Introduction: Chief

Hello and welcome to Florida State University.
I am David Perry, Chief of Police for the Florida State University Police Department.

The FSU Police Department is a fully accredited police department with full arrest powers. We currently employ approximately 62 full time police officers as well as security officers, communications officers and administrative staff. FSUPD serves the entire FSU Campus and affiliated buildings and our immediate community.

During this new employee orientation program Officer Pohto will discuss share with you how to contact FSUPD as well as some of the many services we provide. In this age of emergency preparedness I would invite you to visit our website to learn more about our preparations for critical incidents and emergency notifications on campus. As an employee of the university you have a vital role in keeping yourselves and our campus safe.

Hello I am FSUPD Crime Prevention Officer Michael Pohto. I will be walking you through the remainder of this orientation session.

First, let’s start with ways of contacting FSUPD. You can always stop by and see us at Tanner Hall. We are located at 830 West Jefferson Street. More specifically we are at the corner of Jefferson Street and Woodward Avenue. Our facilities have visitor parking in the front of the building off Jefferson Street as well as faculty parking to our rear off Woodward Avenue.

We can be contacted several ways. You can call us via 911, 311, or our main line at 850-644-1234. We can also be reached via a blue light, personal contact with an officer or via internet.

850-644-1234 is the best way to contact FSUPD as it is our main line. This number should be used in all non-emergency situations. I ask for all of you to place this number in your phone because at some point in your career at FSUPD you will need our services.

911 on campus works just like anywhere else in the U.S. From a campus phone a 911 call will go directly to FSUPD. If you call 911 on a cellular phone you call will be directed according to the service tower. In cases of cellular phone 911 calls we recommend giving you location first. This will allow the police department to direct your call to the best department suited to give you the quickest response.

Calling 311 from a campus phone is the same as dialing 911. In a time of emergency you may use 311 to directly contact FSUPD for assistance.

Blue Lights are emergency phones placed throughout campus. If you have an emergency look for a blue light. Most blue lights are tall red poles with a blue light at their top. A few are wall mounted but all are capped with a blue light. To use a blue light approach...
the display and push the large red button. The large red button will not move like a regular button, but touching it will initiate an emergency telephone call to FSUPD. A dispatcher will answer your call. Speak clearly into the speaker and we will quickly respond to assist you. In cases where stopping and talking to the dispatcher may allow a suspicious person to approach you do not stop and talk. Push the red button and keep walking. When you arrive at the next blue light, push the red button again if you can stop and talk but if you are still in danger keep moving. FSUPD knows the exact location of every blue light on campus. We will be able to detect your direction of travel and an officer will find you and render assistance as needed.

FSUPD Web page is a very important tool in contacting our department as well as keeping up with events on campus. Our web home page is [www.police.fsu.edu](http://www.police.fsu.edu). From here you can navigate through many of our services such as RAD Schedule, Crime Alerts, Safety Guide and Crime Statistic, Personal Property Registration, Citizen Police Academy, and much much more.

RAD is the Rape Aggression Defense course. This is a free self defense course for women. This course instructs women about self awareness techniques as well as defense against physical attack. During this 12 hour course students will learn several defensive techniques. At the conclusion of the course each student will be able to participate in a practical exercise and utilize the learned techniques. During this practical exercise an aggressor in a red padded suite will attempt to abduct the student at which time the student will utilize the learned techniques and escape the aggressor. This class is a wonderful experience for women and very empower the confidence needed to fight off any would be attacker. Each semester we hold 4 or more of these classes. Check our website to see when the next class is available.

Crime Alerts is an incident notification tool used by FSUPD to inform our public of any dangerous incidents on or near campus. Through Crime Alerts FSUPD will distribute a description of a dangerous incident and the location. Please pay close attention to any distributed Crime Alerts as they may affect the areas you may transverse each day. If you are to miss a crime Alert when it is initially sent out you can always view them from our website. Each Crime Alert is Posted and displayed under our Crime Alert link.

A very popular feature of our website is the Safety Guide and Crime Statistics. This link will take you to the Seminole Safety Guide. From here you will be able to explore all criminal activity on campus as well as safety measure in place to prevent future incidents. Please take time to review this document as it contains a large amount of useful information.

A new feature to the FSUPD website is the Register Your Personal Property link. Through this link Faculty Staff and Students will be able to electronically register their property with FSUPD. There are several advantages to this program. When property is stolen a police department needs certain information to register the property as stole in the national and databases. The information our system asks for is the same information need for the registration of stolen property. By registering your property the police
department will no longer have to wait for you to find the important information needed. Often this important information is lost or forgotten and items may have been sold prior to the information being made available. This website helps us help you.

FSUPD host a Citizen Police Academy each Spring and Fall Semesters. This free program meets once a week for eight weeks. During this time FSUPD will instruct the students on police procedure and techniques to include the Operations of FSUPD, Use of Force, Taser and Chemical Weapons, Police Pursuit Driving, Crime Scene Evaluation and Finger Printing, Firing of our Weapons, and as a finally we allow you to use a simulation gun that fire a training soap round to subdue a subject during a active shooter training drill. This program is informative and fun. By participating you will see the inner working of FSUPD. Check our website for the next class.

The FSUPD Website holds more information than we are able to discuss today. Please feel free to browse our website and call if you have any questions.

Two of the most common incidents on campus are theft and suspicious people. Theft is by far the most common crime on campus. FSU totals more than 60,000 people on campus each day. Some of these people come to campus because they know we are an open institute of learning. FSUPD pursues and arrest criminal everyday but campus is too big for us to watch everywhere all the time. We depend on you to take personal responsibility for you property and work place. When you leave work lock the door behind you. If you leave your office lock up your personal belongs. Often when crimes are committed a suspicious person was seen in the area but no one thought to call FSUPD. We rely on you to report any suspicious person or people you see on campus. Remember what is suspicious to you may not be what is suspicious to your coworker so go ahead and call it in.

FSUPD will respond to all emergencies on campus from simple medical emergencies to bomb threats, weather related emergencies and active shooter threats. Every FSU Police Officer has had extensive training and is prepared for almost any situation. If you find your self in an emergency situation please follow all directions give by officers. In some cases these emergencies may prompt safety procedures on campus such as sirens or the text message system. When these emergency systems are utilized it is imperative your follow direction. Knowing what your role is during an emergency is critical. If you are near the incident occurring we ask that you remain inside and safe. With you corporation we will be able to better serve and protect FSU.

Thank you for your time today. Please remember we are here to assist you in any way possible. There is a wealth of information on our webpage – please take a few minutes and learn more about our services. Remember to save our telephone number in your phone because you never know when you may need it. If there is ever any doubt call us and ask. We are always here even on Christmas and your safety is our main goal. Thank you