The Rap Sheet

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Reported Sightings
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THE JEANNE CLERY Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (The Clery Act) is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose information about campus crime and security policies. All public and private postsecondary institutions participating in federal student aid programs are subject to this law.

One of the ways Stanford University complies with the Clery Act is by collecting and disseminating crime and fire statistics to the community in the annual Safety, Security & Fire Report. This report contains important information including the sexual assault policy, the emergency response and evacuation policy, and missing student notification procedures. In addition there is information about access and security in the student residences, controlled substances/alcohol education, and where to report a crime.

What does this mean for you?
Our hope is that the statistical information, safety policies and services contained within the report, allows members of the campus community to make informed decisions about their own personal safety and to enhance the safety of the community through their actions. The Safety, Security & Fire Report is available online Paper copies of the report are available by calling SUDPS at (650) 723-9633 or emailing a request to PublicSafety@lists.stanford.edu.

Towering Over Campus
Bill Larson, Emergency Tower Program Manager

HAVE YOU EVER wondered about the tall blue towers that are spread around campus? Hint: they are not street art, a shuttle stop, or even a K-Mart “Blue Light Special” broadcast tower. If you guessed they are there for you to call for help in case of a police, medical, or fire emergency 24/7, you are right on!

The tower is a symbol of safety and security which adds to the overall reputation of Stanford University being a relatively safe and secure campus.

The towers are strategically located along what are called “suggested travel routes” and are shown on the Suggested Travel Routes map. There are currently 118 active towers on campus, including blue 911 emergency phones located in the underground Parking Structure #6 (under Wilbur Field), and soon to be installed in underground Parking Structure #7 (under GSB).

The towers are easy to use—press the red button on the center instrument panel to activate should you observe criminal or suspicious activity or are in need of police, fire, or medical assistance. You will be connected to a 911 dispatcher with whom you can communicate through the speaker on the panel. A Deputy will then be dispatched to your exact location. In addition, the blue strobe light on top of the tower will “strobe” for several minutes to allow a Deputy, and any other first responders to easily locate you.

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STOP It!
Robert Contreras, Recruiter

SUDPS IS SELLING a theft deterrent product called STOP Security Plates to place on your electronic equipment. The product consists of a metal plate, a sticker, and bar code that is registered to you. A patented “Stolen Property” tattoo remains etched in the equipment even if the metal tag is removed. Contact Robert Contreras at robert.contreras@stanford.edu for more information.

Don't Give Criminals a Chance!
The DEPARTMENT of Public Safety strongly urges you to remove all items from view inside your parked vehicle: all briefcases, computer cases, gym bags, and electronic accessories. Also, remove any mounting devices for electronic equipment (e.g., GPS) and accessories or conceal them so they are not visible to anyone looking into the vehicle. A mounting device left in view may be an indicator to a thief that its associated electronic device may still be hidden in the vehicle. The suction cup marks on the windshield left by the mounting device are also a sign to a thief that something interesting might be inside your car. Immediately report any suspicious behavior in the area of parked vehicles by dialing 9-1-1 from a cell phone, 9-9-1-1 from a campus phone, or activating a blue 911 emergency tower.

Myth or Fact?
MYTH: You can't be arrested for a DUI when you are riding on a bicycle.

FACT: Bicycling under the influence is the same as driving under the influence! Friends don’t let friends bike drunk. The California Vehicle Code 21200.5 states that it is unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or any drug, or under the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug.

Reaching Out To You
Melissa Dubois, Senior Program Manager

THRE ARE MANY ways to meet with the Stanford Department of Public Safety deputies that have nothing to do with breaking the law!

Ride Along with a Deputy
Jump into the front seat of a police vehicle and experience what it is like to be on patrol at Stanford

Safety Presentations
Learn how to prevent crime, protect your property, and enhance your personal safety.

Dialog with a Deputy
An informal opportunity to chat with a deputy and learn everything you wanted to know about police work and how we serve the campus.

Group-centric Presentations
Presentations on law enforcement, crime prevention or safety designed around your group’s needs. Just ask us!

Bike Safety Programs
Learn how to be safe while riding your bike--for student groups, work groups and elementary schools.

Bike Diversion Program
This collaborative effort between SUDPS and Parking & Transportation Services allows bicycle riders to attend a free one-hour safety class in lieu of paying a traffic fine for a bicycle infraction. This program is open to everyone whether or not you have received a citation.

Community Police Academy / LAWGEN 209
This free 9-week, Winter Quarter course is open to the staff, faculty, students and residents. Using a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on activities, we provide the opportunity for participants to experience life as a police officer. Students may take the Community Police Academy as a 1-unit class by registering for LAWGEN 209.

Community Outreach events are an opportunity for SUDPS to listen to the community and assist residents in reducing the opportunity for crime. Email: community-outreach@lists.stanford.edu or call (650) 723-9633 to schedule an event.
Bicycle Safety

Lieutenant Rich Cinfio

THE ONSET of the Fall season…the air becomes a little cooler as we head towards winter and the early mornings and evenings become darker a little sooner. It is especially important during this season that we place the utmost emphasis on bicycle safety.

Stanford University is like a small town, consisting of over 8,000 acres of developed and undeveloped land, 800 buildings, 47 miles of roadways and 11.7 miles of bicycle lanes. As a residential based institution, Stanford houses over 75% of its student population on campus along with hundreds of faculty members and their families. Did you know:

- It is estimated that as many as 13,000 bicycles are on campus on a daily basis.
- Eighty-five injury collisions involving bicycles were reported in 2009. In 2010 to date, there have been 40 injury collision involving bicycles reported.
- Stanford is only one of three national campuses to have a dedicated full-time bicycle program coordinator.
- Stanford possesses the only known adult bicycle citation diversion program in the San Francisco Bay Area.

SUDPS prides itself in our partnerships with the community we serve to create a safe and enjoyable environment in which people can live and work. Supported primarily by the efforts of Parking & Transportation Services and the Department of Public Safety, the following safety programs and practices are currently taking place at Stanford University:

- A bike registration program that assists in tracking the number of bicycles on campus. 1,550 bikes were licensed during a recent 5-day registration event held during new student orientation. Over 3,500 bikes have been registered annually through this program.
- To encourage safe riding and following the rules of the road, 2,500 bicycle safety lights have been distributed to new students free of charge.
- Student Dorm Bicycle Safety Road Shows – This program is hosted approximately 10 times per quarter and consists of a comprehensive bicycle safety presentation, free tune-ups, a bicycle safety / general knowledge quiz and an interactive safety discussion.
- Bicycle Safety and Citation Diversion Classes – Since Fall 2008 there have been over 1,500 attendees. While riders have the option of attending on their own, the majority of attendees participate as the result of an issued citation for a violation. The class serves as a valuable educational alternative to punishment by fine.

So what does this all mean? There remains an excellent opportunity for continued community partnership and effort that can make bicycle riding at Stanford enjoyable and safe. Some safety tips for you to consider are:

- **Wear a helmet!**
- Make sure your bike is properly equipped with lights.
- Wear reflective clothing at night.
- **Stop at all Stop Signs – it’s the law!**
- Look both ways before entering an intersection or onto a roadway.
- Plan your day so you are not rushing.

For more information, go to [http://police.stanford.edu](http://police.stanford.edu) and [http://bike.stanford.edu](http://bike.stanford.edu) for great bike information! Take the bike safety quiz on the Parking & Transportation Services website: [http://transportation.stanford.edu/bikequiz/quiz.swf](http://transportation.stanford.edu/bikequiz/quiz.swf)
Safety Checklists—Part One

Deputy Harris Kuhn

IN AN EFFORT to make crime, accident and incident prevention easy and convenient, I plan to present a checklist of action items each quarter that will be easy to accomplish, and with the community’s participation, make the Farm even more bucolic. It takes only a few minutes every so often to ensure our personal safety and, by looking out for our individual well-being, we strengthen the community. Just try it and see.

Crime Prevention

- **Lock your doors and windows!** Whether it is your dorm, your home, your apartment or your office, lock it -- even if you are just going down the hall! The crooks are as good at their job as you are at yours - they know when you are going to be gone ‘only for a minute!’ The crooks also know when it’s party time in the dorms.

- **Immediately report lost or stolen keys and access cards.** If the missing keys/access cards are for student residences contact the housing front desk staff. If the keys or cards are for a lab or office contact your supervisor or building manager.

- **Leave nothing in your vehicle—ever!**

- **Report “randoms”.** Stanford is an open and trusting community, and the dorms and high rises are your home. When was the last time you let a stranger walk into your bedroom and let them rummage through your desk? Protect yourself and your fellow community members by reporting “randoms”.

- **During winter academic recess, take as much of your valuable stuff home as you can.** Take computers, electronics, cash, and checks with you.

- **Don’t leave your laptop unattended in a public space (library, dining hall, etc). Keep it with you.**

- **Keep an eye on your credit.** You can get a free credit report from one of the major credit reporting bureaus: TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax every 12 months by using annualcreditreport.com.

- **Don’t fall for internet scams!** If it’s too good to be true, it probably is! Legitimate banks, credit cards and merchants will never ask for your card, identification or social security numbers.

- **When selling items online accept only the amount you are selling your items for.** If the buyer sends you a check for more than the cost of your item and asks you to cash it and refund the excess. Don’t do it! The check most likely will bounce and you will be out the cash.

That’s a good start for the academic year. We can collectively make the Stanford community stronger and safer with action by each and every one of us. In the next Rap Sheet we’ll talk more about disaster planning and other issues of interest.

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