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News from the Office of Safety and Security at Meharry Medical College

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR SAFETY

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Let's count on each other to promote a safe and secure environment for all. A continuing partnership between Campus Safety and Security and everyone who studies, works, and lives on the campus of Meharry Medical College is the key to a safe campus.

We encourage students, faculty, and staff to be responsible for their own safety and safety of others. Awareness, simple precautions and concern for others are keys to preventing crime and helping us ensure the safety of our campus. When you work together with the Department of Campus Safety and Security, you play an important role in enhancing the safety and security of the our prestigious and widely recognized medical institution that is responsible for the majority of the ethnic physicians in this

country.

The Department of Campus Safety and Security at Meharry Medical College urges you to be aware of your environment and to maintain the highest possible level of safety within the Meharry community.

New students are introduced to learning safe personal habits during New Student orientation when the Chief of Campus Security discusses safety issues. As we all know, the possibility of crime exists, and precautionary measures can make a difference.

However, when unfortunate incidents occur on campus it is our position that we support "The Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act" which was passed by the United States Congress in 1990. Therefore, when the college implemented the Meharry Alert System, Cam-

pus Safety and Security staff were among the first to sign up. If you would like to receive this alert you may sign-up on the Meharry website. When a potentially dangerous situation happens on or near the campus a safety alert is sent via text or email by the college administration. Additionally, the Department of Campus Safety and Security provides Crime Alerts when crimes take place on or near the campus. This notification is also sent via email and posted on the departmental website.

Please know that we work diligently to ensure that you study, work, and live in the safest environment possible.

To become more familiar with the mission and goals of the Department of Campus Safety and Security please go to the Meharry website and click on Administration. You will find links that tell you all about us.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY  
911

ON-CAMPUS  
EMERGENCY  
6666

OFFICE OF SAFETY AND  
SECURITY  
(ON-CAMPUS)  
6254

METRO POLICE  
NON-EMERGENCY  
615-862-8600



### Safety Tips of the Month

#### Know Your Security Options

- Make yourself aware of the location of emergency call boxes.
- Make sure you are aware of incidents which have occurred on campus.
- Know important emergency numbers.

#### Personal Safety

- Do not walk alone at night.
- Campus escorts are available from dusk to dawn.
- Offer assistance and advice to new students.
- Get to know those around you.

#### Campus Housing Safety Tips

- Do not allow unauthorized individuals in housing areas.
- Make sure your windows and doors are secure at all times.
- Never loan your room key.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SECURITY TEAM

- **Officer K. Searcy**
- **Officer A. Christian**
- **Officer J. Ridley**
- **Ms. N. Nation-Clerk**