

# Campus Safety

## Authority

It is the objective of the University Police Department to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students, employees & visitors of Delta State University.

Our goal is to protect life & property, to understand & serve the needs of the campus community, & to improve the quality of life by building capacities to maintain order, resolve problems, & apprehend criminals in a manner consistent with the law & reflective of shared University values.

The University Police Department includes the following sections: Patrol, Parking Services, Investigations, & Special Operations.

University Police officers are armed & have arrest powers & authority on all property owned, leased or governed by the IHL.

All police officers meet the professional criteria as established by the Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards & Training, & are certified by attending a law enforcement training academy.

Officers also regularly attend other advanced and in-service training programs as a part of mandatory continuing education.

University officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays.

Police officer functions include, but are not restricted to the following:

- Vehicle, foot, and bike patrols of campus to ensure the safety of persons and property.
- Responding to the report of a crime or other emergency on or adjacent to University property.
- Investigating offenses that have been committed & preparing the required report.
- Assisting other local, state, & federal law enforcement agencies.
- Providing motorist assistance, unlocking vehicle on campus, providing vehicle boosts on campus & providing safety escorts..
- Enforcing state law & university regulation.
- Educating the campus community on methods to keep safe as well as personal property secure both on and off campus.

## 911

Use 911 for any critical medical emergency or a fire. Then notify UPD 662-846-4155.

Police emergencies: 661 846 4155 or 911

### PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES AND YOURSELF:

- Never leave a vehicle or your residence unlocked, it only takes seconds for a theft to occur
- Don't leave items of valuable visible in your car. If you must leave them, place them in the trunk.
- NEVER leave a phone or other electronic device unattended.
- Don't give out personal information to anyone. Banks and other entries will not call and ask you for personal information

# Prevention

The Delta State Police Department has an active crime prevention program which is dedicated to reducing criminal opportunities & encourages the members of the campus community to take responsibility for their own safety & security, & the safety & security of others.

Crime prevention programs are available for all students, staff, and faculty. Prevention program topics include but are not limited to:

- \* Personal Safety
- \* Alcohol & DUI Awareness
- \* Fire Safety
- \* Date Rape Prevention
- \* Property Security
- \* Drug Abuse Awareness
- \* Sexual Assault

## Operation I.D.

Operation I.D. is a program to assist students in identifying and recording property in case of theft. A bicycle registration form is available to students with bikes on campus. Visit the UPD to fill out the form today!

# Awareness

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools & Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Delta State University has implemented a policy to express its commitment to the elimination of alcohol & drug abuse. Please refer to the "Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy" section of the student handbook & employee handbook. The student handbook is available through the Office of Student Affairs. The employee handbook is available through the Office of Human Resources.

## WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

**MS Code Section 97-37-17-2 makes it a felony for any person to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, a firearm on University property. Any Student and IHL Employees with an Enhanced Firearm Permit are prohibited from carry on any IHL property.**

## SEXUAL ASSAULT

The University Police Department provides information throughout the year to promote awareness of sexual assault, date/acquaintance rape, & other sex offenses. Prompt reporting of sex offenses is strongly recommended. University Police Officers are available 24 hours a day to assist victims in obtaining medical attention & investigate the offense.

## USE OF CELL PHONE WHILE

## OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE

A driver's #1 priority is the safe operation of the vehicle. If a cell phone must be used while operating a motor vehicle, please consider the following precautions:

1. Never dial the phone while driving. Dial while the car is not in motion, such as at a traffic light.
2. Keep calls brief.
3. Make sure the phone is easy to reach & see.
4. Learn about the features on your phone, such as voice mail & speed dial.

Let a passenger answer the phone and relay the information or take a message.

Safety on a college campus is a genuine concern. Delta State University offers many different services and crime prevention programs in an effort to continuously improve safety in the university community.

Ultimately, each person is responsible for his/ her own safety, but practice of preventive methods can help to reduce the probability of one becoming a victim of crime. During the year, the police department will offer workshops and presentations on crime prevention. You should take the opportunity to attend these programs.

If you have any questions or comments concerning campus safety, please call us at 662.846.4155 or send an email to [police@deltastate.edu](mailto:police@deltastate.edu).

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