

# CSUN

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NORTHRIDGE



# Campus Safety Plan 2019

California State University, Northridge prepares this report in compliance with California State Education Code, Chapter 16 of the Donahoe Higher Education Act, Section 67380.

California State University, Northridge (also known as CSUN) is a public university located in the Northridge neighborhood of Los Angeles, California, in the San Fernando Valley. The 356-acre campus is home to 39,816 (Fall 2018) students, including 3,200 residents, as well as 3,900 faculty, staff and administrators. CSUN remains committed to the safety of our campus community, educational and professional goals of its students, as well as its extensive service to the community.

## **AVAILABILITY, LOCATION, AND METHODS TO SUMMON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE**

The CSUN Department of Police Services employs twenty eight (28) highly trained, full-time, sworn police officers, seven (7) 911 Public Safety Answering Point Dispatchers, thirty (30) part-time student Community Service Assistants, and an active support staff for the 24-hour protection of the CSUN campus community. The Department is located on the CSUN campus at 9222 Darby Avenue on the southeast corner of Darby Avenue and Prairie Street.

California State University peace officers have state-wide police authority and jurisdiction per Penal Code 830.2 and Education Code 89560, and are vested with law enforcement powers and responsibilities, identical to the local police or sheriff departments in your home community. The University also employs ten (10) contracted security guards for perimeter security of the University Park residential life complex.

The Department of Police Services maintains close working relationships with all local, county, state and federal public safety agencies through partnerships and mutual aid agreements. Memorandums of agreement (MOA) for law enforcement assistance have been established with the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Sheriff Department, Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department, and the California Highway Patrol.

### **To Report a Crime, Suspicious Circumstances, or an Emergency**

- Call the CSUN police at 818-677-2111. In the event of an emergency, dial 9-1-1 or use a campus blue light emergency phone, or text to 9-1-1
- Give your name, telephone number, and location.
- Give clear and accurate information.
- Be prepared to supply suspect and vehicle description, and direction of travel.
- DON'T HANG UP! Follow the instructions of the dispatcher.

**An On-line Reporting Option is available for the following non-emergency crimes/incidents. Contact by a police investigator will be made on the next business day following submittal of the report. (<http://www.csun.edu/police/file-report-online>)**

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| • Harassing Phone Calls                     | • Lost Property                 |
| • Non-Injury Hit and Run Traffic Collisions | • Identity Theft                |
| • Unlawful Smoking and Tobacco Use          | • Theft                         |
| • Vehicle Tampering                         | • Vehicle Burglary              |
| • Vandalism                                 | • Bullying & Harassing Behavior |

### **Telephone Contact for Administrative and/or Non-Emergency Related Services:**

- CSUN Department of Police Services (818) 677-2111
- The Department of Police Services provides numerous safety services to include, but not limited to: vehicle unlocks, jump-starts, amber light parking lot patrols, room unlocks, victim/witness services, restraining order assistance, and personal safety plans.

### **In Person Contact:**

- CSUN Department of Police Services is located at 9222 Darby Avenue on the southwest corner of Darby Avenue and Prairie Street.

## **SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES**

### **Security of and Access to Campus Facilities**

All campus facilities are key-accessed, and most are open daily for scheduled campus community use. Facilities within the University Park Residential Life Complex are controlled via key card access with a secure gated security program operating from 7:00pm to 2:30am seven days a week. Campus key control and distribution is a function of the Physical Plant lock shop, while key access control for the residential complex rests with the Residential Life administrative office. To provide for the security of campus facilities, the University Police enforces Educational Code 89031 & Residential Life housing policies. Campus facility access may be revoked per Penal Code 626.

### **Security Considerations Used in Maintenance of Campus Facilities**

The Department of Physical Plant Management is responsible for security of all campus facilities. Personnel perform daily building lock-up and monitor all maintenance issues in campus lighting, door locks and general environmental safety in conjunction with the Department of Police Services. An annual inspection and survey of campus indoor/outdoor lighting, shrubbery and walkways is conducted, with the Department of Police Services providing security surveys upon request or when a need is observed. The University participates in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design concepts for planning and improvements on campus.

### **Campus CCTV System**

The campus has a closed circuit television (CCTV) system to further enhance the safety and security in public areas of the campus. This technology can detect criminal acts and also deter potential offenders who recognize the elevated risk of apprehension from such a system, in that the information it provides is extremely valuable in capturing criminal activity and helping identify suspects.

### **Emergency Blue Light Call Stations**

A 9-1-1 24-hour, button activated, emergency telephone system will put you in contact with emergency personnel for any emergency need. There are 93 call stations located throughout the CSUN campus, including residential housing. Some of the stations are yellow in color. These are TTY call boxes designed for the deaf and hard of hearing community. They are equipped with a small keyboard that enables the caller to type messages directly to University Police Dispatch. The police dispatcher can send a message to the caller by either typing or using a computer to choose pre-selected emergency responses. (The campus Emergency Blue Light Phones Map can be viewed on-line at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/bluelights.pdf> or on CSUN's mobile app.)

### **Crime Prevention Programs**

Crime prevention programs are sponsored by various campus groups throughout the year and include, but are not limited to: personal safety, sexual violence awareness and prevention, theft prevention, and workplace violence. For additional information regarding preventative programming on campus, see the campus Annual Clery Security Report located on-line at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf>.

### **Personal Safety Escorts**

The Department of Police Services provides night safety escorts to/from campus facilities and activities Monday-Thursday from dusk to 11:00pm through use of its Matador Patrol student community service assistant program. Matador Patrol members are easily recognizable wearing university colored (red, black, white) uniforms and use foot, bicycle, and six-seat electric cart patrols around campus during the aforementioned times. During times the Matador Patrol service is unavailable, University Police are available to assist in providing personal safety escorts. Call dispatch at (818) 677-2111 for safety escort requests or use the Safety Escort button in the CSUN mobile app.

### **Special Event Safety Planning**

Preparation for large events on campus involve the creation of Incident Action Plans according to the Standardized Emergency Management System and in collaboration with mutual aid agencies and contracted safety personnel.

## ACTIONS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS TO INCREASE SAFETY

- Installation of twenty-eight 360 degree CCTV cameras to the campus' analytic video surveillance system located on campus blue light phones gaining further visibility of campus areas.
- Improving the security of the campus possessing an electric cart fleet of over one hundred (100).
- The campus initiated an upgrade conversion of the standard Omni Locking system to a new campus standard using the Sargent Assa Abloy electronic door locking system. This enhancement of the campus door access system allows for a more rapid response in "re-keying" should a person's code be compromised or keycard lost. 190 of 600 locks have been converted to date.
- The campus 911 emergency phone system was upgraded in August 2017 allowing for the receipt of text-to-911 calls.
- Continuing our efforts in increased campus awareness of crime prevention/safety programming in the following areas: cyber safety, personal safety and aerosol defense options, sexual violence awareness & prevention, and alcohol and substance use/abuse within Greek Life.
- Completed a night campus safety walk (Fall 2018) looking for security and/or safety deficiencies such as fall hazards, lighting needs, vegetation maintenance, etc.

## CHANGES IN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING THE NEXT 24 MONTHS

- Completion of the campus analytic CCTV system in the university housing facility.
- Upgrade a select number of current cameras to new 360 degree high definition technology.
- Up to 50 Omni door access locks per year are planned for an upgrade to the new campus standard locking system (i.e., Sargent Assa Abloy) allowing for a more rapid response in "re-keying" should a person's code be compromised or keycard lost.
- Traffic signal system and intersection traffic safety improvements for a major campus street intersection.

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE STATISTICAL REPORT 2017

The report is a separate and distinct report from the Annual Security Report required under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act). The report can be found at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf>

The statistics were compiled using the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting program definitions, occurring on campus, and in compliance with California State Education Code, Chapter 16 of the Donahoe Higher Education Act, Section 67380.

### 2017 Statistics (California Education Code §67380 (a) (1) (A))

Occurrence and/or arrest for	On Campus
Part I violent crimes *	9
Hate crime	0
Noncriminal acts of hate violence	0
Theft	258
Destruction of property	139
Illegal Drugs	5
Alcohol intoxication	4

Occurrence and/or arrest for	System Wide
Hate crimes	2
Noncriminal acts of hate violence	2

\* Part I crimes include; willful homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.