

Subject: Campus Safety Update - 4 p.m. Thursday, February 1

As of 4 p.m. this afternoon, there are no new updates from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) about the altercation on Shawnee Quad last evening. University Police is in constant communication with the PSP about this active criminal investigation. We will apprise you of any additional information when it becomes available.

Meanwhile, University Police would like our campus community to be aware of the many safety and security initiatives we have in place at ESU and to let you know that the University has initiated additional safety plans to enhance safety and security for all students, faculty and staff. A summary of campus safety initiatives may be found below.

Safety Measures & Tips:

- **Increased Staff, Patrols** – University Police hired additional police and security officers for the fall 2017 semester in order to increase patrols during evening hours. They have also coordinated with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and Stroud Area Regional Police (SARP) to have additional patrols on campus during the spring 2018 semester for both additional peace of mind and safety, please do not be alarmed by this heightened visibility.
- **LiveSafe app** – For those who have smart phones, please take a few moments to download and become familiar with ESU's FREE LiveSafe app. This mobile safety app offers you a direct connection with campus police. Find out more and use the SafeWalk program and understand that the app offers you the ability to share information, tips and safety concerns with campus police from anywhere at any time.
- **Campus Emergency Phone Locations** – Review the attached campus map and make yourself aware of where the campus emergency phones are located on campus. Each is marked (on the map) with a RED STAR and when you see them on campus, they are long, brown poles marked EMERGENCY and bear a blue light. When you pick up the phone, your call goes directly to University Police for assistance. Again, using these phone isn't a "bother," but rather ensures your peace of mind and safety.
- **Public pathways to your destination** – ESU has and will continue use security cameras on campus. While this will help to increase campus safety, using well-lighted, well-travelled routes are best. The shortest route isn't always the safest.
- **Avoid using distracting technology** such as smart phones, or anything that will decrease your awareness.
- **Always let someone know where you are going** – if possible let them know when you plan to arrive at your destination and let them know you've arrived safely.
- Other safety tips are also available to all and should be reviewed regularly (<https://www.esu.edu/about/offices/police/tips.cfm>).

It's also important that students, faculty and staff report any crime or suspicious activity - whether it occurs on our campus or in the community - immediately to University Police (extension 3064) or by calling 911. By providing your input to an ongoing investigation, you are not only protecting yourself, you are also safeguarding those around you. Like other officers who work for the State and Regional Police Departments, University Police Officers are trained to help you through times that may be difficult or upsetting for you. I too often hear the comment, "I didn't want to bother them," when safety should be your first concern.

In all instances, please utilize these (and other) safety measures at any time but especially between dusk and dawn. Please know that your safety is our number one priority – please make it yours, too. Thank you.

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