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DPS Welcomes New Police Officer!

The Department of Public Safety would like to introduce Police Officer Mark Walker. Mark has twenty years experience as a police officer from the Saginaw Police Department. He started January 7th, 2013 and will be working/training on each shift for the next couple weeks.

Please welcome him, and say hello as you see him in his travels throughout the campus.
Cold and Flu Safety Tips

Regularly wash your hands throughout the day. Consider personal use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer gel, which is commonly available for purchase from pharmacies and supermarkets. If possible, limit personal contact (such as handshaking) and keep a reasonable distance during your contact with people who indicate that they are unwell or think they may be unwell. Wipe shared surfaces in your household or workplace with a disinfectant wipe regularly in flu season. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined trash bin after you use it. Then wash your hands. If you do not have a tissue, you can cough or sneeze into your sleeve or inner elbow. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way. Wash your hands afterwards if you have been in contact with a person or material (such as paperwork) from someone suspected of being unwell, before moving on to other business. Vaccination for influenza is available during flu season at a small cost, either from the University Health Service or your own General Practitioner. Seek medical advice if you have symptoms of a cold or flu. Do this as soon as possible, especially if you have a pre-existing medical condition, are an older person or are pregnant.

Lost and Found Property

When Public Safety receives found property it is taken to the Mill Street Ramp Dispatch Office, inventoried and secured in a property locker. The investigating officer will make all efforts to contact and return the property to its rightful owner. It would be very helpful if a name and contact information is placed in text books, note books, and flash drives, to aid in returning the property to the owner as soon as possible. When a University of Michigan ID/MCard is received as found property, an attempt to contact the owner will be made. If the owner cannot be contacted, the ID may be turned over directly to the ITS ID Office at 206 MSB.

If we do not have, or you cannot find, the missing property leave your information and a description. There is a Communication Officer on duty 24/7 to assist you at 762-3333.

Escorts

The Department of Public Safety is committed to providing quality service and working with the members of the U of M–Flint community to build an environment that promotes the safety and well-being of each individual. In an effort to encourage personal safety, the Campus Escort Service was initiated for those times, especially during the hours of darkness, when you may find yourself unable to use the buddy system while on campus. Available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, this service is intended for those who need a security escort to/from class or residence hall or college-owned parking lots/facilities, or within walking distance of campus. Call 762-3333 and provide the following information to the Communication Officer: Your name, current location, where you wish to go, a physical description of yourself. Remain in a safe area (lobby/vehicle) until the responding officer arrives.
Spring Break Safety Tips

Spring break can be a lot of fun – or it could be a nightmare! Much of this depends on the choices you make. If you are venturing away from home, consider the following as you make your travel plans. Most of this is common sense. However, safety should never be a second thought. Practice these steps to ensure a fun and safe spring break.

Alcohol & Other Drugs:

The legal drinking age in all 50 states in the United States is 21. There are significant criminal penalties for underage possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, depending on the jurisdiction.

If you are of legal age to drink alcohol and choose to drink, do so in a way that does not put you or someone else at risk.

There are also severe criminal penalties for the illegal possession and/or use of fake identifications. Generally, in heavily visited spring break areas (like Florida), police set-up sting operations to capture fake IDs.

Don’t drink and drive. Before you go out, designate a non-drinking driver.

Buying, possessing, or using most drugs is illegal. Drugs can affect you both physically and mentally in unexpected ways. Taking any drug is a risky move, especially if you are mixing drugs and alcohol.

Personal Security:

- Travel with someone you know and trust, and preferably with a larger group. Never allow members of your party to leave alone with strangers. Always travel in well-lighted areas.
- Don’t carry all of your credit or bank cards in your wallet or purse. Carry the minimum amount of cash that you will need, including a little backup. If you have extra cash, leave it in your hotel room, hidden from sight.
- Make sure your friends and relatives know where you will be vacationing, when you will depart, and when you expect to return. Call friends or family members to let them know that you have arrived and returned safely.
- Prepare a list of emergency contacts, including how to reach mom and dad in case you are in an accident and your local bank and credit card company in case your credit cards or traveler’s checks are stolen.
- If you are robbed at gun point or with any weapon; don’t resist – give up any money, jewelry, or other valuables. You can always replace material things! Call 911 as soon as you can.
- Don’t horseplay or climb on balconies. Never sit on railings and always keep both feet on the floor at all times. Falls from balconies, even those on lower floors, can be fatal.
- Do not give your lodging information out to strangers.
- Do not bring strangers back to your room.
- Do not give out any personal information about yourself or those you are with.

Safe Partying:

When going out, party with people you can rely on. Stick together, look out for each other and make sure everyone’s safe. Especially watch out for friends who appear intoxicated.

If a friend feels sick, don’t leave them alone. If you feel sick, ask someone to look out for you.

If a member of your group passes out, turn them on their side to prevent choking and call 911 immediately.

Watch out for your drink and never accept an open drink from someone you don’t know. If you have to leave your drink for any time, ensure you leave it with someone responsible who will watch it to ensure it doesn’t get spiked with one of the easily obtained “date-rape” drugs, such as GHB, Ketamine, or Rophynol.

Know the laws of the place to which you are traveling. They will be enforced. Penalties for violating drug laws in many countries—even for possession of small amounts—are generally far more severe than in the United States.

Learn to blend in a foreign country. Students need to maintain a low profile during these unsettled times.

Investigate available resources on safety. Check web sites of the U.S. State Department for travel warnings, Embassies abroad, travelers health web sites, FAA, etc.
Winter Walking Safety Tips

Winter; the snow and ice it brings to cover the roads, sidewalks and parking lots can be quite dangerous. Falls due to ice and snow are one of the most common injury causing incidents on campus.

Take steps now to prevent a fall by learning and implementing these suggestions:

Be Safe
Plan extra time on your schedule to prevent being in a rush. Most accidents occur due to inattention or being in a hurry.

Remove snow from shoes before entering any building.

Always use a handrail when climbing up and down stairs.

Always use handrail when going in and out of buildings, vehicles or public transportation.

Wear footwear with traction.

During bad weather, avoid boots or shoes with smooth soles and heels.

Be Smart
Walk at a slower pace.

Stay on designated walkways.

Watch for and avoid slippery surfaces.

Be Seen
Wear visible clothing especially at night or during heavy snow.

Wait for vehicles to stop completely before crossing the road.

Approaching vehicles may not be able to stop immediately due to road conditions.

If you fall, relax and try to fall as limply as possible.

Avoid using your arms to stop your fall.

If you need immediate medical attention, call 911 or 762-3333.

To report unsafe or dangerous areas, call for ice/snow removal at: (810) 762-3333.