

THE POLICE SIREN

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES



A newsletter dedicated to enhancing the communication of safety programs and services to students, faculty and staff

CSUN Police Services Reaccredited for Maintaining Excellent Standards

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The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) once again gave its seal of approval to Cal State Northridge's 90-person Department of Police Services, which includes 43 civilians, 25 sworn officers, and 22 students. According to Northridge police officials, only 5 percent of police agencies are accredited.

"The set of standards utilized in the program represent the best set of practices in law enforcement and campus public safety," said John Leonard, director of IACLEA's accreditation and LEMAP (Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program). "It demonstrates the agency and its personnel's commitment to their constituency."

A two-person team visited the campus in March and evaluated such areas as administration, management, support services, policies and procedures. Faculty, staff and students were also encouraged to provide comments on police services.

There are 236 standards that a department must meet to receive accreditation.

"It's important for the CSUN community to know that their police department follows the best practices of the law enforcement profession in all that we do to serve the community," said CSUN Police Chief Anne Glavin. "This means that they can be assured of the highest degree of professional standards and quality service."

Cal State Northridge Department of Police Services helped IACLEA pilot the accreditation program. The department was first accredited in 2008.



the matador bicycle compound

Is your alternative (or primary) mode of transportation on two wheels? If you or someone you know rides a bicycle to campus, consider the security of your bike and consider the *Matador Bicycle Compound*, now FREE!

It's no myth, bicycle theft is a common occurrence on campus. In 2010, 82 bicycles were reported stolen to police and certainly others went unreported. Although there are many different factors which contribute to bicycle theft, one steadfast way to help prevent the loss is to strengthen the security of your bicycle when locking it.

Cyclists who utilize the Matador Bicycle Compound have privileged access to a covered, locked and access-controlled, parking structure, that affords increased security (not to mention shelter from the elements) when compared to stand alone racks throughout campus.



Students, faculty and staff have unlimited access to the compound while attending CSUN. There are currently three locations open on the first levels of the B3, B5 & G3 parking structures. Several additional locations (in student housing) are anticipated to open within the next year. Users have access to ALL locations, including any future compounds.

For more information or to sign-up call:
(818) 677-3946

Quick Crime Prevention Tips!

We've narrowed it down for you; the top tips Police Services wants you to know so you can continue to stay safe at CSUN (and so you can keep all your belongings with you too!):

- NEVER leave a laptop, or personal belongings (purse/cell phone/backpack) unattended-even if you're just going down the hall. It takes less than a minute for a thief to walk off with your property.
- Lock your doors and windows. Whether its your dorm, your home, or your office, lock it. Keep valuables with you or locked up out of sight.
- Immediately report lost or stolen state keys and access cards. If the keys or cards are for a lab or office contact your supervisor and the lock shop ASAP.
- Don't entertain solicitors on campus. Politely walk away and when safe to do so, notify CSUN PD (818)-677-2111. Soliciting and distributing literature without approval from the university is not allowed. Often times, it's not even a legitimate business but a scam.
- Take advantage of our safety workshops (page 2) and our FREE services. Call (818) 677-5820 or come by the station for more information.

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FALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS !



Basic Residential Security: September 14th, 12:00-1:00 pm.

radKIDS. Personal Empowerment Safety Education: October 3-7th, 5:30-8:30 pm. *8-12 years old* \$10.00/Child.

The Basics of Pepper Spray Defense: * November 16th, 5:30-8:30 pm.

Identity Theft Prevention: December 7th, 12:00-1:00 pm.

RSVP required: (818) 677-5820

All workshops are open to the community and held at the Department of Police Services Training Room (Darby Ave./Prairie St.)

* The University Police charges a \$6 fee which includes the cost of a canister of pepper spray & hands-on student demonstration with inert training canisters.

For a list of all upcoming events from Police Services visit our "Programs & Events Calendar" on our homepage, <http://www-admn.csun.edu/police>

Did you know?

We offer a variety of presentations for departments, student clubs/organizations, and faculty and staff. Some topics may include personal safety related information such as:

- Alcohol & Drug awareness
- Bicycle safety
- Home and residential hall safety
- Identity theft
- Office safety
- Pepper Spray Defense
- Sexual assault & Domestic violence

For more information contact the Crime Prevention & Community Relations Unit at: 677-5820 or 677-7922

Resources are also available on our website at: <http://www-admn.csun.edu/police>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU, YOUR FAMILY & YOUR COMMUNITY CAN PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES.

COMING SPRING 2012

PREPAREDNESS IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

PRESENTED BY:
KIT ESPINOSA,
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COORDINATOR, CSUN PD

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness month! This awareness month is designed to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. Events and activities across the nation encourage individuals to get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and get involved in preparing their communities.

Before An Emergency:

- Create an emergency plan with your family that includes:
 - A communications plan.
 - An evacuation plan.
 - An emergency financial plan.
 - Alternate transportation plans.
- Practice your plans with your family!
- Create an emergency supplies kit of food, water and supplies for your home, car and your workplace.
- Know the emergency plans at your children's school, child care, etc.
- Learn first aid and CPR.

Going Green

Our departments fleet is going green! With the end of this fiscal year, we have made a number of purchases designed to increase cost savings and improve operational efficiencies during the continued budget crunch within the CSU system. The Chief of Police has authorized the purchase of two Ford Escapes, one for Parking Services and a second for training purposes which will replace an old Crown Victoria. A Ford Fusion will replace another Crown Vic for detectives and a third hybrid vehicle will be driven by the Chief while her vehicle will be repainted and reconditioned for patrol supervisors. Fuel efficient gas/electric hybrids vehicles, like the Escape, will save on fuel costs and provide increased space for passengers/equipment.

We want to hear from you!

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TRAFFIC SAFETY CORNER

Have a question or concern about traffic related issues on campus?

Contact the Traffic Safety Unit at:
(818) 677-6866 or
trafficsafety@csun.edu

The Traffic Safety Unit reminds you to buckle up & hang it up while driving.