



UC Santa Cruz Police Department

Parents Matter!

Parent Orientation
2014

Congratulations!

- Your student is in the top nine percentile statewide.
- UC Santa Cruz is recognized around the world for its research impact; in fact, our campus was rated 2nd in the world for research influence in 2013.
- UC Santa Cruz is academically difficult yet 88% of first-year students returned to enter their sophomore year at UC Santa Cruz.
- UC Santa Cruz is built upon 10 residential communities with distinct values.
- The UC Santa Cruz Police Department strives to be a community resource to build upon these values.



UC Santa Cruz Police Department

- Full service Police Department
- Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- 19 sworn police officers, 4 parking enforcement officers, 10 public safety dispatchers, 12 Student Ambassadors, and 7 professional staff
- Handle all patrol, investigation, crime prevention, and related law enforcement duties for the community



Why Are You Here?

- To understand the authority, programs, and safety efforts by the UC Santa Cruz Police Department
- Know about crime and issues unique to UC Santa Cruz.
- Understand how events nationally are being addressed at UC Santa Cruz
 - Stressors, Drugs and Alcohol, VAWA, Mental Health
- Discuss how to receive information and what information you may legally be able to obtain.
- Encourage you to remain involved in your child's experience while enrolled at UC Santa Cruz



Legal Authority

- UCPD, under Section 830.2(b) of the California Penal Code, has legal authority to **exercise peace officer powers any place in the state.**
- Primary duty shall be the enforcement of law within the area specified in Section 92600 of the Education Code, (a) the campuses of the University of California and an area within one mile of the exterior boundaries of each thereof, and (b) in or about other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the Regents of the University of California.



Police Presence at UC Santa Cruz

- It is important to know that a **Community Oriented Policing** philosophy is deployed, whereby law enforcement presence is viewed not as an indicator that the campus is unsafe, but as an indicator that **positive action** is being taken to ensure an environment that is safe and conducive to learning activities.
- We are committed to providing a safe environment in which your student can thrive while getting the best education possible.



Crime Statistics (2012)

- In general, this is a very safe campus but crime does occur.
- Crimes of opportunity are most prominent
 - Theft and Vandalism
- In 2012, we had 255 reports of theft and 230 reports of vandalism
- There were 100 arrests for drug and liquor violations
 - 1,687 liquor law violation referrals to the Student Conduct Office
 - 873 drug law violation referrals to the Student Conduct Office
- There was 1 reported sexual assault related offenses to the Police Department. 9 others were reported to CSA's (rape, sexual battery, etc.)
 - We know that many of these cases go unreported
- We had 6 weapons offenses arrests (generally knife violations).



Shared Responsibility

- The Police Department cannot do it alone.
- Preventing violence, crime and harm to another depends on ALL community members getting involved to identify and communicate dangerous situations and behaviors of concern.
- We encourage everyone to promptly report crime, suspicious incidents and/or persons immediately.
- As parents, we encourage you and your student to be involved.



Emergency Notifications

- Emergency Notification and Timely Warnings are important because they allow the Police and Fire agencies to alert the community about incidents that may effect their safety.
- Thus, the sooner we know about a problem, the sooner we can respond, assess the situation, and warn the community
 - Community Crime Bulletin
 - Cruz Alert



Reporting Options

- We encourage everyone to promptly report crime, suspicious incidents and/or persons immediately to the Police Department
- Under UC Santa Cruz policy, any victim has the choice of reporting incidents to campus administrators also known as CSA's
- We have brochures on how to report at police.ucsc.edu



Police Department Programs and Activities

- Police Citizen Academy
 - Held every quarter, 10 weeks, may receive 2 academic units
- Public Safety Fairs
 - Held every Fall and Spring Quarters, free give a-ways!
- Cops and Coffee
- BBQ with Badges
- Police Student Ambassador Program
 - 12 students that work in department to help build community programs
- Chancellor Undergraduate Internship Program
- Community training and education
 - Active shooter, crime prevention and safety, table tops, etc.
- And much, much more....



Important influences on college students

- We recognize that in the natural development stages of growth students may challenge themselves, experiment and take risks.
 - In moderation, these actions may be healthy and age-appropriate
- We realize there are many influences on students that sometimes lead to poor decision making or overly dangerous risk taking behavior
 - The need to fit in
 - Direct peer pressure and indirect peer pressure
 - The student's perception of what is right or wrong
 - Peers and friends



Disappointments and setbacks

- There will be some failures but they are a great learning opportunity
- In order to grow, there needs to be the experience of setbacks
- Learning how to deal with failure is important in preparing for life, especially after college
 - Problem solving skills, stress management, resilience, etc.
 - Develop self-esteem and self-confidence
- We don't want to see them engage in criminal behavior or behavior that may physically harm themselves or others



Stress at UC Santa Cruz

- Stress is the body's response to any demand or pressure. These demands are called **stressors**. Stressors can be physical (e.g., illness), social (e.g., a breakup or other loss), circumstantial (e.g., a poor exam grade or moving), or psychological (e.g., low self-esteem or worry).

Top 3 health related factors that UCSC students reported impacted negatively on their academics

■ Stress	34%
■ Anxiety	24%
■ Sleep difficulties	22%
■ Cold/flu/Sore throat	20%
■ Depression	17%
■ Internet use/Computer Games	15%
■ Relationship difficulty	13%
■ Concern for troubled family member/friend	12%

Source: 2013 UCSC NCHA



National Trends

- Student stress
- Experimenting/ taking risks
 - alcohol and drugs
- Workplace violence and laboratory safety
 - active shooters, hazardous materials & fire
- Sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking
 - Federal and State laws requiring programs and services
- Mental Health concerns and resources available
- Missing persons
- Civil disobedience (protests, rallies, labor issues)



UC Santa Cruz Trends

- At UC Santa Cruz, we deal with many of the issues other colleges and universities are dealing with nationally
- The non-congruent campus layout and the physical location of being in a forest creates unique challenges
 - Lighting is not evenly distributed
 - Wildlife
 - Bicycle/skateboard accidents



Marijuana Use

- Consistent with the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the use of marijuana (including medical marijuana) is prohibited on-campus.
- April 20th Event (4-20)
 - Non-sanctioned event
 - Draws individuals not affiliated
 - Parents with small children
 - Sex offenders, drug dealers, etc.
 - Impact on campus and its reputation
 - Impact on your student



Hate-Bias

- The UC Santa Cruz Police Department takes all reported incidents of hate or bias seriously.
- If your student believes they have witnessed, or that they have been a target of, a hate or bias motivated incident on campus or while participating in a University-sponsored activity, we encourage them to report the incident or bring the incident to the attention of the Hate-Bias Response Team:
- Website: reporthate.ucsc.edu
- Email: reporthate@ucsc.edu
- Phone: (831) 459-1738



Sexual Violence, Discrimination and Harassment

- UC Santa Cruz prohibits all forms of sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other associated crime.
- Various reporting options exist including confidential victim advocates, Title IX Officer, licensed counselors at Counseling & Psychological Services at Student Health Center
 - Non-Investigative Reporting: A sexual assault victim has the option to have a Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (evidence kit) without filing a police report. However, some documentation may be completed by law enforcement to abide by law. This information will remain confidential.
- These resources provide individuals who may be interested in bringing a report of sexual assault and/or harassment with a safe place to discuss their concerns and learn about the procedures and potential outcomes involved.
- Additional information can be found at police.ucsc.edu



Active Shooter

- An active shooter is a situation where one or more individuals participate in a random or systematic shooting spree and demonstrate intent to continuously harm others. The overriding objective appears to be that of inflicting serious bodily injury/ death rather than other criminal conduct.
- While we have not had to deal with an active shooter situation on this campus, every year the UC Santa Cruz Police Department and other law enforcement agencies participate in Active Shooter Training Scenarios.
 - Table top exercises, community education and training
- We also consistently investigate information to intervene in situations we feel may may rise to the level of an active shooter



CARE and BEST Teams

- The CARE Team and BEST Team are cross-divisional, multi-functional teams that meet on a regular basis to review individual cases related to social, mental health, physical, financial, academic and/or a combination of these issues.
- Referrals come from:
 - UC Santa Cruz Police
 - City of Santa Cruz Police and other allied law enforcement
 - Dean of Students
 - Housing
 - Students, staff, and faculty, etc.
 - Parents
 - General public through online reporting



Parents Matter!

- Parents, for many college students, come in at no less than #2 in terms of influence behind peers and friends
- We **encourage** you to call your son or daughter frequently during the first 6 weeks of college. Parents can use this important time to talk to their student about important topics such as:
 - Expectations, values, and long-term goals
 - Drug and alcohol abuse
 - Influences in the college environment and potential consequences
 - Assimilation into college life, roommates and positive experiences
 - Academics



Parents Matter!

- Studies show that when first semester college freshmen spent more than 30 minutes communicating with their parents on Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays, they:
 - Consumed about 20% less drinks
 - Were 32% less likely to engage in heavy drinking
 - Had a reduction in BAC of 0.02% on average

Source: Small, Morgan, Abar, Maggs: Protective effect of parent-college student communication during the first semester of college. JACH 59(6):547-53, 2011



Privacy and Confidentiality

- Please understand that there may be times when the Police Department may not be able to provide information to you as parents
 - When prohibited by federal and state law
 - If your student is 18 and over
 - If your student signs a non-disclosure/confidentiality form
- In addition, the University protects the privacy of all individuals and may be bound by federal and state law as well
- It is imperative that you speak with your student about information you may want to receive and how to go about getting it



Keep up to date with UCSC news

- Visit the UCSC website (www.ucsc.edu)
- Visit the UCSC Emergency Management website (emergency.ucsc.edu)
- KZSC radio (88.1 FM)
- CruzAlert FaceBook (Facebook.com/UCSC.CruzAlert)
- CruzAlert Twitter (Twitter.com/ucsc_cruzalert)



Contacting the UC Santa Cruz Police

- Dial 911 in an emergency situation
- Non-Emergency Phone Number: (831) 459-2231
- Blue light emergency phones
- Elevator phones

- Website: police.ucsc.edu

- Twitter.com/UCSCPolice

- Facebook.com/UCSCPD



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Parents and Family Resources

- General resources website: www.ucsc.edu/quickstart/family
- Police Department website resources for parents and family: police.ucsc.edu/crime-prevention

These websites list various on-campus resources available to help your student succeed.



Any Questions?

