megan's Law is the Department of Justice's internet web site which lists designated registered sex offenders in California. The Megan's Law internet web site is now available in 12 different languages. As a result, the web site better serves California's diverse ethnic community. This site provides you with access to information on more than 63,000 persons required to register in California as sex offenders. More information can be obtained at: <http://meganslaw.ca.gov>.

What to do if there is an Earthquake!

- ~ When the ground starts to shake or move, find a safe spot to take cover. Find cover under a desk or stand beside a solid wall.
- ~ Remain calm.
- ~ Stay indoors during the shaking and stay away from windows, book cases, and other items that may fall.
- ~ Do not stand in open doorways! Contrary to common belief, doors will swing and move with great intensity during a quake. You are likely to be injured when standing in an open door way.
- ~ After the shaking stops, quickly assist the injured and leave the building immediately.
- ~ Meet in a designated safe area. Example, meet in an open space like a huge grassy area away from trees and buildings. If you do not have a designated safe area, designate one today and discuss it with all employees or roommates.
- ~ Discuss with loved ones how you will contact one another if an earthquake occurs. Having an out-of-state phone number to call is a good plan.. You can leave messages with your contact and family can check to see how you are doing without directly calling you.

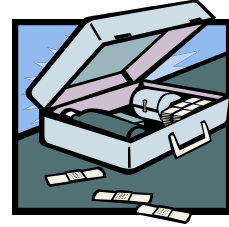
Graduation Parking

~ Congratulations graduates! Please consider the following parking tips to make your day run smoothly. There is no specific area reserved for graduates, so please come early. We will have attendants in all major parking lots to help with parking. Guests with DMV disabled placards may park in G lot (next to the gym). Sorry, we cannot accommodate motor homes or other oversized vehicles. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Enjoy your day and best wishes! Please call Parking Services at 707-664-2143 for further information.
Missy Wynes-

Congratulations 2006 Graduates from everyone at Police and Parking Services!!!!!!



Emergency Kit Sample



- ~ First aid kit, medicines, extra glasses
- ~ Paper towels, toilet tissue, sanitary napkins
- ~ Pencils, paper, books, important documents
- ~ Toothpaste, toothbrush, bar soap, shampoo, liquid Cleaner, liquid bleach, other hygiene products.
- ~ Scissors, plastics, utensils, can opener, AM/FM radio
- ~ Flashlights, batteries, matches, candles, duct tape
- ~ Blankets, extra shoes/clothes, towels, sweaters
- ~ Non- perishable food, canned foods, nutrition bars, boxed juices, vitamins, peanut butter, boxed foods, candy, nuts, dried fruits
- ~ Bottle water – at least a gallon per person/day
- ~ Sterno stove, canned Sterno, cooking pot, string, wire, aluminum foil, plastic dishes, food and garbage bags
- ~ It is always smart to prepare!

New Party Ordinance of Rohnert Park

~ Sonoma State students should know that Rohnert Park passed an ordinance to crack down on noisy parties. The City Council unanimous vote came shortly after the start of the fall semester, whose students helped make Rohnert Park the number one place in the county for raucous parties. The ordinance allows for an initial warning, but provides for a \$500 penalty if police have to show up twice within two months at the same address. Penalties escalate to \$750 for a third response and \$1,000 for a fourth. Landlords also are liable unless they show diligence in evicting unmanageable tenants. "We feel this is a fair approach that will also protect the community," Councilman Tim Smith said. A few students spoke against the ordinance, saying it would spoil their fun. But council member Vickie Vidak-Martinez replied that "no one should have fun at someone else's expense. We're trying to make the city safe and comfortable for all to live in."



Click It or Ticket Campaign

~ A state wide campaign is in affect from May 15 to June 4. Violators of the seat belt law will be ticketed. This is the second year of participation for SSU. So remember to click it so you don't get ticketed! More info at:

<http://www.ots.ca.gov/campaign/2006/2006ciot.asp>

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