A message from the President

Lamar University works diligently to maintain a safe and healthful campus environment for all our students. Campus crime statistics reflect that effort. Yet, reputation alone cannot ensure health and safety— continual diligence is required.

Our visible and effective campus police force is there to ensure your safety. But, campus safety—like that of any community—is enhanced when it becomes a team effort. When all are involved in watching out for each other, all benefit. Become aware of the behaviors that increase the risk of becoming a crime victim, and report suspicious activities.

Take the time to read this report and keep a copy of it throughout your time at Lamar. It contains helpful advice on how to stay safe.

As an institute of higher learning, we place great importance on the quality academic experience that will prepare you for your career. But that is only one of our priorities. We also must provide a learning and living environment that is healthful and secure.

We want your Lamar experience to be safe and rewarding.

Sincerely,

James M. Simmons,
President
Lamar University is a public and open campus. No effort is made to restrain the general public from entering the campus; however, the University Police Department reserves the right to bar individuals who are considered a threat to the well-being of the University community. Lamar University Police Dept. (LUPD) provides 24-hour patrol of campus property and facilities, and designated building coordinators establish and maintain access to their respective buildings. The campus is routinely inspected for environmental safety hazards such as insufficient lighting and overgrown shrubbery; however, members of the University community are encouraged to report locations of concern to University Police.

The Lamar University student resident community accommodates more than 2000 students in double occupancy suites with private bedrooms. Services and programs intended to enhance the quality of life and to ensure the security and safety of the residents are a major priority of the university. The Cardinal Village staff includes a full time Phase Director and a number of Community Assistants for each phase. Security and safety policies and procedures, especially regarding locking individual rooms, building entrances and related precautions are discussed with residents in crime prevention seminars, in building meetings, and in printed materials which are posted and distributed. Thirty-two emergency phones have been placed at strategic locations on campus. Phones are on white posts with blue lights on top. When the red button is pushed, the location of the call is automatically identified and the caller is connected to the police department. Locations of the telephones are marked on all parking maps and safety brochures. Individuals with hearing impairments should remain at the phone until an officer arrives. Lamar University has a notification system to reach individual students via e-mail, voice messages and/or text messaging. Incoming students should verify their primary phone number with Human Resources. The University has the Records Office. New employees should verify their primary phone number with Human Resources. The University has established a Public Address System for the central campus. The Lamar University Police Department is an integral part of providing a safe and secure community for our on-campus residents. Full time officers are assigned regular shifts for each phase of university housing. In addition, security cameras, strategically located across campus, as well as the Cardinal Village complex and adjacent parking lots, are monitored by the University Police Department 24 hours a day. Lamar University police officers, unlike “security officers” on many campuses, are certified Texas Peace Officers with statewide jurisdiction to enforce local, state and federal laws. The department employs a 24-hour staff of trained dispatchers, patrols and handles all investigations of offenses on the LU campus, and monitors and records off-campus University-related activities through contact with local authorities.

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**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND SANCTIONS**

All violations of federal, state and local laws and University regulations and rules are reported to the University Police Department. Each violation is considered one offense. Once a criminal report is filed with LUPD, it is investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division. When a suspect is identified, the case is referred to the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution. Aside from the criminal charges, the Vice President for Student Affairs refers the suspect for University disciplinary action. The vice president may choose to hear cases that involve charges of a sexual nature, hazing, cases involving temporary suspension or other cases in which the law may grant authority. If the vice president chooses not to hear a case, a judicial officer or judicial board will be appointed to pursue the case. All disciplinary hearings will adhere to the procedures for notification, evidence, counsel/advisors, burdens of proof, records, findings and appeals as outlined in the current edition of the Code of Student Life. University actions may include but are not limited to monetary fines, work hours, probation, mandatory participation in specific awareness/rehabilitation programs and/or suspension or expulsion from Lamar University. In all hearings, both the accused and accuser will have the opportunity to present their versions of the facts, to present other evidence in support of the case including witnesses; and to question evidence presented. In cases of alleged sexual assault, both the accuser and accused will be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary hearing.

For complete procedures and information involving discipline hearings, sanctions, penalties and appeals, please refer to the current edition of the Code of Student Life available in the Office of Student Affairs.

**UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**LAMAR UNIVERSITY POLICE MISSION STATEMENT**

Primary goals are to protect faculty, staff, students and visitors against criminal attack, to preserve the peace and to protect the property of the University community. Additionally the Police Department manages law enforcement and security operations, and engages in long term planning to assure maximum effectiveness.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

For emergencies from an on-campus telephone, contact the University Police Dept. (LUPD) by calling 8311 or 911. For off-campus emergencies, call 880-8311 or 911. For emergencies during a campus power outage (no phones or electricity), call 838-7023 or 838-7024 for police dispatcher. Non-Emergency calls on-campus, Dispatcher 8307, Administrative Office 8305 or TDD Phone 7305.
**Effective Crime Prevention**

Effective crime prevention is often a matter of sound common sense and being aware of one's surroundings. Some basic ways NOT to be victim follow:

- Walk with friends in well-lit areas.
- Always lock your car.
- Park in well-lit areas.
- Have your keys ready when you approach your car, and check the front and back seats before entering.
- Keep your keys secure, lock your room or apartment, and do not leave personal belongings unattended.
- Engage your name or identification on personal property.
- Be alert for strangers.
- If you are followed, cross the street, change direction and go to a well lit public area.
- Report the loss or theft of keys and valuables immediately to the University Police Department, 880-8311.
- Report crimes, suspicious situations and security concerns immediately to the University Police Department, 880-8311.
- Attend organization- and University-sponsored programs on such topics as acquaintance rape, crime prevention and the use of alcohol and other drugs. Programs, both open to the public and by request only, are offered throughout the academic year. For information, call University Police at 880-8305.
- If you see any suspicious activity on campus - report it to LUPD by using the on-campus emergency phones (See campus map for locations). From an on-campus telephone, call 8311. From off-campus, call 880-8311.

**SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

In 2002, the Wetterling Act (the federal law dealing with state registration of sex offenders) was amended by the federal Prisoner Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The law mandates the implementation of Sex Crimes Prevention Act (SCPA) to require states to obtain information about enrollment or employment of registered sex offenders at institutions of higher education, and to provide that information to campus police departments or other appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The SCPA requires universities to provide notice to the campus community of where information identifying registered sex offenders who are employed or enrolled at the institution is available. A provision was added to FERPA to allow a university to disclose information provided to it under the Wetterling Act concerning registered sex offenders, including personally identifiable, non-directory information from education records disclosed prior to consent.

Information identifying registered sex offenders must be provided to the campus police department or other appropriate law enforcement agency by the university. The university must notify the campus community where sex offender information can be obtained and must maintain a list available to members of the campus community by some means.

The Texas Department of Public Safety must obtain the information and provide it to the university. The university is not required to ask registrants or prospective employees about the information. The Department of Public Safety has adopted the following procedures:

- **Notification of Enrollment at or Employment by Institutions of Higher Education**

  Any registered offender who is enrolled as a student at any university, college, community college, or other institution of higher education, or is carrying on a vocation at the university, college, community college, or other institution of higher education, shall report their status as an employee, student, or carrying on a vocation to their local law enforcement authority in the area for which the institution is located.

- **Sex Offender Registry Information**

  If you are a victim of a sexual assault...

  - **Tell Someone**
    - Collect your thoughts, then call the:  
      - University Police Department (880-8311)
      - Rape Crisis Center (835-3355)
      - Student Health Center Counselor (880-8466)
  
  - **Get Medical Care**

    As soon as possible, seek medical care from a hospital emergency room or a private physician. A general examination by a rape/sexual assault nurse is advised to collect information for documentation of evidence should you decide to prosecute. The information may also include treatment and testing to help prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

    Medication to help prevent pregnancy may be administered up to 72 hours after the sexual assault.

- **Report the Assault**

  It is your decision whether to report the rape to police; however, most rapists are repeat offenders and your report may prevent future attacks from occurring. If you decide to file a report, do not clean up the area or alter it in any way prior to LUPD’s arrival, and do not bathe, shower, douche or change clothes prior to the medical examination.
Alcoholic Beverages

State and federal statutes concerning alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced on the Lamar University campus and at off-campus University-sponsored events. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus is restricted to certain approved areas.

Ilicit Drugs

Possession, distribution, consumption and/or use of illicit drugs or narcotics on University property or property under control of Lamar University or at any event sponsored by the University or any University student organization, whether or not conducted on University property, is prohibited. This rule also applies to all illegal paraphernalia utilized in conjunction with the consumption and/or use of prohibited substances.

High Risk Alcohol Intake

People who consume large amounts of alcohol over a short period of time can reach very high alcohol blood levels before they pass out. This can lead to decreased breathing and death. Vomiting associated with high levels of alcohol may also cause choking and death.

Health Risks of Other Drugs

Use of illicit drugs may lead to psychological and mental changes similar to those caused by alcohol, although changes are more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is also more frequent. Ilicit drugs are commonly classified in seven categories: cocaine, amphetamines, heroin and other opiates, hallucinogens, solvent inhalants, steroids, and marijuana.

In addition to adverse effects associated with use of a specific drug, intravenous drug users who use un-sterilized needles or who share needles with other drug users can develop AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and infections in the brain. Brain damage may also result.

Lockdown Notifications

If a life threatening situation has occurred or is known to be in progress or there are warning indications of probable immediate life threatening situation on or near campus, there may be a call for individuals to evacuate from campus or possibly shelter in place. Therefore, every member of the campus community is encouraged to sign up for the emergency notification system (Connect-ED). Members of the Lamar and Lamar Institute of Technology community are sign up to the emergency notification system.

The Connect-ED system is capable of contacting individuals on campus, cell phone or home phones, PDAs, voice mail, and by text message, e-mail and TTY/TDD. Through the Connect-ED system, Lamar University can contact thousands in minutes. Presently, the Connect-ED system will call two phone numbers and send messages to two e-mail addresses from what is posted in the student and employee information systems. University employees and students are encouraged to add an off-campus phone number, such as a cell number, to their records in the Lamar employee information and Web for Students areas. Students may also add an off-campus email address.

The university will pull the ‘employees’ and students’ on-campus email and phone as contacts, but in the event of a campus evacuation we would lose our ability to reach people without off-campus email addresses and cellular numbers,” said Brian Sattler, director of public relations. “A system that is able to reach students, faculty and staff on their cell phones and personal e-mail would have helped tremendously during the Hurricane Rita evacuation in 2005. That’s why we’re encouraging everyone to add off-campus numbers and addresses to the system.

Review this report online: http://lamar.edu/campussafety

CA Procedure for Fire/Sounding Alarm

1. Every time a fire alarm sounds, exit the building – always assume there is a fire.
2. If a fire is confirmed and alarm is not sounding, activate the closest pull station.
3. Immediately notify LU Police whenever fire alarm is sounding.
4. If confirmed fire, call LU Police.
5. CA’s should assist with crowd control and orderly evacuation of building (staff should exit with residents; banging on every apartment door and loudly stating “PLEASE EVACUATE,” or if confirmed fire, CA’s should NEVER put themselves in harms way.
6. Help keep residents at designated evacuation stations away from buildings. Do not re-enter a building until told to do so by LU Police, Fire Department, On Call CA Staff, and On Call Maintenance Tech, typically after alarms have been reset.
7. Remain alert at all times, paying attention for any information about vandalism/false alarms. Camera footage is helpful, so help notice any suspicious activity around exits.

Plans for Future Improvements

No facility-related future improvements are currently planned. Future plans may target requiring all new residents to attend fire safety and cooking safety courses before access is gained to common kitchen facilities. And also have CA’s present programs on fire safety and rules and regulations of Cardinal Village.
notification for every fire alarm to the following in this order: LU Police dispatcher, LU Police, Residence Life management, and our 24-hour maintenance staff.

All common use kitchens include fire extinguisher units for use in case of fire emergencies. Fire extinguishers will be located in all hallways, elevators, stairwells, and on all floors (both oven and range elements). All systems are fully checked and maintained at least annually, and all systems are tested regularly, typically on a monthly basis.

**FIRES**

Mandatory supervised fires are conducted once each semester in the fall and spring semesters, conducted within the time of after the 15th class day, during the hours between 5pm and 10pm when the majority of students will be present. Fire drills were conducted on the following dates during the past year:

November 10, 2010 (All Phases)
March 16, 2010 (All Phases)

Fire Drills are coordinated by the Residence Life Staff, by each resident director for each phase. The Director of Residence Life coordinates the details of the drill in accordance with the Resident Director and the Lead Community Assistant for the designated phase, the local fire department, the fire alarm company, and the LU Police dept. Community Assistants (CA’s) assist with orderly and timely evacuation of the building, and directing students to the designated evacuation site. Students failing to vacate are subject to student conduct disciplinary action. A post drill review is conducted with all staff to discuss the success of the drill and additional necessary actions that may be required for future drills. Then a report is generated and given to the Risk Management Safety Specialist of Lamar University.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON APPLIANCES AND SMOKING OF RESIDENCE LIFE**

These Rules and Regulations are adopted by reference into the Lease Agreement between Landlord and Tenant and are a part thereof. They are promulgated for the purpose of preserving the welfare, safety, and convenience of tenants in CARDINAL VILLAGE and for the purpose of making a fair distribution of services and facilities for all tenants, and for the purpose of preserving Landlord’s property from abusive treatment. The complete list of policies and procedures can be found on our website once the student logs our website or can receive a copy in our front office.

**EMERGENCY SIREN**

When the siren is heard, persons are advised that it is safe to do so.

**EMERGENCY WARNING ACTIVATION POLICY**

Lamar University and Lamar Institute of Technology

It is explicit policy of Lamar University that it is FAR BETTER TO ACTIVATE WARNINGS, which later prove to be unfounded, THAN NOT TO WARN. False alarms may reduce the effectiveness of subsequent well-founded warnings, but the failure to warn the University community of imminent danger may have far more tragic consequences. The sounding of a fire alarm outside of an emergency situation is a criminal offense and a material breach of the Lease Agreement between Landlord and Tenant and is a default under the Lease which would entitle Landlord to terminate the Lease and evict the resident owner.

**LANUM CODE OF CONDUCT RELATED FIRE POLICIES**

1. Fire warning devices and safety equipment are to be used only in case of emergency. The sounding of a fire alarm should be taken seriously. In the event of an alarm, tenants are to evacuate the premises immediately.

2. A primary goal shall be to provide prompt warning of circumstances and suggested defensive actions to persons in or around the campuses as to minimize risk to innocent bystanders.

3. Other primary goals shall include apprehension of criminal activity including arson, enforcement of applicable laws, and resumption of normal University activities.

**CONTROLLER FUNCTION IN OTHER EMERGENCIES**

1. Dr. Russ Schultz
2. Other police officers in order of rank, then seniority
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**EMERGENCY ACTIVATION**

The Lamar University Police Dispatcher will assume communications command and contact the Chief of Police. If indicated by the nature of the emergency, requests for the assistance of Beaumont Fire or EMS units and/or of Facilities Management/Operations should be take priority over all other actions. (If immediate contact with the Police Chief is not possible, the Dispatcher will contact the President, or failing that, the highest available person on the line of succession.) The Police Chief or the contacted person will be responsible for deciding what parts of the Emergency Management Plan need to be activated. If the Connect-ED System is to be activated the Lamar Director of Public Relations shall be notified and given notice of circumstances and nature of the situation. They shall activate the system and disseminate required information and, thereafter, update local media. If Director of Public Relations is not available, the Vice President of Student Affairs shall be contacted to assist with activation of the Connect-ED System.

**EMERGENCY SIREN**

(work in progress)

OVERVIEW: Lamar University is installing and implementing an emergency sirens system to give warning to the LNJ area in case of serious imminent emergency situations. The system will be activated from the Lamar Police Department. The system will likely become operational during the 2010-2011 Academic year. Additional information will be disseminated throughout the Lamar community at that time. The following information is provided until details are forthcoming.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION UPON SIREN ACTIVATION**

The purpose of the sirens is to give persons on or near campus area notice that an immediate life-threatening situation exists or may occur soon in the Lamar vicinity. It means:

* IMMEDIATE danger to life is likely... BE ALERT, SEEK INFORMATION AND A SAFE HAVEN NOW!* WHEN IN DOUBT HIDDEN IN PLACE*

The recommended course of action will call upon affected public to utilize some judgment. When the siren is heard, persons must:

STOP: All impacted must stop and take stock of where they are and what is happening around them. The siren is sounded to prevent people from walking into a deadly situation without notice.
**CRIME STATISTICS**

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**MISSING STUDENT NOTIFICATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for Students Who Reside in On-campus Student Housing Facilities**

A. It is very important that information about missing or possibly missing students be promptly reported to at least one of the following persons or organizations:

1. Lamar University Police Department (hereafter "LUPD")
2. President of Lamar University & Lamar Institute of Technology
3. Vice-President for Student Affairs, Lamar University
4. Vice-President for Student Services, Lamar Institute of Technology
5. Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Lamar Institute of Technology

B. Any missing student report must be referred immediately to:

1. LUPD
2. President of Lamar University & Lamar Institute of Technology
3. Vice-President for Student Affairs, Lamar University
4. Vice-President for Student Services, Lamar Institute of Technology
5. Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Lamar Institute of Technology

C. A student shall be considered "missing" following an abnormal unexplained absence of 24 hours. A report will be made immediately if there is evidence or reason to believe there has been, foul play or if there are any indications that the student's life or well-being is threatened.

D. Each student must be encouraged to identify a contact person or persons whom Lamar University/Lamar Institute of Technology (hereafter "LU/LIT") shall notify within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, in the event that the student has been determined to be missing by LU/LIT or a law enforcement agency.

E. The student contact information will be treated as confidential and be accessible only to authorized campus officials. Contact information will only be disclosed to law enforcement personnel responsible for a missing person investigation.

F. If a student is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, LUPD/LLIT must notify a custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours of the determination by LUPD or other law enforcement agency that the student is missing. Additional contact persons(s) designated by the missing student will be notified within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing.

G. LU/LIT will notify LUPD within 24 hours of the determination that any student is missing, except when LUPD was the entity that made the determination that the student is missing.

H. Regardless of whether the student has identified an additional contact person, is above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor, LUPD MUST be informed within 24 hours that the student is missing.

I. LUPD will inform appropriate law enforcement agencies of persons determined to be missing.

**WEAPONS POLICIES**

A. No person shall carry any prohibited weapon in any facility, area, or vehicle of the University or any University-owned or University-controlled vehicle.

B. Any person carrying a prohibited weapon shall be subject to arrest by the LUPD and the University may take any action it deems appropriate.

C. A prohibited weapon is defined as any firearm in its loaded or unloaded state, Any weapon that is capable of making a hole in a solid substance, or any weapon that is capable of firing a shot or discharging a hardened object, including, but not limited to, knives, guns, rifles, shotguns, and bows and arrows.

D. The LUPD retains the authority to determine whether a person is carrying a prohibited weapon.

**LAMAR UNIVERSITY ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT FOR RESIDENCE LIFE**

This report contains information related to fire safety in campus housing at Lamar University, in accordance with the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The Department of Residence Life maintains the campus housing fire log and reports fire statistics annually in conjunction with the "Annual Crime Report" that provides information in compliance with Campus Police and Campus Security Crime Statistics Act.

**FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS**

All campus housing facilities have a full sprinkler system, smoke detectors, audible alarms, and fire extinguishers in each hallway on each floor. All housing facilities (Phase 1-5) have active fire monitoring. The fire monitoring company provides...