

Department of University Police & Campus Safety



Authority

The Delta State University Police Department's (UPD) mission is to protect the lives and property of our students, employees, guests and the university itself.

Our goals are to understand & serve the needs of the campus community and to improve the quality of life by building capacities to maintain order, resolve problems & apprehend criminals in a manner consistent with statutes and accredited policies.

911

9-1-1 may be used for any critical Fire, Medical or Police emergency or if you see smoke or fire in a building. You may also dial 662.846.4155.

Nonemergency Campus calls 662-846-4155

The University Police Department includes the following sections: Police Patrol & Investigation, Emergency Management, Special (Event) Operations and Parking Services.

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

Police officers are required to meet the criteria established by the MS Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards & Training and attend a law enforcement basic training academy. Officers also maintain 24hrs annual training as prescribed in BOLEST standards by regularly attending advanced and in-service training programs as a part of this 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, cart and bike patrol of the campus community.
- Emergency response to reports of a crime in progress on or adjacent to university property.
- Investigating criminal offenses committed on university property.
- Assisting other local, state & federal law enforcement agencies with business on campus.
- Providing motorist assistance, unlocking vehicles, providing vehicle boosts & safety escorts on campus as requested.
- Enforcing state statutes & university regulations (ordinances).
- Educating the DSU Family on keeping themselves as well as their property safe.

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 valuables visible in your car. If you must leave them, place them in the trunk.
- NEVER leave your phone, laptop or device unsecured or unattended.
- Don't give out personal information to anyone. Banks and other entries will not ask you for personal information.
- If in doubt, contact University Police with questions at 662.846.4155.

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 and others' safety & security.

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.

Every employee and student who parks on campus at any time is required to register his/her vehicle and purchase a permit (decal).

To register you must have the following: a valid driver's license; your license plate number; the make, model, year and color of your vehicle.

Registration is easy! <https://www.deltastate.edu/student-affairs/police/parking-on-campus/>

Permits may be purchased for any new academic year beginning August 1. All permits expire August 31 of the following year.

QUESTIONS? 662.846.4154 or parking@deltastate.edu

It takes everyone to make our campus safe!

SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Delta State University Police Department provides programs throughout the year to promote awareness of sexual assault, date/acquaintance assault & 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.

PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE!

Any driver's #1 priority is the safe operation of his/her vehicle.

- Never dial the phone while driving. Dial while the car is not in motion, such as at a traffic light.
- Keep calls brief; stay focused on the road.
- Learn about the features on your phone, such as driving mode and auto reply.
- No call is worth your or someone else's life.
- Let a passenger answer the phone, relay information or take a message.

Safety on a college campus is a genuine concern for students, parents and employees alike. The Delta State University Police Department (UPD) offers different services and programs in an effort to continuously improve safety in the university community.

Ultimately, each person is responsible for his/her own safety, but preventive practices can help to reduce the probability of becoming a crime victim. During the year, the police department will offer presentations on various topics. 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 email police@deltastate.edu.

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