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Public Safety IACLEA Accreditation

By Kevin Clark, Lieutenant

In September 2011, MCW Public Safety became the first campus Public Safety/Law Enforcement department in Wisconsin to be awarded accreditation through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

Public Safety embarked on a three year process beginning in November 2008 to achieve IACLEA accreditation. During that time, Public Safety worked to verify policies and procedures met all 236 of IACLEA’s high standards. The process culminated in an on-site visit with assessors who examined all aspects of the department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

IACLEA accreditation is valid for three years. During this time, Public Safety is required to submit annual reports showing continued compliance with the standards it was initially awarded accreditation under.

IACLEA was formed in 1958 and currently consists of more than 1,200 colleges and universities in twenty countries. IACLEA provides a forum for members to discuss issues, keep up to date on new ideas and training, and to find answers to various campus problems. For more information visit: www.iaclea.org

MCW Parking Lot Winter Safety

By Shannon LaDue, Officer

With winter finally here, Public Safety would like to extend some reminders to keep everyone safe while traveling through the parking lots and on roadways.

- Be extra careful around pedestrians in the parking lots and at crosswalks. There may be black ice along with the snow on the ground making it more difficult to stop.
- Please park between the parking stall lines. If you cannot see the lines, park in straight lines making sure not to double park vehicles in.
- If you are leaving your vehicle overnight, please park on the 2nd or 3rd level of the parking structure so your vehicle does not get plowed in. Don’t forget to come to Public Safety to fill out the Overnight Parking Log and provide your vehicle information and emergency contact information.

Please contact Public Safety at 414.456.8295 if you see a hazardous situation such as unlit parking lot lights, icy walkways, or slippery stairwells in the parking structure.
Theft Prevention on Campus

Recently there have been several thefts on the MRMC campus, including at MCW. Employees reported items such as headphones, laptops, wallets, and money taken from their office. In addition, several vehicles have been broken into on the MRMC campus, MCW campus, and at off-site locations.

Campus theft is defined as the stealing of personal property on campus or the stealing of property which belongs to the College. Theft is the most common crime on American college campuses. The most commonly stolen items are: cell phones, iPods, laptops, cash, bicycles, books, jewelry, credit and debit cards, and materials used for identity theft.

All campus community members are potential victims and we each have a responsibility to protect ourselves. By looking out for ourselves and each other, we can help eliminate campus theft. Here are a few safety tips:

- Never leave valuables and personal property unattended in unsecured areas. Take these items with you even if leaving for only a few minutes.
- Make sure any rooms or suites are locked prior to leaving your property unattended.
- Always keep a record of the make, model, and serial number for each of your electronic devices.
- Consider purchasing electronic tracking software for laptops and tablets.
- Secure valuables in the trunk of your car. Never leave them in plain sight on the seat, dash, or floor.

If you see anything or anyone that appears suspicious, contact Public Safety at 414-456-8295. If you notice any items missing that were taken without your permission, report it to our office immediately.

Concealed Carry Law

Wisconsin Act 35 took effect on November 1, 2011. The Act allows properly qualified, trained and licensed state residents to carry concealed weapons and firearms, unless explicitly prohibited by the owner or occupant of private or public property.

The Medical College of Wisconsin, as well as other Milwaukee Regional Medical Center entities, have chosen to prohibit concealed carry on our premises. Signage to that effect has been posted at building entrances on main campus and off-site facilities. However, consistent with state law, weapons and firearms may be stored in personal vehicles while parked in college parking facilities, provided the weapon or firearm is properly secured and placed out of sight within the vehicle.

For more information, refer to MCW policy CO.PS.040 entitled Workplace Violence Prevention http://infoscope.mcw.edu/CampusOps/WorkplaceViolencePrevention.htm.

For a comprehensive description of the new state law, including frequently asked questions, refer to http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/ConcealedCarry/ccw-faq-20111020.pdf

Enough Is Enough

Public Safety will be participating in the Enough Is Enough campaign again this year. The aim of the campaign is to encourage violence prevention awareness on campuses across the nation. This year's campaign will run from Monday, April 2nd through Friday, April 6th.

Public Safety will be hosting events throughout the week. An informational table will be outside of the Public Safety office, H1820, all week long. We will also be sponsoring Coffee and Donuts with Public Safety, a bake sale with proceeds benefiting a local domestic violence shelter, and a gently used business clothes drive. More information will follow at a later date.

For more information on Enough Is Enough, visit: http://www.naspa.org/enough/default.cfm.

Synthetic ID Fraud

Social security number (SSN) only ID theft, aka synthetic ID fraud, is a growing trend in ID theft. Typically, an individual will use a consumer's SSN and combine it with a different name in an attempt to get a job. Often, employers do not check the accuracy of the numbers so the technique has been successful. Once a SSN is effective in gaining work, it is often shared with others. Some imposters will then use it to apply for loans, credit cards, government assistance, and so on.

If individuals use their own names, or invented names, on applications, none of the usual identity theft protections will be triggered. Instead, the credit bureaus create what are called "sub-files" to indicate that multiple identities are associated with that SSN. Consumers are generally only able to obtain information about their own sub-file, attributed to their correct name.

To help protect yourself, you can monitor your SSN through various services. Also, scrutinize any credit denial letters and inaccurate accounts on your credit report. Make sure any extension or denial of credit is based on your file only.