



UNIVERSITY SAFETY: WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

The safety and security of the campus community is a primary concern at the University Police Department SUNY New Paltz.

Our primary purpose at the University Police Department is to provide professional law enforcement service to the campus community. We strive to maintain peace and harmony, to protect life and property, to prevent crime, to apprehend criminals and to recover lost or stolen property.

At all times, members of the department are mindful that the Constitution guarantees liberty, equality and justice for all without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, marital status or differing abilities.

The Safety of our campus and community must be a priority for all of us.

All members of the department, as part of his or her daily tasks strive to enhance partnership with our community and to solve problems in order to reduce one's vulnerability to crime.

Only through a strong partnership among students, employees and all of the New Paltz community can we maintain a safe environment.

Ray Bryant
Chief

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR IN THE WORKPLACE

In the spring, Officers Johnny Coxum and Robert Maines in conjunction with EAP presented a 3-hour workshop for college employees in Strategies for Preventing and Diffusing Aggressive Behavior. The course outline included topics in Mental Conditioning, Methods of Communication, Stages of Conflict and Management, Diversions / Cornering and how to deal with multiple aggressors.



Police Officers Maines and Coxum speaking at the "Strategies for Preventing and Diffusing Aggressive Behavior" Workshop.

Here are some tips to remember when dealing with people experiencing anxiety:

- ▲ Maintain a calm reassuring voice
- ▲ Communicate at their level
- ▲ Speak with respect
- ▲ Be in control
- ▲ Use paralanguage-volume of speech, tone of voice, rate of speech
- ▲ Introduce yourself
- ▲ Avoid using "You"

Remember to avoid those phrases that trigger verbal aggression.

- ▲ "Calm down."
- ▲ "Be reasonable."
- ▲ "You're wrong."
- ▲ "This is for your own good."
- ▲ "These are the rules."

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

By Lt. Cropley

New York State University Police is a group of professional, highly trained and duly sworn law enforcement professionals. New York State University Police is a state law enforcement agency; wherein, its officers receive training from municipal police academies. The requirements to become a member of the University Police are among the most stringent in the country. University Police must have completed a minimum of 60 college credits, pass a written civil service exam and then compete with candidates from across the state for a position. An officer must then pass an extensive background investigation to receive an offer of employment.

The University Police Department at SUNY New Paltz consists of 14 police officers, 1 investigator, 3 Lieutenants, 1 Captain and a Chief of Police. One third of our officers are certified instructors in such topics as Counter Terrorism, Firearms, Defensive Tactics and Ethical Awareness. Officers also have acquired additional training in the areas of Radar Operation, Police Bicycle Patrol, Standard Field Sobriety Testing, Sexual Assault Investigations and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).

A common misconception is that our primary function is to write parking tickets and lock or unlock doors. This simply is not true. Yes, we are responsible for ensuring the adherence of the parking rules and regulations, however, issuing parking citations does account for the smallest percentage of our workday. University Police are not employed to perform security functions; rather, our goal is to provide a sense of security to the college community. Although, we do assist citizens with various services and programs, our primary objective, and the reason for our very existence, is law enforcement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The University Police Department at the State University College at New Paltz is responsible for the protection of life and property, and the preservation of law and order on the College Campus.

The University Police Department is a law enforcement agency oriented to serve the needs of our community. The Department strives to develop and maintain a positive relationship with all segments of the Community in order to obtain their cooperation and support in conducting successful law enforcement and community policing programs. The Department is committed to the fair and equal administration of the law to all citizens of the State of New York. In an ever changing society, the Campus is not a sanctuary from criminal acts, nor a haven for those who choose to engage in disruptive, violent, and felonious conduct.

In the broadest sense, the mission of the University Police Department is to maintain and promote an atmosphere that is conducive to the educational mission of the State University of New York at New Paltz. Our first priority is to protect life, by insuring the safety and security of those who live, work, and study within the College's physical space. Of equal importance is our commitment to the protection of property, both public and private.

We remain resolute in our mission to "Protect and Serve".

SAFETY TIPS

- ▲ Treat credit cards receipts like credit cards. Often the entire account number, the expiration date, and your name appear on the receipt, along with your signature. Don't leave these on a counter, in a public trash bin or dangling from a gas pump.
- ▲ Don't hang your spare keys on a wall with descriptions or directions to each door. Burglars don't need a map!
- ▲ Find a friend. Leave a spare set of keys with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- ▲ Don't carry safe-deposit keys. Keep them at home.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD TAKE R.A.D.

By Jillian Chertok

"NO!" "NO!" "STAY AWAY!"

This is the first step toward protecting yourself from attack. Rape Aggression Defense is a class that every woman should take sometime in her lifetime. R.A.D. is taught here at New Paltz, with Jen Wait of the University Police Department. The class I attended met four times, three Monday nights and one Wednesday night, for three hours each. The class teaches different self-defense tactics for different situations, and the last night is a simulation where you get to try the tactics out on two University Police officers who are heavily padded. I believe that this was one of the most useful classes that I have taken so far in my two-and-a-half years here.

It all began when I was working in The Oracle office and Jen called, asking to put an ad in the paper for R.A.D. After I hung up with her, I called her back and signed up for the class. Two friends of mine took the class last semester and I remember wanting to take it with them, but it conflicted with my class schedule. This semester it didn't, so I thought I would give it a try. Let me say, that it was one of the best moves I made.

Before taking this class I felt defenseless. I was weak and knew that if I were ever in a situation where I was being attacked, I would lose. I counted on my roommate, who is stronger than me, to protect me. But I have the tendency when I am not in my right mind, to walk home alone sometimes when it is late and dark out and my only defense has been to talk on my phone on the way home so I wouldn't feel lonely. Now I dare someone to attack me. R.A.D. empowered me and it has made me feel like I never have before, confident. I now have the self-assurance that if I was ever attacked I could fight back and win. I have weak arms, but apparently not weak legs. Through my R.A.D. classes, I surprised myself by learning just how much strength I have in my legs and how much that can help me if I was in a situation where I needed to fight back.

Jen Wait and the other girls who were in the class with me were great. We all supported each other and helped each other out. During the simulations, although it can be intimidating during the first round, it becomes easier with the other members of the class and Jen close by cheering you on and suggesting moves you



R.A.D. Instructors Scott VanPelt, Jen Wait, Police Officer Coxum

can do. Simulation puts you in a possible situation with attackers and you have to fight your way out of the situation using the moves learned. At first you feel like you can't do it or that you will forget the moves you have learned, but you don't. It is such a rush and it makes you feel so powerful and proud of yourself. And the best part is that after you have gone through the R.A.D. program once, you can go back when other sessions are being offered, to refresh your memory and practice more.

Every woman should know how to defend herself and every female New Paltz student should take advantage of this program. The cost is only \$15, and the feeling afterwards is priceless.

Take R.A.D; encourage your friends to take it. I promise you won't regret it.

7 SIGNS HE MAY BE A STALKER

Can you tell the difference between a stalker and an overzealous friend? Brian H. Spizberg, a professor at San Diego State University was quoted in saying "stalking behaviors always exceed the boundaries of normal social contact within a consensual relationship." In a recent comprehensive analysis, Spitzberg identified seven common early warning signs. Keep your distance if the guy you know...

1) Wants a Date Out of the Blue

He's someone you barely know, but he asks you out anyway.

2) Is too affectionate too soon

Saying things very early on like "We're perfect together" or "I can't live without you."

3) Is sex-obsessed

He talks about sex constantly or at inappropriate times.

4) Buys Affection

He prematurely showers you with gifts like flowers, jewelry, and weekend getaways or does favors that you didn't ask for like mowing the lawn.

5) Calls Incessantly

He phones you several times a week to check on your whereabouts.

6) Randomly shows up

He suddenly appears at your office or while you're out with friends.

7) Sends over-the top e-mails

He bombards you with e-mail, complaining that you're not paying enough attention to him.

Stalking is a crime and in recent years we have seen an increase in reports of this nature. This type of crime is not a simple violation; it is a serious crime that ranges from a B misdemeanor to a D felony. If you suspect that someone is stalking you please call our office to file a report at 257-2222

CAMPUS ESCORT

Our Escort Service is a student-staffed service offered to all students, staff, and faculty here at New Paltz. The service runs whenever classes are in session from 9pm – 2am Sunday – Wednesday and until 3am Thursday – Saturday nights. Call x3338 for an escort anywhere on campus. You may have to wait 5-10 minutes for a pick up, but it's better than walking alone!

PROGRAMS WE OFFER

We currently offer over 8 different programs in the residence halls and the community. One of our most popular programs is "Drunk-Busters" where students wear goggles that simulate what it might be like to be intoxicated and Officers conduct DWI testing including walking the line. By doing programs such as these, students get to know the officers who walk their halls. Resident Assistants work with Jen Wait in setting up programs such as Operation Identification, Pizza & Police, Law & Order, Weapons on Campus and the S.A.F.E program, a two hour women's intro to self defense. If your organization or office would be interested in more information about the programs that we offer, please contact Jen at 257-3340 or visit our website.



Police Officer Coxum at the New Paltz Middle School.

WAYS TO STAY SAFE ON CAMPUS

- ▲ Use the Escort Service.
- ▲ Walk with another person whenever possible.
- ▲ Plan and utilize a direct route while walking to your destination.
- ▲ Avoid narrow walkways between buildings.
- ▲ Carry handbags close to the body or under your coat with clasps inward.
- ▲ Do not accept rides from strangers and never hitchhike.
- ▲ Stay alert in all of your surroundings.
- ▲ Report all crimes, even those you feel to be insignificant.
- ▲ Be aware of what is going on around you.
- ▲ Be assertive in your attitude towards others. Do not let anyone violate your space.

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT (SORA)

<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/>

The purpose of this site is to provide an overview of the sex offender registration law and how the public can obtain information about sex offenders. The Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996.

This site provides access to a wealth of information regarding where to get help, information for parents and educators, links to information regarding related legislation, and a host of other resources. Please check out the above website for information on SORA.

IDENTITY THEFT

If you've been a victim of identity theft, call the FTC's (Federal Trade Commission) Hot Line toll-free at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338). You can also visit the ID Theft Website at www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

How identity thieves get your personal information:

- ▲ They steal wallets and purses containing your identification and bankcards
- ▲ They steal your mail, including your bank and credit card statements, pre approved credit offers, new checks, and tax information.
- ▲ They complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location.

- ▲ They rummage through your trash, or the trash of businesses, for personal data in a practice known as "dumpster diving".
- ▲ They fraudulently obtain your credit report by posing as a landlord, employer or someone else who may have a legitimate need for and legal right to the information.
- ▲ They find personal information in your home.
- ▲ They use personal information you share on the internet.
- ▲ They scam you, often through email, by posing as legitimate companies or government agencies you do business with.
- ▲ They get your information from the workplace in a practice known as "business record theft".

Minimize Your Risk

What you can do today:

Order a copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus. Place passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Secure personal information in your home.

CREDIT BUREAUS:

EQUIFAX

www.equifax.com

to order your report call 1-800-685-1111

EXPERIAN

www.experian.com

to order your report call 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion

www.transunion.com 1-800-888-421

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CYBERSTALKING AND PROTECTING YOURSELF, CHECK OUT:

ONLINE privacy alliance
www.privacyalliance.com

privacy rights clearinghouse
www.privacyrights.org

national center for victims of crime
www.ncvc.org

women halting online abuse
www.haltabuse.org

cyberangels
www.cyberangels.org

safety ed international
www.safetied.org

WHO'S WHO AT THE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Raymond Bryant

Captain Bryant started here in 1977 and became a Lieutenant in 1983. He has held assignments as an Investigator, Administrative Lieutenant and Training Counselor at the University Police Academy in Albany. In 1996, Lieutenant Bryant transferred to the University at Albany Police Department where he headed up the Quality of Life Unit. In September 2002, Ray returned to New Paltz as Captain of Patrol. Chief Bryant has an A.A.S in Criminal Justice from Ulster County Community College and holds a B.S in Sociology from SUNY New Paltz.

Assistant to the Chief Jen Wait

Jen started with our department in 1994 and coordinates all programming and community outreach within our department along with running the Student Escort Service. Jen is the Co-Director of R.A.D Women's Self Defense for New York State and is a Certified Instructor Trainer within the R.A.D System. She is also certified in Verbal Judo, Rave and Club Drugs and Sexual Assault Investigation. Jen Co-Chairs the "Work Place with Heart Committee" at New Paltz and holds a Masters degree in Education Administration. She teaches kickboxing and aerobics on campus and is a cycle instructor.

Investigator Mary Sullivan

Inv. Sullivan has been with the department since 2000 after transferring from SUNY Purchase. She graduated first in her class from the Westchester County Police Academy in 1999. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from SUNY Cortland. Inv. Sullivan is certified in Radar Operation, Standard Field Sobriety Testing, Verbal Judo, Rave and Club Drugs, Fraudulent Documents, Basic Criminal Investigations, Sexual Assault Investigation, Interview and Interrogation and photography from the FBI.

Lieutenant Patricia Castellano

Lt. Castellano started work at the Police Department during her years here as a College student. She then became a Police Officer in 1974 and since 1984 has been a Lieutenant. In 1996, Lt. Castellano became the Administrative Lieutenant for our department. Lt. Castellano has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from SUNY New Paltz, is trained in rape crisis intervention, and is a State Certified General Topics Instructor. Lt. Castellano is the recipient of the department's Chief's Award for Professionalism for 2003.

Lieutenant Ralph Cropley

Lt. Cropley started in May of 1998. He holds an associates degree from Dutchess community college. He is a second Lieutenant in a military police company in the U.S. Army reserves and recently returned from an 11 Month deployment in support of operation enduring freedom. Lt. Cropley is certified in Radar Operation, Police Bicycle Patrol, Rave and Club Drugs and Verbal Judo. He is a certified instructor of general topics, counter-terrorism, collapsible straight baton, defensive tactics, physical fitness and ethical awareness. Officer Cropley is also a certified RAD instructor and participates in many programs on campus.

Lieutenant Mike Doyle

Lt. Doyle started as a Police Officer at the department in 1984. Lt. Doyle holds an Associates degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelors degree from SUNY New Paltz in Political Science. He is specially trained to handle date rape cases and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention. Lt. Doyle is a RAD Self Defense Instructor.

Lieutenant Timothy Wurtz

Lt. Wurtz started as an officer in 1985. He holds an Associates degree from Ulster County Community College in Criminal Justice. Lt. Wurtz served as a jet mechanic in the United States Air Force and is actively involved with Civil War Re-Enactment's in the area. He is trained in DWI Prosecution and Enforcement and Drug Interdiction.

Police Officer John Bartula

PO Bartula began his career with University Police in 1979 and came to New Paltz in 1982. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Marist College. He is a certified instructor and has been trained in major crime cases and sex offense investigations. PO Bartula is also certified in standard field sobriety testing, Radar Operation and is a field-training officer. He is active in civil war re-enactments and is a published author of three short stories.

Police Officer Robert Bramley

PO Bramley started at the Police Department in 1981. He was a Town of New Paltz Police officer for six years before coming to SUNY New Paltz. He holds an Associates degree from Ulster County Community College in Police Science. Officer Bramley is responsible for starting the Mountain Bike Patrol and is a State Certified General Topics Instructor. In July of 1999, Officer Bramley became our Firearms Instructor certified through the New York State Police Department.

Police Officer Johnny G. Coxum

PO Coxum started in May of 1998. Officer Coxum received a bachelor's degree in Sociology from SUNY Cortland. He served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for three years and has several years of experience as an undercover store detective. He is certified in Police Bicycle Patrol, Radar Operation, Rave and Club Drugs and is a field-training officer. PO Coxum is a certified Instructor for ethical awareness and management of aggressive behavior. PO Coxum is also a R.A.D Instructor and participates in many programs on campus. He spends his time off with family or working as a substitute teacher for Ulster County B.O.C.E.S.

Police Officer Jim Coyle

PO Coyle started at SUNY Maritime and transferred to SUNY New Paltz in 1983. He holds a Bachelors of Science from Hofstra University.

Police Officer Gerry Kaleja

PO Kaleja started in 1993. He holds a Bachelors degree in Psychology from Lehman College and is a member of the Navy Reserves. He served on active duty at the Pentagon from 2002-2003.

Police Officer Robert Maines

PO Maines has been employed with our department since 1980. Prior to that he was employed for two years with the Ulster County Sheriff's Department. He obtained his A.A.S degree from SUNY Morrisville. Officer Maines has been instrumental in the departments training in the use of the PR-24 Police Baton and pepper spray. He is certified in Radar Operation and Standard Field Sobriety Testing. PO Maines is an instructor of O.C (pepper) Spray, expandable straight baton and management of aggressive behavior. He is a 1998 recipient of the University Police Chief's award for professionalism. Cho Dan Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

Police Officer David Melideo

PO Melideo came to our department from SUNY Maritime in 2000 and has 18 years of service with University Police. He holds an A.A. S. degree in criminal justice from Schenectady County Community College. PO Melideo is certified in sex crimes investigation. PO Melideo is the recipient of the department's award for excellent arrest in 2003.

Police Officer John Ritayik, Jr.

PO Ritayik transferred to New Paltz in 1998 after two years of service at SUNY Stonybrook. He holds a Bachelor's degree in public justice from SUNY Oswego. He is a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and recently returned from a 12-month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. PO Ritayik is certified in police bicycle patrol, Rave and Club Drugs and standard Field Sobriety testing. He is an honor graduate of the general topics instructor school, as well as, a Firearms Instructor.

Police Officer Scott Schulte

PO Schulte started as a dispatcher in Town of Lloyd in 1998 and transferred to New Paltz Police in 2001 and started at SUNY 2002. PO Schulte attended SUNY Ulster for criminal justice and graduated in the Paramedic program in 2000. He also attended SUNY Corning for fire science.

Police Officer Raymond Smith

PO Smith started at the University Police Department in 1979 after two years of service with the Rosendale Police Department. He received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Ulster County Community College. He is certified in Sexual Assault investigations, Rave and Club Drugs and is the Department's Armorer. Officer Smith has been instrumental in coordinating and participating in community related fundraisers within the department. He is an active member of the Starlight Children's Foundation, an organization dedicated to granting wishes for critically and terminally ill children. PO Smith is also involved in the daily operations of his hometown Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Police Officer Michael Soddors

PO Soddors recently transferred from SUNY Stony Brook. He has a bachelors degree from SUNY Stony Brook and he graduated from the University Police Academy in August 1999.

Police Officer Victor Torres

PO Torres transferred to New Paltz in 1998 from SUNY Binghamton. He has served University Police since 1996. He has an A.A.S in Criminal Justice from Orange County Community College. PO Torres has certifications in Radar Operation, Standard Field Sobriety Testing, Rave and Club Drugs, Breathalyzer Operation and Police Bike Patrol. PO Torres is the recipient of the department's Chief's Award for 2003.

Officer Dave Vorisek

PO Vorisek is one of our department's newest members. Officer Vorisek attended the academy from February-June 2003 at Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.

Cecelia Tapley - Secretary

Cecelia has been with our department since 1993. She can be reached at 257-3802.