Department of Public Safety, University of Iowa

Safety & You
Presented By Alton Poole
Mission
Our Mission

To foster a safe, supportive, and inclusive campus environment by building partnerships, solving problems, and working collaboratively to reduce crime, preserve peace, and provide safety services equally to all members of the community.
Fulfilling the Mission

This is **NOT** merely a “show and tell” presentation.
Fulfilling the Mission

Ask yourself these questions:

→ “What happens when my Student dials 911?”
→ “What services are provided to promote safety for my student?”
Fulfilling the Mission

Ask yourself:
→ “Who is responding to safeguard my Student’s welfare?”
Police Division

Patrol
Police Division

→ Consists of state certified, sworn Police Officers
→ Patrols 24 hours
→ Enforces local, state, and federal laws
Police Division

There are two patrol “watches” that covers all University property and interest, including the downtown area.
Police Division

All law enforcement agencies within Johnson County have a mutual aid agreement.
Police Division
K-9
K-9 Unit

- Track missing persons and suspects
- Trained in explosives detection
- Trained in handler protection and suspect apprehension
Johnson County Bomb Squad

One officer serves as a member of the Johnson County Bomb Squad and may be called in the event of an explosion or a threat of an explosive device.
Police Division

Special Response Team (SRT)
Special Response Team (SRT)

The SRT is a highly trained and skilled police tactical unit established to respond to critical incidents and assist any other requesting law enforcement agency.
Police Division

Investigations
Investigation Division

The investigation division conducts criminal investigations of crimes and refers cases for prosecution to the Johnson County Attorney’s Office. The division is divided into different functions:
Investigation Division

→ Detective Division

• Participates in the Johnson County Sexual Assault Response Team

→ Drug Task Force

• Participates with the Johnson County Drug Task Force
Police Division

Threat Assessment Program
Threat Assessment Program

The Threat Assessment Program strives to identify and prevent concerning behavior that threatens the well-being of students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

Eli Hotchkin, MPA, CTM
Director, Threat Assessment Program
319-384-2955
elisha-hotchkin@uiowa.edu

Moni Marcelo
Assessment and Care Team, Division of Student Life
319-384-2955
monica-marcelo@uiowa.edu
Threat Assessment Program

SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING.

Help us keep the university community safe by reporting concerning behaviors.

- Unusual communication or threats to harm others
- Desperation, hopelessness, or suicidal thoughts
- Unusual fixation on stressful events or losses
- Inappropriate interest in weapons, mass attacks, or violence
- Suggestion of violence as solution to a problem

CALL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

 HR.UIOWA.EDU/TAP

 319-384-2955
Specialized Training

Mental Health & “Fair and Impartial Policing”
Fair and Impartial Policing

We receive “Fair and Impartial Policing” training and actively engage the community.
Crisis Intervention Training

University of Iowa Police is partnered with Johnson County agencies to implement Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
GuideLink

Jail Alternative
GuideLink

- Johnson County looks to **treatment** in place of incarceration
- Established a sobering unit, a low barrier homeless shelter, and a 24-hour psychiatric unit
- Officials say too many people are ending up in the jail or at the emergency room because of behavioral health issues
GuideLink

› Assist individuals experiencing a psychiatric or psychological crisis from a mental illness, depression, or suicidal thoughts who needs a quick response
GuideLink

Assist adults who is intoxicated and needs a safe place to sober up, but does not need to be in the **emergency room** or in **jail**
Security Division

Full Time and Part Time
Security Division

- 8 Full Time Security Officers
  - Provide training and supervision to student security officers
  - Operate Fingerprinting and Lost & Found operations

Beau Hartsock, Supervisor
Joshua Kennedy, Supervisor
Security Division

Student Security

Helps bridge the gap
Gain networking opportunities

Community policing
Opportunity to give back to the University community
Security Division

- Provides services to
  - Libraries
  - Voxman Music & Business College
  - Hope Lodge & RMHC
  - UIHC
  - U of I Art Museum
  - Dorms
  - Special Events
  - Nite Ride
Nite Ride
Security Division

NITE RIDE provides safe transportation

Transportation to campus and off campus locations

Available to students, faculty, and staff

Standard and Express option

Use your cell phone or computer and visit NiteRide.ITS.UIOWA.EDU
Students Helping Out—SHOUT
Security Division

Trained student ambassadors patrol student-sponsored events and downtown Iowa City with a focus on bystander intervention and overall safety.

→ Thursday-Saturday (11p.m. – 3 a.m.)
Office of Emergency Management
Office of Emergency Management

OEM ensures our campus is prepared to mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.
Office of Emergency Management

Fire Safety Coordinator

- A contact for questions related to fire safety or emergency management
- Responsible for fire safety inspections on campus
Emergency Communications
Office of Emergency Management

Communication Division:

→ Instrumental for directing police, fire, and at times maintenance personnel to designated areas of concern.
Office of Emergency Management

The Communication Division:

→ Provides assistance via 911, walk-in(s), and routine business lines

→ Can access and randomly view video cameras

→ Monitors radio traffic, fire, panic, & burglary alarms
Communications Division

The “Hawk Alert” system provides emergency notification to students, faculty, and staff via telephone, text, and email messages. Alerts are triggered by an event currently happening or an imminent threat.
Communications Division

Crime Alert (timely warning):

- Notifies campus that a crime has occurred that could pose an ongoing safety issue
- Mass-email is sent to all students, faculty and staff
- Go to: www.police.uiowa.edu/crime-alert
Rave Guardian Phone Application
Office of Emergency Management

Monitors **Hawk Watch / Rave Guardian**

Phone App:

- University of Iowa e-mail registered to one device / phone
- Set parent(s), friend(s), or significant other as guardian
- Push notification and safety tips

![RAVE GUARDIAN APP FEATURES]

- **Inbox**
  - Receive timely campus notifications and updates

- **Safety Timer**
  - Virtual campus safety escort

- **Text Campus Police**
  - Two-way communication with optional anonymous mode

- **Campus Directory**
  - Contact information, hours of operation, address, and more

- **Campus Content**
  - Important resources, documents, maps, etc.

- **Emergency Call**
  - One-click emergency dial
Office of Emergency Management

Monitors Code Blue emergency phones:

→ There are 22 emergency phones on campus in remote and well traveled areas
→ The phones provide a direct link to our police Emergency Communication Center
→ The Communication Division has access to Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras at various locations
Records Division
Records Division

- Compiles statistical data and reports for the Board of Regents, Campus Security Act, FBI, and Governor Traffic Safety Bureau
- Oversees Records Management System (RMS) software
Records Division

Go to: https://ope.ed.gov/campussafety/#/
Communication and External Relations

Public Information Officer
Communication and External Relations

Hayley Bruce serves as the Public Information Officer.
Communication and External Relations

- Serves as first point of contact for media
- Ensures transparency
- Shares timely safety information with campus via social media, news releases, marketing materials, Hawk Alerts and mass emails
Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee

Created during the height of the push for police and social reform
Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee

→ **Charge:** Identify strategies, tactics, and timelines for creating a campus community that supports the safety of all individuals, with particular attention to people who have experienced disproportionate harm from systems such as law enforcement.
Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee

→ Recommendations:
  • Provide non-law enforcement response options for mental health
  • Invest financial resources in holistic safety services
  • Create an accountability board that centers marginalized campus members
  • Align UI and surrounding community safety protocols
  • Enact and monitor progress
Community Outreach & DEI
Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion / Crime Prevention
Community Outreach

- Research, design, and develop departmental crime prevention materials

- Research, design, and conduct educational outreach programs
Community Outreach

Create and maintain relationships with faculty, staff and students.

Serve as a liaison between police and the University of Iowa community.
Community Outreach & DEI

Specialty Classes
Specialty Class

Personal Safety and Self Protection Class

→ The class is intended to create an awareness of personal safety issues
→ No one is immune from random or calculated acts of crime
→ Free to all faculty, staff, and students
Specialty Class

Violent Incident Survival Training (V.I.S.T.)

→ V.I.S.T. classes are a free service available to all faculty, staff, and students

→ The goal of V.I.S.T. is to prepare members of the university community to recognize, assess, and respond to acts of violence

Trigger Warning:
This video contains references to potential violence.
The goal of the UI Department of Public Safety is to provide you with options for how to respond to active violence situations.

police.uiowa.edu
Specialty Class

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)

→ R.A.D. classes are offered to the Johnson County community

→ Safety education embodies a practical blend of threat avoidance strategies and self-defense tactics for Women to reduce victimization
Police Encounters

Know the Law, Know Your Rights
There are **common criminal law violations** that occur in the Johnson County area. Having a discussion with your student will enable success in having a “good time” responsibly without jeopardizing their future.
Police Encounters

What’s at risk?

→ You must disclose whether or not you were arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime. The lack of disclosure could result in the denial of employment.
Police Encounters

Investigating a Crime

While investigating a crime, police can detain a person for a reasonable period of time while conducting an investigation.
Police Encounters

Investigating a Crime

→ An *investigatory stop* is a seizure and must be supported by reasonable suspicion that criminal activity may be afoot. Terry v. Ohio (1968)

“Stop and Frisk Watch is about empowering individuals and community groups to confront abusive, discriminatory policing,” NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said in a [statement](#). June 2012
Police Encounters

Indiscretion is often a result of the person being under the influence of alcohol.
Police Encounters

Iowa code 701.5

—Says says “the fact that a person is under the influence of intoxicants or drugs neither excuses the person's act nor aggravates the person's guilt....”
Police Encounters

Students are faced with crimes like:

- P.A.U.L.A. (Possession of Alcohol Under Legal Age)
- Interference with Official Acts
- O.W.I. (Operating While Intoxicated)
- Open Container
- Public Intoxication
- Sexual Assault
Police Encounters

Continued:

→ Unlawful Use of I.D. (Fake ID)
→ Possession of Controlled Substance
→ Disorderly Conduct (Fighting in Public)
→ Public Urination
Police Encounters

Bar Scene

→ City Ord. 4-5-8(C) Being in the bar under the legal age of 21 after 10 PM is a fine of $465.00
→ 123.47(4) Providing Alcohol to Person(s) Under 21 (SRMS)
Sexual Assault

Iowa Code, Chapter 709.1 & 709.1A
WARNING!

This presentation discusses Sexual Assault / Misconduct. Please take this time to exit if this topic makes you uncomfortable.
Sexual Assault

Unfortunately, Sexual Assault is present on all college campuses. It’s the most underreported crime in the United States, yet not too many people want to talk about it!
Sexual Assault

Only 5% of sexual assaults are reported on college campuses.
Sexual Assault Definition
According to Iowa law, sexual abuse is defined as a sex act committed by one person by force or against the other person's will.
Definition

A sex act occurs when one person’s genitals touch another person’s mouth or genitals, or when a substitute for a person's genitals, such as fingers or an object, touches another person's genitals.
A sex act is against a person’s will if **CONSENT** is attained by threats of violence, if they are asleep, unconscious, or incapacitated due to drugs or alcohol or any other reason, or if the person has a disability that limits their ability to make decisions in sexual matters…if the other person is a child.
Sexual Assault Facts
Sexual Assault Facts

When discussing alcohol use and sexual assault, our goal is to shift the focus away from victims or potential victims and towards perpetrators and predatory behavior.

1 in 2 transgender individuals will experience sexual violence.
WE BELIEVE YOU.
Sexual Assault Facts

Most (93-98%) attempted and completed rapes are committed by men (Black, et al., 2011)

A minority of men (4-10%) perpetrate the vast majority of sexual assaults, with each perpetrator committing an average of six assaults (Lisak and Miller, 2002)
Sexual Assault Facts

Most sexual assaults involve alcohol (Abbey, McAuslan, and Ross, 1998 & Crowell and Burgess, 1996)

In about 55% of rape cases for women, and 75% for men, alcohol or drugs had been involved prior to the incident.
Resources
Resources

→ Rape Victim Advocacy Program (RVAP)
  • Confidential, certified victim advocacy services 319-335-6000

→ Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)
  • 800-373-1043
Resources

→ University of Iowa Department of Public Safety
  • Law enforcement services, 319-335-5022, or 911 from any campus phone

→ Emergency Department, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics
  • Confidential medical services, 319-356-2233
Resources

→ University of Iowa 24/7 Support and Crisis Line
  • Call/Text: 844-461-5420
  • Chat online: mentalhealth.uiowa.edu

→ Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline
  • Call: (800) 284-7821

→ CommUnity Crisis Center
  • Food bank: 319-351-0128
  • Visit: http://builtbycommunity.org
Public Servant

The University of Iowa Department of Public Safety is more than just law enforcement, we are also part of the University of Iowa community.
Please visit the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety website for more information at:

POLICE.UIOWA.EDU