Maximizing your student’s potential

How we work together to keep your student safe, healthy, and secure
UMASS AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

Professional law enforcement

- Full authority to enforce laws of the commonwealth
- 60 sworn officers, 10 dispatchers, 30 student cadets, 275 student security, support staff
- In service 24/7, 365 days a year
PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

• Part of the Massachusetts Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement.
  – Includes Amherst, Hadley and other surrounding departments.

• Accredited through:
  – Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission
  – Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies
    • National Best Practices
SPECIALIZED UNITS

• Patrøls:
  – Bicycles
  – Motorcycles
  – Horses

• Detective Bureau

• Community Outreach Unit
POLICE ACTIVITY

• Volume
  – 13,000+ calls for service annually
  – Respond to medical, fire calls

• Response
  – Average time < 3 minutes

• Staffing
  – Minimum 1 sergeant, 4 officers per shift during academic year
RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY

- Evening Staffing in all 51 halls
- Halls locked 24/7
- Security Cameras, Intrusion Alarms
- Walking Escorts
- Enforcement of community standards
- Residency Verification
- Guest Registration = 350K annually

Actively caring for each other and our community
DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE (DOSO)

A single point of contact within the University for students:

- Undergraduate withdrawals
- Counseling and referral for students
- Short term emergency loans
- Residency
- University Helpline
- Off-Campus Student Services
- Coordinator of Code of Student Conduct process
• Programs and services promoting healthy living and learning environments

• Student involvement:
  – Peer Health Education
  – The Not Ready for Bedtime Players (NRBP)
  – Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS)
  – MyStudentBody
  – Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC)
UMASS PROUD

Join us in being tobacco-free

www.umass.edu/tobaccofree
HOW COLLEGE LIFE HAS CHANGED
WALK THIS WAY STREET TEAM
• Phillips Street Day

• Phillips Street Night
WHY TALK TO YOUR STUDENT?

Caregivers often underestimate their role in their student’s life once their student has left for college.

Caregivers continue to exert an influential role in late adolescent drinking behavior.

Your student cares what you think.
**TIPS FOR TALKING WITH YOUR STUDENT**

**Ask open-ended questions about his/her use**
- Be open to the responses
- Talk about why people use alcohol. What are the hopes and regrets of alcohol use?
- Ask students how they are spending their money.

**Remind students to complete MyStudentBody & Haven**
- Access to the course will begin in August. Instructions will be e-mailed to your student in late July.
- Haven is online here: http://www.umass.edu/studentlife/haven

**Be direct and set high expectations**
- Remember that more means less. The more alcohol consumed the lower the GPA.
- Encourage Friday morning classes.
- Ambiguity can lead to mixed messages.
Meet students in their room
- Knowing family will be visiting has positive effects on hallway environments.
- Talk about what you see.

Take advantage of everyday events to talk about alcohol
- Share family history
- Talk about alcohol related incidents in the media

Encourage students to get involved with campus activities
- The more unstructured free time the more likely they are to engage in high risk drinking

Keep a list of resources at home in case your student calls and needs information
POLICE ACTIVITY

• Traffic Stops
  – Proactive enforcement, 4,700 MV stops last year
  – Increases pedestrian safety

• Alcohol
  – Majority of arrests are alcohol related misdemeanors

• Crimes Against Persons
  – Thefts, simple assaults, vandalism
Personal property theft is an ongoing battle in any community and UMass is no different! By educating our community and working hard to catch criminals who target the university, we have decreased theft and theft-related crime by 73% since 2010. But we continue to need your help to keep thefts on the decline.
CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

• Like it, Lock it, Keep it
• RAD Rape Aggression Defense
• Citizens Police Academy
• Residential Liaison Officers
• Watch for Me
• Active Threat Training
• Project Protect
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS

- Campus-wide emails (36,000 accounts)
- SMS Text messaging (Connect5 with 20,000+ subscribers)
- Outdoor alert siren system
- UMass News Office/local media
- Follow updates on UMass Facebook and Twitter
PARENTS AS PARTNERS: RES HALL SECURITY

- Make good decisions
- Guest policies may be modified during high activity weekends
- Lock your room door – Every time
- Advise visitors to bring identification
- Consider the residence hall as home by not inviting or admitting people that you don’t know
PARENTS AS PARTNERS: DOSO

- Encourage involvement and use of campus resources
- Establish open lines of communication
- Stay engaged with your student
- Help us identify students who need support
- Allow students to solve their own problems
PARENTS AS PARTNERS: DOSO

• Set clear and realistic expectations for behavior
• Discuss and review University behavioral expectations (i.e., Residence Life Community Standards and the Code of Student Conduct)
• Understand University conduct process and confidentiality
• Support your students navigating the student conduct process
• Follow-up on Parental Notifications
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QUESTIONS?

Care

Compassion

Community

Connection

Inclusion

Actively caring for each other and our community