

WSU Safety Awareness Training (TRANSCRIPT)

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Wayne State University's Safety Awareness Training. Through discussions and examples, we will describe how Wayne State is prepared for a crisis. Upon completing this program, you will be able to define some of the key characteristics of the Wayne State University Police Department, know when and how to get help, and identify tips on how you can be proactive in the event of an emergency.

UNIVERSITY CHARACTERISTICS

A crisis is defined as a major event that threatens people, property or the institution's public standing. To appreciate how Wayne State prepares for a crisis, first consider the university's unique characteristics. We are an urban, 200-acre educational institution that supports nearly 28,000 students and 8,000 employees. Hundreds of people cross one of North America's busiest international borders every day to study and work here. We are a top-tier research university with a sophisticated array of projects in disciplines ranging from biomechanics to stem cell research. These characteristics obligate Wayne State to be at the forefront of crisis management practices.

CRIME STATS

Did you know that WSU is one of Southeast Michigan's safest areas? According to the 2011 Uniform Crime Report compiled by the Michigan State Police, Wayne State has the lowest overall reported crime rate in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Did you also know that Wayne State is one of Michigan's safest four-year public research universities? When compared to some of Michigan's other public research universities, WSU's reported violent crimes were significantly lower.

WSUPD

Key to crisis management is the Wayne State University Police Department: a 59-member police unit dedicated to serving and protecting the campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All officers are sworn Peace Officers commissioned under state law, and each has also been commissioned as a Detroit Police Officer. Since 2007, WSUPD officers have received more than 3,300 hours of tactical police training, including the department's Active Shooter Drill and Special Response Team training. Weekly training is enforced to maintain the skills necessary to accomplish a broad range of policing scenarios with the best possible results. WSU is also the first university to partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to identify risks and strengthen crisis management practices.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Wayne State University is committed to the safety and security of its campus community, and you can find out more about its efforts at wayne.edu/safety. Led by the vice president and chief of staff, the Crisis Management Team consists of high level representatives from across campus to ensure all units and disciplines are included in crisis preparedness. The team meets regularly to participate in crisis management scenarios, update the overall crisis management plan based on new information and technologies, and share best practices from real crisis cases. The team also maintains a continuity of operations plan for every college and division within the university. To ensure that the right individuals are contacted in the event of a crisis, a detailed inventory of available emergency contacts and

communication channels are included in these plans. With the help of the WSUPD, WSU has launched an award-winning text and e-mail message notification system and uses the latest technologies in its new, state-of-the-art police headquarters. Wayne State's Broadcast Message System was recently updated to increase speed of delivery and provide pre-written messages for a series of crises ranging from weather-related closures to explosions to an active shooter scenario. To ensure secure communications and maximum coordination among multiple jurisdictions, the WSUPD collaborates closely with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

STUDENT PREPAREDNESS

Wayne State University provides students with a personal preparedness plan and emergency contacts. The plan includes contact information, safety tips and evacuation.

WHEN TO CALL FOR HELP

Emergencies can occur without warning, but you can be more prepared for emergency situations by staying informed and familiar with Wayne State's Emergency and Safety Procedures. We sometimes encounter situations where we are uncertain as to what, if any, steps we should take. Let's review some times when you should contact the WSUPD. Any time you need police, fire or medical assistance you should call the WSUPD immediately.

You should also contact the WSUPD:

- If you notice ANY suspicious situation or person on or near campus
- For lost or stolen property such as your purse, wallet, WSU ID or keys
- If you are having car problems that could leave you vulnerable such as a flat tire, a car that won't start or if you're locked out.
- For medical problems you may experience or witness both on or near campus, including sick, lost or injured persons
- If you experience or witness auto or pedestrian accidents
- For any criminal incident happening to you or that you witness
- You can also call WSUPD if you would like to participate in the WSUPD Safewalk program, where an officer will monitor or escort you as you walk to your car.

Did you know that the average WSUPD emergency response time is 2 minutes or less? The WSUPD is never "too busy" and no situation "too minor" for you not to contact them. Better to call and not need their services than to need their help and not call.

WHO TO CALL FOR HELP

When faced with an uncertain situation, the first rule is: don't ignore it. We can't plan for every possibility, but there are many people on campus who are trained to respond if notified or to support, guide and assist you. There are many ways to call for help. To receive a rapid response, call the WSUPD directly at 313-577-2222, or 7-2222 from any campus phone. You'll also find blue light emergency phones, like the one shown here, throughout campus for contacting Public Safety. These phones are also equipped with a four-way loudspeaker to enable WSUPD to broadcast audio warnings in the event of emergencies. To locate a blue light in your area, check out the online campus map. If the incident

involves an employee, you should also notify your manager. If the incident involves a student, you should also notify the Dean of Students at 313-577-1010. The Dean of Students will ensure serious threats or incidents are brought to the attention of university officials and handled promptly and properly. If you feel it necessary to share the matter anonymously, you may do so by calling the Office of Internal Audit at 313-577-5138. If you are not sure whether to report an incident, please call the Office of the General Counsel for guidance at 313-577-2268.

BEING PROACTIVE

Wayne State continues to be proactive in crisis management, and you can too with these tips for emergency preparedness:

- Save the emergency phone numbers in your cell phone.
- Sign up for alert messaging.
- Download the WSU mobile app.
- Know the safety procedures and exits in your building.
- Participate in fire evacuation drills.
- Pay attention to your surroundings when walking.
- Learn what to do in an emergency.

CLOSING

For more information please visit our website at wayne.edu/safety. This site contains additional tips on preparedness, emergency procedures, crime statistics, university contacts and more. Thank you for choosing Wayne State University, a place where you can study, work and live with peace of mind.