“We are your Police Department!”

**Robbery…what should you do?** For your protection, DPS offers a few important safety tips for you to use:

**Safety Tips**

- **Follow your instincts.** If you do not feel safe, do your best to remove yourself from the situation.
- **Travel well-lighted and well-traveled areas.** Have your keys in your hand as you approach your door, and remember to be alert to what and who is around you.
- **There’s safety in numbers.** If you must be out at night, arrange to go to class or do errands with a companion or two. If you are alone in the University of Michigan-Flint area, use the free DPS escort service. Call the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 810-762-3333 to request the service.
- **Avoid displaying and carrying large sums of money in public.** Only carry the credit cards you need.
- **Be careful with purses or wallets.** Carry a purse close to your body, but do not loop or wrap straps around you. A purse snatcher could injure you. If a purse snatcher demands your purse, toss it down on the ground and attempt to quickly leave the area. Keep wallets in an inside pocket.

**If a robbery should occur:**

- **Your safety is most important.** Above all, don’t be heroic. COOPERATE! Give the criminal what they ask for - your life is more valuable than replaceable possessions. Don’t make sudden moves or try to apprehend the criminal yourself. Concentrate on remembering a description and call police immediately.

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**Register your Bike this Spring with DPS!**

The Fall registration was well received, so DPS will continue to provide this service!!!

It’s fast, free and will help deter bicycle theft on the University of Michigan-Flint campus. To participate in the program, bring your bicycle to the Public Safety Bike office located in the Harrison ramp (near the Harrison ramp entrance, just off of Harrison Street). An officer will affix an identification decal on the frame of the bicycle and record the identification information.

**Dates:** Wednesday, May 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th.

**Times:** 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Public Safety Bike office (Harrison ramp, off Harrison. The office is facing the DDA lot). This free service is available to all members of the University of Michigan – Flint community.

Remember…Please always lock your bicycle. Bicycles should be locked around the frame and through both wheels to an object such as a bicycle rack, telephone pole, sign or lamppost, etc. While on campus, please look for a bicycle rack located outside of the buildings.

For more information about registering your bike please contact 762-3330.
DPS Oversight Committee

We want to know if you are not satisfied with our service!

DPS takes allegations and accusations of misconduct seriously and thoroughly and meticulously investigates all complaints. DPS has a great team of dedicated professionals and our goal is to always provide quality and professional service. We hope that no one is ever unhappy with the service provided or the conduct of a DPS team member. If that ever were to happen, here are a few options for reporting possible misconduct by a member of DPS.

Contact DPS at (810) 762-3333 and request to speak to a DPS Sergeant. The sergeant will take your information and investigate the matter. DPS investigates ALL formal complaints involving a DPS team member(s).

Contact the office of the Chief of Police at 810-762-3330. The chief will assign an Internal Affairs number and an investigator.

Contact the DPS Oversight Committee. The DPS Oversight Committee is an independent committee comprised of elected faculty, staff and student representatives established to address grievances and complaints by persons against the Department of Public Safety police officers or the department. The Committee may make recommendations concerning such grievances and complaints to University Human Resources, including recommendations for disciplinary action.

To get information or to file a complaint, call (810) 762-3150, email Helen Phinisee at phinisee@umflint.edu, or stop by Room 213, University Human Resources, in the University Pavilion. There is a DPS Oversight Committee Complaint form on the Human Resources web page.

DPS is committed to providing the highest quality customer service possible in a professional and respectful manner. We hope you will never experience anything but our best! However, if that does not happen, we want to hear from you!

Robbery (cont. from page 1)

- Do what the robber says and don’t stall.
- Don’t make any sudden, unexpected moves. A nervous criminal may think you are reaching for a concealed weapon.
- If the suspect claims they have a weapon in their pocket, never try to force their bluff.
- Afterward, call the police immediately. If you are on the university campus, call (810) 762-3333. Off campus, call 911.
  - Keep all witnesses at the scene until the police arrive.
  - If a witness must leave, write down his or her name, address and telephone number.
  - Write down a complete description of the suspect, weapon and vehicle used, if any.

“Remember that money can be replaced; a life cannot.”
Can you defend yourself?

RAD for Men is now offered by DPS! Check out our web page for dates, times and sign-up information!

Winter 2015 RAD Training dates

The following dates are all on Thursday nights - (6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)

Class #1 - UCEN Michigan Room A
January 8th
January 15th
January 22nd
January 29th

Class #2 - Baker College, Owosso

Class #3
March 13th in UCEN Michigan Room D
March 20th in Northbank Center Park Place
March 27th in UCEN Michigan Room D
April 3rd in UCEN Michigan Room D

DPS welcomes our newest Police Officer Torrey Ruffin and our Newest Dispatcher Eric Whitaker.

Thank you to our 2014 Touch-A-Truck Sponsors!
UM-Flint Student Government
UM-Flint Block Club
UM-Flint Black Student Union
Yuck! I got a parking ticket…now what?

The Department of Public Safety issues parking violation tickets so that everyone who has a permit or who is authorized to park on campus has a place to park. DPS issues parking violation tickets to vehicles parked in violation of Flint ordinances and university regulations. Parking enforcement is continuous for violators of handicapped, fire zones, and prohibited parking areas. Permit violations are enforced with time restrictions throughout the year.

Once a parking violation is issued, the violation is turned over to the Flint Police Department and the 68th District Court. The 68th District Court has complete authority over the final disposition of all violations.

What to do if I get a violation?
If you receive a parking violation, you can contest it or pay the fine.
To contest a parking violation:

Contact the 68th District Court at (810) 766-8968. You can call the Department of Public Safety for an explanation of the violation. Make an appointment at the 68th District Court to discuss the violation with the court magistrate.

To pay the violation:
Use the pre-addressed envelope on the parking violation. Do not send cash. Only checks or money orders are accepted. Seal the payment in the envelope, attach a stamp, and drop it in any mailbox.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DPS and ask to speak with a supervisor.