MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Welcome new faculty and welcome back all! We had a busy summer this year in preparation of the fall. Last year, I met with several campus groups to discuss a host of topics from lighting, crosswalk safety, alternative transportation and other safety related items. While some improvements are already visible, such as better crosswalk markings and improved signage, we also initiated conversations with contractors for electric vehicle charging stations, Zip Car, physical security, share the road and transportation safety programs.

We will be notifying you as these projects are completed and available. So please review the COPPS newsletters and online resources regularly for important updates.

Dismount Zone

In collaboration with SSU Academic Senate, Associated Student Inc., Campus Reengineering Committee, Transportation Committee and other campus constituents, the Dismount Zone program has been implemented. This program was created due to a significant community concern about the hazards of wheeled conveyances being operated at congested locations. The Dismount Zone is designed to improve safety.

Effective immediately, persons operating wheeled conveyances such as bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller blades, and golf/utility carts are now REQUIRED to “Dismount” from their means of wheeled transportation at campus locations where signs are posted.

Finally, this year’s Convocation marked a bitter-sweet moment for all of us at Police and Safety Services. Not only were we moved by the inspirational speeches, we also learned of our President’s announcement of his retirement. I want to thank Dr. Armiñana for his support of our safety endeavors over the years and articulated priorities of the same. I also acknowledge and thank the President for his encouragement of my personal educational quests--as he has done so for many others. I am looking forward to the school year and working with the ASI, CFA and all of my colleagues in the months to come.

WELCOME TO SSU!
We want to remind everyone ALL California laws apply on campus to include: parking, vehicle and penal codes.

Persons observed failing to dismount from their wheels in any Dismount Zone may be subject to citation pursuant to 21113(g) CVC and 2001-3(a)(5) of the SSU code.

The fine for a Dismount Zone Violation is $115 payable through the County of Sonoma Traffic Court.

Sonoma State University and Police and Safety Services thank you for your support of this important program. Working together, we all can make SSU a safe place to work, learn and live!
Join us for the second annual safety week. This year’s event will take place October 12th – 15th. Safety Week is a collaborative effort between SSU campus partners and Sonoma County Emergency Services.

We would like to remind everyone during this week you can expect many different emergency vehicles around campus. Vehicles will include Police, Sheriff, Ambulance, Fire Trucks, Red Cross, and possibly a helicopter! Events will include various safety presentations, demonstrations, panels, classes, meet the Chief, and a self-defense class.

Activities during the week are open for all campus students, staff, faculty and administrators. There are classes that are for students only. For a list of all events, times and locations, visit: http://www.sonoma.edu/ps/safetyweek/

We also want to remind everyone of the “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” (the Great Shake Out). This is a state wide event occurring on October 15th at 10:15 am. The drill is to simulate what to do during an earthquake. SSU will be participating in this event campus wide.

Take pictures of you participating or have someone take a picture of the whole class and post using #SSUSafetyWeek.

INFORMATION FOR LIVING ON OR OFF CAMPUS

Personal safety is a main priority for police everywhere. Remember to walk in pairs, keep one ear free from ear buds (to hear around you), and park and travel in well-lit areas.

For more information on crime prevention visit the following link: http://www.sonoma.edu/ps/police/crime_prevention.html

If you are living in Rohnert Park, and have Police respond to your residence for a party call, you will be required to post a flyer for 120 days. There are also fines associated with these that can range from $500 to $1,000.

Are you living in M Section? Remember residential parking permits are required for on-street parking on Maximillian Place and Maurice Ave (between Mercedes Way and Michael Way). Enforcement time is between the hours of 6am-10pm, Monday – Friday. You can obtain a parking permit from City Hall (130 Avram Ave). Bring along a completed application, proof of residency, valid CA vehicle registration, CA driver’s license and a processing fee.

If you need more information, visit: http://www.ci.rohnertpark.ca.us/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=12592

SSU Police and Safety Services want to remind everyone that underage drinking will be strictly enforced on and off campus. Please keep in mind, if you are outside and over the age of 21, you still cannot have an open alcohol container on campus (unless it is an approved event).

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.)
*Bicycles secured to these objects are subject to impound [Per 2001-3(6)].
*No bicycle or skateboard tricks on campus

Bicycle Laws

*STOP at all stop signs
*Front white light is required at night.
*Ride with the flow of vehicle traffic.
*Only one ear bud allowed.

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

We would also like to remind everyone that SSU is now a smoke and tobacco free campus.
http://www.sonoma.edu/uaffairs/smokingandtobaccofree