THE ISSUE: Campus Safety Problems

Campus safety issues—i.e., sexual assault, stalking, alcohol and substance abuse, theft, nuisance crimes, and engaging community partners—were among the top 10 public safety issues identified by recipients of the 2011 COPS Hiring Program.

With over 4,000 institutions of higher education in the United States serving over 15 million students and several million faculty, staff, and visitors, safety is a top priority for campus law enforcement and administrators.

An important component in achieving the COPS Office's mission is to provide quality knowledge resources that address key public safety issues. Featured here is a sample of the resources that can be used to directly support your efforts—they can be shared with staff, your community, or used for training purposes. Please visit the COPS Office website to order and download a complete listing of school safety-related publications.

Knowledge Resources



Acquaintance Rape of College Students (2011)

Rape is one of the most common violent crimes on American college campuses today. This guide describes the problem of acquaintance rape of college students—addressing its scope, causes, and contributing factors; methods for analyzing it on a particular campus; tested responses; and measures for assessing responsiveness.



Student Party Riots (2006)

Alcohol-related riots among university students pose a significant problem for police agencies that serve college communities. This guide provides a framework for understanding student gatherings that can be used to investigate the local problem of student party riots and to develop proactive strategies to reduce the potential for student violence.



Campus Safety CD-ROM (2007)

This CD-ROM contains more than 50 publications and resource links related to crime and violence, drug and alcohol issues, as well as sexual assault and stalking. It also contains a video, Because Things Happen Every Day: Responding to Teenage Victims of Crime, produced by the National Center from Victims of Crime and sponsored by the COPS Office.



Planning and Managing Security for Major Special Events: Guidelines for Law Enforcement (2007)

The guide covers all aspects of pre-event planning, security needs during the event, and post-event activities. Topics include threat and risk assessments; intelligence; staffing needs and resources; communications; access control and credentialing; traffic and transportation; logistics, training, and public information; hazardous materials; critical infrastructure; demonstrations; and security management.



Campus-Community Policing at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: A Guidebook for Law Enforcement and Community Representatives (2010)

The Campus-Community Policing Partnership (CCPP) model is a roadmap for historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) and law enforcement agencies to reduce violent crime and drug use on HBCU campuses and the surrounding communities by increasing community engagement and strengthening relations between police and community members.



Rave Parties (2004)

"Raves" are dance parties that feature fast-paced, repetitive electronic music and accompanying light shows. Raves are the focus of a youth-oriented subculture that blends music, art, and social ideals (e.g., peace, love, unity, respect, tolerance, happiness). The rave culture also entails the use of a range of licit and illicit drugs. This guide is an essential tool for law enforcement in developing responses to their local rave party problem.



Establishing Appropriate Staffing Levels for Campus Public Safety Departments (2011)

This publication identifies the factors and considerations that impact staffing, including the characteristics of a particular campus; the geographic setting (urban, rural, suburban), number of students, faculty, and staff; programs and/or facilities that have security implications; venues and athletic programs that affect campus public safety staffing, and other considerations.



Sexual Assault of Women by Strangers (2011) Video Surveillance of Public Places (2011) Spectator Violence in Stadiums (2008) Bullying in Schools (2006) Underage Drinking (2010) Stalking (2006)

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