SSU CAMPUS SAFETY WEEK: EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATIVE

October 13-16, 2014 was the first ever campus safety week! The week included topics of alcohol awareness, sexual assault prevention, a self-defense class, active shooter lecture and emergency preparedness.

The week was topped off with the Sonoma Sheriff’s helicopter landing in the main quad and demonstration! Thank you Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office!

Throughout the week different on and off campus partners participated in a variety of activities which included lectures, educational tabling, first aid lessons, and tricycle races with goggles that simulate intoxication.

There were many students, faculty and staff who participated we look forward to seeing more people out next year!

SSU Police and Safety Services would like to know from the community...What you would like to see in the future? Is there anything else you would like to see added to Safety Week?

We would appreciate your input to make next year’s Safety Week an anticipated event.

Please contact Officer Wilde via email at wilde@sonoma.edu.

I am pleased to present our new COPPS publication to keep you informed of what’s happening at Police and Safety Services.

As you might be aware, our new name was created to better reflect our list of services, which include those offered by Police Services, Parking, Emergency Management, Business Continuity, Internal Audit, Information Security, and Risk Management.

This organization allows for a “360° view” of current demands and potential risks to help provide the best possible service to the SSU Community.

Police and Safety Services is located in the residential community between Sauvignon and Verdot Villages.

As we end the calendar year, I want to remind everyone about holiday safety and the importance of remaining diligent in safety practices.

Thanks everyone for a great year and the support you have shown this department.

~Chief Johnson
What is the COPPS Newsletter?

First off, let’s start with what COPPS is and what it stands for. Back in 2003 Police and Safety Services started its “Campus Oriented Partnership Policing Strategy” program or COPPS for short. The goal is to have officers serve as liaisons within the community they serve.

Any officer at SSU can answer questions or obtain prevention or safety related information for you and address other problems or concerns you may have in the most expedient manner. Our aim is to be problem solvers and service providers.

Police and Safety Services want to make sure everyone is safe and has a great experience while at SSU. To better serve our community we work in close partnership with our faculty, staff and students to understand their needs and expectations of a Police Service Agency.

Currently, Officer Wilde is our Bike Officer, Campus Outreach and Crime Prevention Officer. Please feel free to contact him regarding crime prevention or bicycle related questions. Receiving input from the campus community will help us make this a Newsletter people want to read and learn from.

Remember to Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Don’t ruin the end of the year with a DUI. Average cost of a DUI conviction is $10,000!

Always have a plan: Friend, Designated Driver, Taxi or other public transportation.

Leaving for Winter Break: Remember to stay safe

We recommend that you bring all of your valuables with you when you leave for the winter break (including TV, laptop, game console, etc.). Unplugging appliances such as TV’s and computers will ensure your electronics will not be ruined in case of a power outage (good information for staff as well as students).

We would like to remind people to secure or place their bicycles inside their residence. Just make sure all exits are clear (due to the fire code).

Also, do not store valuables in plain view in your vehicle. Too often windows are smashed and vehicles are broken into by others trying to steal what they see inside vehicles. Use your trunk or other less visible storage areas.

Personal safety a top priority. Always be aware of your surroundings. Please remember to stay safe during the holiday season.

For more safety and prevention information you can visit: http://sonoma.edu/ps/police/crime_prevention

Bicycle Tips

*Lock your bike with a U-style lock and through the frame.
*Lock your bike ONLY to bicycle racks (NOT trees, fences, rails, etc.)
*No tricks on campus (includes skateboards and unicycles)

Bicycle Laws

*STOP at all stop signs
*Front white light is required at night
*Ride with the flow of vehicle traffic.
*One hand must be on the bike at all times.
*Only one ear bud allowed.

More Questions? Email Bike Officer Wilde at wilde@sonoma.edu

Police and Safety Services want to remind you to lock all doors and windows whenever you leave your residence. Using a wooden dowel will help prevent the window and sliding doors from opening as well.

When you are leaving for winter break it is very important to double check that your residence is secure.

Submit a work order to Seawolf Service to have any broken doors or windows repaired prior to leaving. To do this, email: seawolf.servicecenter@sonoma.edu or call 707-664-2308.

Walking to class or around campus? Remember, Seawolves travel in packs.

Special Note: at crosswalks be kind and let a few cars go through so traffic build up is avoided. Everyone will thank you.