

The Public Safety Department would like to assure you that St. Cloud State University is committed to the safety and security of everyone who attends classes, works at, or visits the University.

We have established programs dedicated to preventing violence on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods through on-campus efforts and through the close partnership we have with area law enforcement agencies to have the latest information and recommendations.

The following services are available to ensure your safety on campus:

Emergency Management

St. Cloud State is proactive in protecting its students, faculty, staff and visitors. We are guided by a strategic plan that will be implemented in case of a natural or man-made disaster. St. Cloud State has adopted The National Incident Management System (NIMS) to manage incidents on campus.

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/emergency>.

To get a copy of the Emergency Procedure Guide for your office or classroom, go to the Public Safety front desk and request a copy.

Active Threat Training

Students and employees at St. Cloud State are invited to participate in online active threat training “Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes.” This video details current best practices of run, hide, fight when responding to an active threat. For online training visit <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/emergency/training.aspx>.

In the event that an active threat is present in one of the buildings at St. Cloud State, administration strongly suggests that you take the following actions:

RUN: If you are in an area where you feel safe to do so, flee from the building immediately.

HIDE: If you are unable to run away from the threat, find a nearby lockable room and take shelter.

FIGHT: As a last resort, if an active threat is in your immediate vicinity, defend yourself.

Use the above option that best fits the situation that you are in based upon the details that you are aware of regarding the known threat. Also realize your options are fluid and will change as the threat changes. This practice is designed to allow you to use your best judgement to help keep yourself as safe as possible.

Public Safety Department

Uniformed Public Safety officers respond to all safety, security or medical requests for assistance on campus 24/7. Officers also provide personal safety services such as campus escorts and 24-hour vehicle jump start assistance.

- **Blue Light System** – Public Safety continuously monitors approximately 50 external blue light towers and boxes, and 40 elevator call boxes across campus. Towers serve as a deterrent to crime and a direct line of communication to the Public Safety Communications Center. Use the towers and call boxes to report safety concerns (suspicious incidents or persons), to request services (escort, vehicle “jump start”, elevator assistance) or information.
- **Safety Escorts** – Safety escorts are available for students, employees and guests whose circumstances require them to travel alone on campus and to and from campus, in isolated areas after dark,

during times of low activity on campus or whenever there is concern for one's own personal safety. To request a safety escort, call 320-308-3333.

The Safety Escort program supplements our Husky Shuttle and Sundowner bus services. For more information concerning campus bus services please refer to <http://ridemetrobust.com/93.php>

Campus Area Police Services (CAPS)

The Campus Area Police Services team is a partnership between St. Cloud State University and the City of St. Cloud. It consists of three dedicated full-time police officers who provide specialized policing to the campus area.

http://www.stcloudstate.edu/publicsafety/campus_safety/caps.aspx.

Behavioral Intervention Team

The Behavioral Intervention Team works to identify and assist students who may be struggling or in distress due to emotional, academic, financial, personal or mental health issues and help them connect to resources if needed.

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/sld/bit.aspx>.

Emergency Notification

St. Cloud State will immediately notify the campus community upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff occurring on the campus. The University will initiate notices with recommendations from our partners in local law enforcement and affiliated agencies.

Star Alert is St. Cloud State's emergency notification system and is our most immediate way to notify campus of an emergency. It allows students and employees to receive text messages and email notifications in the event of campus-related emergencies. Star Alert messages will briefly note the nature of the emergency, what action, if any, you are to take, and where to find additional information.

For additional information about the system and how to enroll students, faculty and staff, and family members visit <http://stcloudstate.edu/emergency/staralert.aspx>.

The university also may post emergency related messages through:

- Campus-wide e-mail and voicemail
- Where available interior and exterior public address systems
- University website
- University's closed-circuit televisions
- Media outlets

For more information, please contact:

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<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/publicsafety/>