

Special Services

Policy 301.1

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4.1 Education and Awareness Programs

4.1.1 Orientation

4.1.1.1 This program is presented to incoming students and their parents and is designed to increase awareness of crime on campus. The program addresses police related issues and how it affects the individual while attending Appalachian. This program is presented several times each year.

4.1.2 Resident Assistant and Resident Director Training

4.1.2.1 At the start of each year the Police Department assists in training resident life staff on campus safety, awareness and all police services. This would include alcohol and drug awareness along with sexual assault protocols.

4.1.3 Safety Walk

4.1.3.1 Another safety feature at Appalachian is our annual campus safety walk. This walk is lead by the University Police Crime Prevention Officer and includes student representatives as well as other key university administrators. The goal of the walk is to survey the adequacy and maintenance of campus lighting and blue light phones. Also, checks are done to see that landscaping near buildings and along walkways does not obscure vision or present other safety hazards.

4.1.4 Personal Safety Seminars

4.1.4.1 Designed to improve safety habits within the University population. Topics include resident hall security, personal safety habits, reporting illegal or suspicious activity, crime on campus, and police services. This program allows students the opportunity to address safety related concerns and to receive an appropriate response.

4.1.5 Operation I.D.

4.1.5.1 This program allows the campus community to check out electric engravers at no charge. The Police Department helps educate faculty, staff and students about what needs to be engraved and shows them where they should be engraved. A sheet to list all item serial numbers is also furnished to help record the items to aid in the recovery of stolen articles.

4.1.6 Alcohol Awareness

4.1.6.1 This program is for the entire campus community and provides information on alcohol abuse. The program covers such topics as underage drinking, binge drinking, effects on the body and legal ramifications of alcohol use both on and off campus. A question and answer session concludes the presentation.

4.1.7 Drug Awareness

4.1.7.1 This program is for the entire campus community and provides information on drug abuse. The program covers such topics as drug dogs (show the student how the dogs work), drug ID kit, effects on the body and legal ramifications of drug abuse both on and off campus.

4.1.8 Sexual Assault

4.1.8.1 This program is for the entire campus community and addresses acquaintance rape, statistics, victim resources, and reporting procedures. Information about Rohypnol and other so called "date rape" drugs is also provided.

4.1.9 Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)

4.1.9.1 This program was developed to help minimize the risk of becoming a victim of rape, and to educate women on proper self-defense techniques to use in the event they are physically confronted by a potential rapist. A police officer that is RAD certified will teach the class several times a year. The classes are 12 hours in length.

4.1.10 Security Surveys

4.1.10.1 A service provided to the campus community on request that will help enhance physical security. A survey of the interior and exterior of the facility is conducted to determine vulnerability to criminal activity. A written report is sent to the requested with the recommendations on improving security.

4.1.11 Victims' Assistance Program

4.1.11.1 The University Police Department, Health Services, Student Development, Counseling and Psychological Services Center and other offices offer assistance to victims of crime on the basis of their specific needs and requests for information. The University Police Department is also responsible for ensuring that crime victims who meet the criteria outlined in Article 45A of NC General Statute Chapter 15A, are properly notified of the following:

1. Availability of medical services
2. Crime Victims' compensation funds
3. Address and telephone number of the district attorney's office
4. Information about the accused's opportunity for pretrial release (after being arrested)
5. Name and telephone number of the officer whom the victim may contact to find out whether the accused has been released from custody
6. The arrest of the perpetrator (within 72 hours of arrest)

5 Additional References

6 Authority

7 Contact Information

8 Original Effective Date

9 Revision Dates