

What You Can Do to Stay Safe

While MMC offers a wide array of resources to help ensure the safety of the college community, we also encourage every individual to take responsibility for his or her own safety.

In the annual new-student orientation talk, the Director of Campus Safety and Security or his designee, encourages students to familiarize themselves with campus safety tips similar to the tips below:

- Know important emergency numbers.
- Make yourself aware of the location of Emergency Phones.
- Get to know those around you.
- Never walk alone at night.
- Utilize campus escorts after dusk to dawn.
- Make sure you are aware of incidents that have occurred on campus.
- Do not allow unauthorized individuals in buildings or housing areas.
- Trust your instincts.
- Report suspicious activity immediately.
- Protect your personal property.

REMEMBER, by following these simple tips, you reduce your chances of becoming a crime statistic.



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News from the Office of Campus Safety and Security FALL 2009

Campus Safety Resources and Emergency Preparedness

Campus Safety Resources

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As a major institution of learning located in one of the most exciting and dynamic cities in Tennessee, Meharry Medical College is proud of its urban setting and the advantages our location provides for learning, teaching and research. With that in mind, we are also aware of the challenges posed by such an environment.

The MMC Department of Campus Safety and Security (DCSS) provides services ranging from crime prevention techniques to mobile and foot patrol, parking enforcement, and campus investigations. MMC keeps its campus community informed about potential risks in various ways:

- **Meharry Alert:** The system allows college officials to contact enrolled students, faculty, staff and other university affiliates during an emergency. The system is provided through a service agreement with e2Campus which will allow notification via text message in the event of an emergency or campus closure. The message can also be sent to a designated e-mail address. The Meharry Alert system is provided free of charge to Meharrians unless there are fees associated with text messaging services from your cell phone provider. Signing up for the Meharry Alert is simple! Just click on the link below to start the process.

[Http://www.mmc.edu/it/alert/instructions.pdf](http://www.mmc.edu/it/alert/instructions.pdf). If you need assistance you can contact the IT Help Desk at **ext. HELP (4357)**.

- **Crime Alerts:** The DCSS issues Crime Alerts via e-mail to notify students, faculty and staff of crimes against persons involving suspects who are still at large.
- **Emergency Code Blue Phones:** The DCSS campus is outfitted with 10 Emergency Phones which are strategically located throughout the campus grounds, and levels one, two and three of the 21st Avenue Parking Garage (Lot-K). The phones provide a direct link to the DCSS. Additionally, there are two phones currently undergoing installation.
- **Video Surveillance:** The DCSS campus is also outfitted with Video Surveillance which is tactfully placed to provide 24-hour surveillance throughout campus buildings and parking lots.
- **Proximity Card System:** Most campus buildings are equipped with proximity card reader devices which require you to swipe your Meharry identification card before access is granted.

Maintaining a safe, energetic campus is our top priority. The college makes available a wide range of safety resources and encourage their use by all members of the Meharry Family.



Promotion

Please join the DCSS in congratulating Officer Kevin Searcy for his promotion to Sergeant.

Sergeant Kevin Searcy



Important Information from September '09 Crime Stoppers Meeting

The Murfreesboro area is experiencing large quantities of counterfeit ten, twenty and fifty dollar bills.

The sale of prescribed medication is on the rise on college campuses.

Criminals are targeting Toyota Trucks (Tacoma/4 Runner 15-20 reported).

Campuses in Middle Tenn. are experiencing a high volume of thefts from vehicles and buildings (increases when school is in full session).

The DCSS will host the Crime Stoppers Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Welcome New Employees of Campus Security

Mr. Eric Crawford
Commissioned Security Officer
1st Shift

Mr. Shannon Freeman
Commissioned Security Officer
2nd Shift

IMPORTANT SAFETY NUMBERS

METRO POLICE DEPT
EMERGENCY
911

ON-CAMPUS EMERGENCY
615-327-6666

OFFICE OF SAFETY
AND SECURITY
615-327-6254

METRO POLICE DEPT
NON-EMERGENCY
615 862- 8600