

# Campus Safety Bulletin

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### ONGOING EFFORTS

Other activities underway on campus include:

- Campus Security Authority Training
- Campus Wide Building Safety Assessments
- Weather Radios placed in each building

Campus safety continues to be at the forefront of our efforts to provide students a learning environment that is engaging and fosters development. So, as you embark upon your summer journey, keep the Ram Spirit alive wherever you go. Look for opportunities to work towards a safer, more perfect U - individUal, commUnity, and University. Remember, safety begins with yoU.

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Our nation's Constitution opens with, "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union. . . ." As an institution of higher education, WSSU thrives off of innovation, advancement and forward thinking. This not only rings true for our academic initiatives, but also for our safety initiatives. Over the course of this 2013-14 academic year, numerous efforts have been made to improve safety on campus.

### Safety Program Initiatives

#### CALEA Accreditation

- On November 16, 2013, our Police & Public Safety Department became an accredited agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).
- This recognition affirms that the department has met and follows nationally accepted standards & practices for performing public safety activities.

#### AOD Advisory Committee

- The Office of the Dean of Students has convened an Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Advisory Committee that includes representation from students, faculty and staff. This group reviews and recommends programs and services that address education, prevention and intervention initiatives to reduce high-risk behaviors among students. The group also promotes a campus culture where students make healthy decisions that contribute to their success. For details, contact the Dean of Students at [deanofstudents@wssu.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@wssu.edu).

#### Ram ASSIST

- At times, circumstances may add stress to a student's life that result in the display of behaviors that are troubling, disruptive or threatening to the learning environment. Ram ASSIST (**A**ssessment of **S**afety, **b**ehavior**S**, and **I**ntervention **T**eam) is a resource that offers educational awareness of these concerning behaviors that should be reported to the team, and helps promote a culture of care where students learn and succeed. Learn more about Ram ASSIST at [www.wssu.edu/ramassist](http://www.wssu.edu/ramassist) or by contacting the Dean of Students.

#### RamALERT Registration

- In March 2014, a new registration process for RamALERT was implemented that allows our students to quickly and easily sign up for mobile text and voice emergency notifications. Now students can reaffirm their registration status every 180 days upon logging into Banner, leading to a significant increase in the number of students registered for alerts.

### Safety Events

#### Campus Safety Day

- On September 4, 2013, we conducted our first Campus Safety Day. This will become an annual event to highlight campus and community health and safety resources available to our students, faculty, and staff as well as educates them on individual protective measures.

#### Full Scale Active Shooter Training Exercise

On September 10, 2013, we conducted a joint training exercise with UNCSA, involving over 200 participants. This event allowed us to test our emergency response plan for an active shooter incident on or near campus and identify opportunities for improvement.

#### Skywarn Weather Spotter Training Sessions

- On April 9 & 10, WSSU will host the National Weather Service (NWS) Skywarn Training, including both the basic and advance courses. Skywarn is a program for trained volunteer severe weather spotters who support their local community by providing the NWS with timely and accurate severe weather reports. E-mail [campussafety@wssu.edu](mailto:campussafety@wssu.edu) for details.