The University Police Department employs 9 sworn Law Enforcement Officers, 2 Communications Officers, 1 Senior Secretary, & includes the following sections: Patrol, Investigations, & Special Services.

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

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

Officers also regularly attend other advanced and in-service training programs.

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 reports of crime in progress on University property.
- Investigating offenses that have been committed & preparing required reports.
- Assisting other local, state, & federal law enforcement agencies.
- Providing motorist assistance, unlocking vehicles on campus, providing vehicle boosts on campus & providing escorts.
- Responding to calls from emergency phones & other similar emergencies.
- Enforcing state laws & university regulations.
- Educating the DSU community on methods to keep themselves as well as their property safe.

The emergency phones are located at the following halls:

- Broom
- Cain-Tatum
- Cleveland
- Court of Governors
- Foundation
- Walter-Caylor
- Zeigel

In case of emergency, one can contact the police by depressing the button, which will automatically dial the University Police Department. If possible, the caller should state their name, location, and the nature of the emergency.
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.

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 University Police Department or Office of Student Affairs. The employee handbook is available through the Office of Human Resources.

WEAPONS ON CAMPUS
Section 97-37-17-2 of the Mississippi Code makes it a felony for any person to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, any firearm on University property.

Sexual Assault

The Delta State University Police Department provides programs 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 & reporting offenses.

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.

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 (Union 202A) to fill out the form today!

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

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.