



The Chief's Corner

SSU Community:

Here we are again at the end of another year. I would like to thank all of you who have supported Police and Parking Services during the year. We have been a bit busy, but we're not tired yet.

During the winter break, we will be completing plans to install the mass alert notification system, policy revisions, and meeting professional operating standards.

The Mass Alert Notification system will require that you update your records in your Seawolf account, so you need to sign onto the self-service window in CMS and update your mobile, land and work phones, email account and home phone should you wish to send such emergency notifications to others, such as your parents' home.

Before you depart be sure to review the safety tips in this brochure—they might help to ensure a safe holiday break for you and your family.

As a final reminder, you can no longer hold mobile phones or text while driving, nor can you have BOTH ears covered while operating a motor vehicle or a bicycle on a public roadway. I wish you a safe holiday season. Be safe!

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Nate Johnson, Ed.D.
Chief of Police and CSU
System-wide Police Coordinator

Crime Prevention and Safety Tips of the Month

~ **Theft** is a very common crime during the holidays, mostly due to opportunity. Here are some tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim:

- Make sure to lock doors and windows in residence halls and your vehicles.
- In your vehicle, never leave any valuables, packages or backpacks in clear sight. Should you need to store packages in your trunk once parked, move the vehicle to different location as if you just arrived.
- Be aware of your surroundings in parking lots, including people, landscaping and potential hazards and dangers.
- Park under or near street lights at night, and report any street lights that are out to Police and Parking Services.
- At night, walk with others if possible. Walk in well lighted areas and paths. Don't take short cuts! If alone, police are always willing to provide safety escorts.
- Lock up bicycles by their tires and frames when not in use. Get your bicycle registered free at Police and Parking Services.
- Copy down serial numbers of valuable items. If items are stolen, identification of serial numbers helps police track stolen goods.
- Prevent fires by not leaving ovens unattended, and don't light candles in rooms or offices.
- When on campus, program mobile phones to call Police dispatch (707) 664-2143. All campus phones will go directly to SSU dispatch when dialing 911.

**Happy Holidays
From Everyone At Police And Parking
Services!**



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>.

California Driving Laws

- **Street Racing Enforcement Takes Tougher Stance** – If a driver participates in a motor vehicle speed contest, new laws increase the jail time to a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of six months in jail when a person is found guilty and the driver causes injury to someone other than him or herself. If it is a second or subsequent offense and serious bodily injury occurs, the jail time is increased to a maximum of one year.
Vehicle Code §23109

- **Head Lights on When Using Windshield Wipers**
-During darkness and inclement weather, a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, shall be equipped with at least two lighted headlamps, with at least one on each side of the front of the vehicle. Lights must be on with a condition requiring the windshield wipers to be in continuous use due to rain, mist, snow, fog, or other precipitation or atmospheric moisture. Vehicle Code §24400

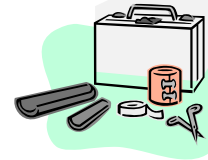
- **Pocket Bikes are Illegal on Streets and Highways** - Vehicle Code, §21720 makes it illegal to operate a pocket bike on a sidewalk, roadway, or any other part of a highway, or on a bikeway, bicycle path or trail, equestrian trail, hiking or recreational trail, or on public lands open to off-highway motor vehicle use.

~. For more information on California Driving laws please go to <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

What to do if there is an Earthquake!

- ~ When the ground starts to shake or move, find a safe area 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.

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
- ~ Kits are available at Costco, www.ready.gov or through your local Red Cross office.
- ~ It is always smart to prepare!

--	--