SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Susquehanna University’s Department of Public Safety promotes a safe and healthy environment for the campus community and visitors on campus by providing lifesaving services and promoting best safety practices. Committed to the principles of fairness and respect, officers meet the highest professional standards while supporting the university’s overall academic mission. Whether it’s ensuring the safety of students’ buildings, vehicles or even their late-night walk across campus, Public Safety’s No. 1 priority is protecting Susquehanna students.

CONTACT

The Department of Public Safety can be reached any time at ext. 4444 or 570-372-4444.
PARTNERSHIPS & PROTECTIONS

Public Safety is a partner in helping to make Susquehanna’s campus a supportive community in which all members feel safe and valued. The department provides full-time investigative services on campus regarding violations of student conduct, Title IX violations, bias-related incidents, vehicle crashes and accidental injuries.

Although Public Safety personnel are not police officers, the department works closely with the Selinsgrove Police Department and other agencies to provide assistance on criminal matters and coordinate law enforcement services to the campus community.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

Because of the broad mission of the department, an intentional effort is made to recruit officers and specialists from a wide range of age and backgrounds, including: customer relations; health and safety; security; and law enforcement. Providing a variety of services requires intentional and consistent attention to professional development and training.

SOME OF THE MOST RECENT AND ON-GOING INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

- Active Shooter
- Blood-borne Pathogen Exposure Prevention
- Cultural Competency
- Diversity and Inclusion
- First Aid and CPR
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Implicit Bias and Communicating Effectively
- Investigative Techniques
- Neuro – Sensitivity on Campus
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Power in Symbols
- Responding to LGBTQ+ Crisis Victims
- Stop the Bleed

SAFETY & SECURITY

- cameras, blue light phones and blue dot phones
- campus patrol
- emergency phone line
- lost and found
- safety and security escorts, on foot or in vehicle
- security at sports and major events
- student ID card services

VEHICLE ASSISTANCE

- disabled vehicle assistance
- parking services
- traffic control for major events
- vehicle lockouts

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & NOTIFICATION

- emergency notifications and timely warnings
- response to building emergencies
- response to injury or serious illness
- response to mental health crisis
- response to potential threats

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING ASSISTANCE

- building access control
- building security checks
- fire alarm monitoring and response
- residence hall room lockouts

COMPLIANCE & INVESTIGATION

- Clery Act reporting and compliance
- student conduct investigations
- Title IX investigations

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

- annual service projects
- educational programs and outreach with students
- liaison with local law enforcement
- local task force affiliation (Snyder/Union County Opioid Taskforce)

A CADRE OF SUPPORT

The Department is led by the Director of Public Safety under the authority of the Vice President for Student Life, alongside the Health Center, Counseling Center, Violence, Intervention and Prevention Center, Student Diversity and Inclusion Office, Campus Life, Athletics and Chaplain’s Office. The director is supported by an associate director, investigator, lieutenant and sergeant, as well as officers and communications specialists.

SERVICES

While on their first tour of campus, it is common for future Susquehannans to meet a member of Public Safety when they’re out and about — on foot, in a golf cart or even on bicycle. The Department provides a wide range of services to the faculty, staff, students and visitors on campus, 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

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