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## City of Auburn Department of Public Safety

**Hours: 8 to 5 M-F**  
**161 North Ross Street**  
**Auburn, AL 36830**

[www.auburnalabama.org/ps/](http://www.auburnalabama.org/ps/)

**All Emergencies - 911**  
**Non-Emergency: 334.501.3100**  
**Fax: 334.501.7286**

The employees of the Auburn Public Safety Department dedicate their lives to the safety of Auburn citizens. Through the effective delivery of high quality emergency response and preventive services, the City enjoys extremely modest fire losses, a low crime rate, the best fire insurance classification in the state, and a very high level of citizen satisfaction.

Public Safety is represented by five divisions: Administration, Codes Enforcement, Communications, Fire, and Police. The Police and Communications divisions provide coverage for the City and parts of our extended jurisdictional areas. The Fire and Codes Enforcement divisions provide services within the city limits.

### **Administration Division**

**Public Safety Director:** Bill James  
334.501.3110  
Hours: 8 to 5 M-F  
161 North Ross Street

### **Codes Enforcement Division**

**Deputy Public Safety Director for Codes:** Andy Meeks  
334.501.3170  
Hours: 7:30 to 4 M-F  
171 N. Ross St

### **Communications Division**

**Deputy Public Safety Director for Emergency Communications:** Benjie Walker  
334.501.3100  
Hours: 8 to 5 M-F  
161 North Ross Street  
Non-Emergency: 334.501.3100 (24 hrs a day/7 days a week)  
**All Emergencies – 911 (24 hrs a day/7 days a week)**

### **Fire Division**

**Deputy Public Safety Director for Fire Operations:** Larry Langley  
334.501.3110  
Hours: 7:30 to 4:30 M-F  
161 North Ross Street  
Non-Emergency: 334.501.3100 (weekend/after hours)  
**All Emergencies – 911 (24 hrs a day/7 days a week)**

Fire Station #1 - 359 East Magnolia Avenue  
Fire Station #2 - 1520 Shug Jordan Parkway  
Fire Station #3 - 685 Ogletree Road  
Fire Station #4 - 1299 Stoker Street

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### Police Division

**Deputy Public Safety Director for Law Enforcement/Police Chief:**

Frank DeGraffenried

334.501.3110

Hours: 8 to 5 M-F

161 North Ross Street

Non-Emergency: 334.501.3100 (weekend/after hours)

All Emergencies – 911 (24 hrs a day/7 days a week)

**Records** - 334.501.3130

**Crime Prevention** - 334.501.3125

**Detectives** - 334.501.3140

**Patrol** - 334.501.3150

### Message from Chief of Police Frank M. deGraffenried

The City of Auburn Department of Public Safety-Police Division provides law enforcement and police services to all citizens of Auburn University and Auburn. The Auburn Police Division is committed to providing you with a competent, well trained, professional, and effective police service. By taking advantage of available technology and training opportunities, and by working in close association with members of our city and university communities, the Police Division is taking a progressive and proactive approach to the prevention of crime and the prosecution of criminals. Our vision for Auburn University and Auburn is one where all citizens can live with enhanced feeling of security and safety, free to enjoy all that this great community and university has to offer, without the fear and apprehension so often associated with crime.

All reports of crime and/or suspected criminal activity should be reported to the City of Auburn Department of Public Safety-Police Division. Our primary objective is to assist students as they realize their fullest potential by providing a safe and orderly environment in which students may study, faculty may teach and conduct research, and employees may provide support services.

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### Important Phone Numbers

<b>Campus Security Authority</b>	
Auburn Department of Public Safety Emergency	<b>911</b>
Auburn Department of Public Safety Non-Emergency	501-3100
Major Melvin Owens, Auburn University Public Safety Liaison	844-2262
Mr. Bob Ritenbaugh, Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services	844-4190
Mr. Jim Hardin, Office of the Dean of Students	844-5751
Ms. Becky Bell, Asst. Director of Housing & Residence Life	844-4580
<b>Campus Services</b>	
AU Medical Clinic	844-4416
Physical Plant Emergencies 24 Hours	844-4357
Housing	844-4580
Affirmative Action	844-4794
Office of the Dean of Students	844-1304
Foy Student Union Information 24 Hours	844-4244
<b>Community Services</b>	
Safe Harbor	844-SAFE
Sexual Assault Services	844-7233
Auburn City Police Department	501-3110
Lee County Sheriff's Office	749-5651
Crisis Center 24 Hour Hotline	821-8600
East Alabama Mental Health Center	749-3346
East Alabama Medical Center Emergency Room	705-1150
Rape Counselors of East Alabama, Inc. Office 24 Hour Pager	741-0707 705-0510

## Lifestyle Improvement and Awareness Programs on Campus

### Health/Wellness/Fitness Activities

Auburn University is committed to providing quality health services and programs for the entire University community and strives to foster activities that will enable individuals to make informed decisions and modify behaviors regarding their health. The University offers a variety of prevention programming.

Contact the following departments for more information.

#### **Recreational Services** 844-4716

- Health Promotion Events/Activities such as Alcohol Awareness, The Great American Smokeout, and the Student Health Fair.
- Workshops such as American Red Cross First Aid and Safety, American Heart Association CPR, Smoking Cessation, and Fitness and Nutrition.
- Presentations on topics such as alcohol and drugs, sexuality, acquaintance rape, and healthy lifestyles.

#### **Student Counseling Services** 844-5123

- Individual Counseling for students needing assistance, information, and resources.
- Student Involvement in organizations that provide peer education opportunities on health-related topics.
- Seminars, workshops and presentations on social and emotional adjustment issues.

#### **Residence Hall Association Programs**

Housing and Residence Life offers 300-400 programs every year based on a wellness model that includes spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual, social and occupational themes. Presentation topics include safe sex, acquaintance rape, dating violence, security on and off campus, self defense, and stress management. There is also a video library with various tapes that can be checked out. All students are encouraged to attend these presentations. A schedule is printed in The Auburn Plainsman and the AU Report or can be obtained from the RHA office in Burton Hall.

## Date or Acquaintance Rape Prevention

**Safe Harbor** ([http://www.auburn.edu/student\\_info/student\\_affairs/safe\\_harbor/](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_affairs/safe_harbor/)) offers educational programming to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape, and forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. Learn more at

### Presentations/Training Topics

- Education through Sexual Assault Awareness
- How to Support A Victim - What to do if someone you know has been sexually assaulted
- RAD Demonstrations
- Safe Harbor Services and Referral
- Advocacy for Victims of Sexual Assault

### Presentations/Training Audiences

- In-class presentations (Univ classes, Women's Studies, HDFS, others)
- Athletic Dept.
- Residence Hall Advisors
- GTA's and GRA's
- New Faculty and Staff
- CWE Counselors
- Greek Life (Sororities and Fraternities)
- AU Administration
- High School Clubs/Organizations

### Annual Concourse Events

- Welcome Back Week (Aug.)
- Safety Awareness Month (Sept)
- Clothesline Project (April)
- Take Back the Night Project (April)
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Oct)
- These Hands Don't Hurt (April)

**CWE and SOS** - Tiger Tables providing information for all CWE students and parents

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### Prevention

- Awareness + Common Sense + Early Planning = Best Prevention.
- Be aware of your surroundings and instincts.
- Expect to be respected. Assert your rights.
- Clearly communicate your thoughts and beliefs through actions and words.
- Meet social or business acquaintances in public places; arrange to have your own transportation or travel with good friends.
- Carry money to meetings and on dates in case you need to use the phone or pay for transportation.
- Control your environment. Don't let yourself get put in a dangerous location like an alley or back room.
- Know your date's first and last name, address and business.
- Especially with new people, watch how much alcohol or drugs both you and your date consume. Alcohol and drug use may increase your vulnerability by lowering your awareness and ability to react.

### If You Find Yourself in a Potentially Bad Situation, Consider

- The object is survival. Do whatever you can to survive. Try to remember as much as you can about the attacker: height and weight compared to yours, scars, tattoos, accent, etc.
- As in prevention, clearly assert your rights through your words and actions.
- Criticize your date's actions, not him personally, so that he will understand what behavior to stop. For example "I'm not ready for sex." or "I have enjoyed our date until now, I don't want to do this."
- If he does not listen to you, leave.
- Do not let embarrassment for him keep you from doing what is right for you.
- Choose effective means to get yourself out of the situation. Act with a purpose.
- Try to keep your composure; avoid falling apart.
- At the first opportunity, escape from the situation and go to a safe place and call for help.

### Active Intervention Methods

- Bite, scratch, kick, pull, twist and punch in vulnerable areas- stomach, sides, face, eyes, shins, hands, and the groin area.
- Run away.
- Attract attention by continually screaming and yelling "FIRE," "HELP," or "I DON'T KNOW THIS PERSON."

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### Passive Intervention Methods

- Talk yourself out of a situation. Give a "convincing story." Tell him you have a contagious venereal disease, you're pregnant, or a friend is expected to appear at any moment.
- Pretend to cooperate until an opportunity for escape presents itself. Put your attacker off guard.
- Act in a bizarre and/or repulsive manner (feign insanity or convulsions, urinate or vomit.)
- Do what is best for you and your situation.

### After the Attack

- Try to be as calm as possible in order to think more clearly.
- Call 911 immediately and ask to speak to a rape counselor or call the Crisis Center (826-8600). Do not disturb any evidence, including that on your body. Do not bathe, brush your teeth, douche, clean fingernails or change clothes. Take a change of clothes with you to the hospital.
- The student has the option to report a rape, and the campus security authority has the responsibility to help him/her report it to the proper people.
- The University wants to ensure the victim is both mentally and physically protected and that counseling is available and is encouraged. If living arrangements need to be changed, the University will assist in providing reasonable accommodations.

### If You Know Someone Who Has Been Attacked

- Be there. Your presence means you care and helps counter feelings of helplessness, guilt, and isolation that victims often experience.
- Listen to the victim. Don't be judgmental of his/her actions.
- Offer to accompany the victim to the hospital or police station.
- Encourage the victim to seek help from a victim's assistance program.

## Drug-Free Campus and Workplace Policy

### Standards of Conduct

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol by students or employees of Auburn University is prohibited at any time on any University property or at any University activity. No employee who is impaired by an illegal drug or by alcohol will report for work or will work, or be present in the workplace. No student who is impaired by illegal drugs or alcohol will attend classes or any other University activity.

### Disciplinary Sanctions

The University will impose sanctions (consistent with local, state, and federal law) upon all employees and students who violate these standards of conduct.

Such sanctions may include but are not limited to:

- referral for prosecution
- probation
- suspension
- expulsion of students
- suspension or termination of employees

## Night Transit Service



### Destination: Off-campus

The Night Transit off-campus line has multiple mini-buses traveling to all external Tiger Transit destinations. This line departs Haley Center (Monday - Friday) every 30 minutes beginning at 6:15 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. The Night Transit off-campus route is one-way and will not board passengers for return trips to campus or for other Tiger Transit destinations.

### Night Security Shuttle Van Service

#### Destination: Campus

The Night Security Shuttle Van Service offers a safe ride from any on-campus location to any on-campus location 6 p.m.-3 a.m. seven days a week while classes are in session, except during summer session, home football game evenings and official Auburn University holidays. To obtain service, call (334) 707-2004 or (334) 707-2005.



Get up to date information by visiting Tiger Transit's web site at <http://www.auburn.edu/transit/night.html>.

## Bike Safety



- All bicycles operated on campus should be brought to AUDPS and registered. Registration costs \$2.00 per year.
- When operating a bicycle on campus you must have a valid driver's license or student ID in your possession at all times—a violation will result in a \$25.00 fine.
- All state traffic laws should be observed.
- Be sure you have a front light and rear reflector at night.
- Ride bikes on the right side of the street.
- Obey all traffic signals and signs.
- Always park and lock your bike to a rack.
- Wear a helmet (75% of bike deaths are result of head injuries).

## Crime Information:

### Crime Reporting and Prevention

#### Procedure for Reporting Emergencies or Crime on Campus

- All emergencies including crimes in progress and fire should be immediately reported to 911 on and off-campus.
- To report non-emergencies or suspicious activities, call ADPS at 501-3100.
- Reports may also be made to the campus security authority. This is the ADPS, the Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services, and the Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life.
- Emergency callers should be prepared with the following information:
  - Name
  - Exact location of the incident
  - Description of the scene
  - Description of any suspects
  - Description and license numbers of any involved vehicles.

### How to Protect Yourself

#### Your Property

- Use a combination padlock on all storage units. Check the unit periodically to make sure nothing has been disturbed.
- Don't mark your key chain with your name, address and license number. Lost keys can lead to theft. Take care of keys; don't give anyone the chance to duplicate them.
- Engrave all valuable personal property with your name and social security number. Keep a detailed list of all valuables and serial numbers.
- Move valuables out of view from windows and doors.
- Lock your vehicle at all times.
- Copy all important papers and cards that you carry in your purse or wallet, including your driver's license. Keep the copies in a safe place. The information will be invaluable if anything is stolen or lost.
- Copy your vehicle ID and tag number. If your vehicle is stolen, it cannot be entered into the nationwide law enforcement network without this information.

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### At Home

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even if you are only away for a few minutes. Do not "prop open" doors in residence halls.
- Be assertive and demand that any unwanted person in your residence leave, or leave yourself. Anyone who refuses to leave is a trespasser. If you live in a women's residence hall, report any unescorted males to security.
- Make sure hallways, entrances, garages, and grounds are well lit. Leave porch lights on all night. Keep blinds and curtains shut after dark and never dress in front of a window. When you expect to return after dark, leave an interior light on with the shades drawn. If you live on campus, report any malfunctioning light to the physical plant.
- Know who is at your door before you open it. Campus staff carry identification and solicitors are not allowed on campus. Require proper identification from any repair or utility people. If you live off campus, install a peephole in your front door.
- Make calls for strangers who want to use your phone. Don't open your door or let them in.
- List initials and last names only on your mailbox or door and in the telephone book. Don't leave your name on your door or answering machine if you live alone. Don't have the recording state you are away or when you will return.
- Get to know your neighbors. If you live off campus, join a neighborhood watch system and share information on suspicious circumstances.
- When you go home on breaks, have someone pick up your mail, newspaper, etc. Install timers and leave on all outside lights. Make your residence appear "lived in."
- If you come home and see a broken window or a jimmyed door, don't go inside. Confronting a burglar can be dangerous. Phone police immediately.

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### Away From Home

- Walk or jog with a friend. Avoid jogging after dark. If you must jog at night, stay in well-lit, well-traveled areas.
- Carry a whistle and don't hesitate to use it to alert others you need help. Vary your pattern frequently.
- Don't wear headphones when jogging or biking. They significantly reduce your ability to hear and thus your awareness.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Don't fight back if your purse or wallet is snatched. Throw it in one direction and run in the other rather than risk personal injury. Call the police immediately.
- Be careful when and where you patronize ATM machines. Accessing ATM cash machines in remote locations, particularly at night, could increase your risk of robbery and personal injury. While you are standing at the machine, keep turning around and scanning for people approaching you or lingering around.
- Avoid working or studying alone in a building other than your residence at night.
- Stand and walk tall with a brisk, purposeful stride. Make brief eye contact with someone who makes you feel uneasy to let them know that you see them and are not afraid, but don't stare too long or prolong your glance.
- Trust your instincts.

### In Your Car

- Check the back seat before entering.
- Keep vehicle doors locked at all times, even when driving in daylight, so no one can jump in at a red light.
- Be suspicious of people approaching your car asking for directions, or change, or handing out flyers.
- When stopping in traffic, leave enough distance between your car and the one in front of you, so you can quickly pull away if necessary.
- If another driver bumps your car or your tire goes flat, keep the doors and windows closed and wait for police to arrive, or slowly drive to the nearest police station.
- Keep enough gas in your tank for emergencies.
- Don't offer rides to anyone you don't know, even if he or she claims to be a student.

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- Honk your horn if someone suspicious approaches your vehicle.
- If your car breaks down, lift the hood, put on flashers, and wait inside the car for help with the doors locked. Ask people who stop to call the police or AAA. Don't go with anyone.
- Don't stop for stranded motorists. You are of greater help to them by calling the police.
- Keep valuables in the trunk of your vehicle, not on the seats.
- Park your car in well-lit areas.
- Remove all keys from your vehicle. Thieves look for keys under fenders and in magnetic key cases. Walk with your keys in hand.
- Remember to buckle up. It's the law in Alabama.

### **At Work**

- Avoid working or studying alone in a building at night.
- When working late, make sure doors are locked.
- Keep your purse in a locked cabinet or drawer. Never leave it on or underneath a desk.
- Avoid using stairs in remote sections of the building.
- Do not hold the door open for strangers after normal business hours.
- Ask people you don't recognize if you can help them.
- Report suspicious activity to campus police.
- Be careful what you leave on your desk and on your computer screen when you step away from your desk.
- Keep passwords in secure places.

It is very important for you to have a plan if an attacker tries to steal your bag, attack you from behind, or your car breaks down at night, etc. Knowing how you would handle situations if you should ever have to face an attacker could save your life. Always be on your guard.

## Disciplinary Procedures

Procedures for campus disciplinary actions in cases of an alleged sex offense are outlined in the code of Student Discipline in the Tiger Cub Student Handbook.

For all alleged infractions of the Discipline Code, including sexual assault:

1. The student accused of violating the code has the right to a hearing.
2. Both the accused and the accuser have the right to present witnesses and evidence, and to be present throughout their presentation.
3. Sanctions that may be imposed include formal and informal reprimands, probation, suspension, and expulsion.
4. Both the accused and the accuser have the right to be notified of the dispensation of the case and the right to appeal to the President of the University.

Refer to the Tiger Cub ([www.auburn.edu/tigercub](http://www.auburn.edu/tigercub)) for the complete policies, procedures, rights and sanctions related to violations of the Discipline Code.

**Alabama Bureau of Investigation Sex Offenders Search:**

<http://community.dps.state.al.us/>

**Lee County Sheriff's Office Sex Offenders Search:**

[http://www.leecountysheriff.org/sexual\\_offenders/index.html](http://www.leecountysheriff.org/sexual_offenders/index.html)

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### Clery Act Crime Statistics Criminal Offenses

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#### On Campus

<b>Criminal Offense</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Forcible	0	0	1
Sex offenses - Non-forcible (incest and statutory rape only)	0	0	0
Robbery	1	3	1
Aggravated assault	1	7	0
Burglary	38	57	51
Motor vehicle theft	3	2	8
Arson	0	0	0

#### On Campus - Residence Halls

<b>Criminal Offense</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Non-forcible (incest and statutory rape only)	0	0	0
Robbery	0	2	0
Aggravated assault	0	5	0
Burglary	18	34	27
Motor vehicle theft	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	0

**Clery Act Crime Statistics  
Criminal Offenses (continued)**

<b>Noncampus</b>			
<b>Criminal Offense</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Forcible	0	0	1
Sex offenses - Non-forcible (incest and statutory rape only)	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0
Aggravated assault	1	0	0
Burglary	12	2	11
Motor vehicle theft	1	1	0
Arson	0	0	0
<b>Public Property</b>			
<b>Criminal Offense</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Forcible	0	0	0
Sex offenses - Non-forcible (incest and statutory rape only)	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0
Aggravated assault	0	2	0
Burglary	8	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

## Clery Act Crime Statistics Arrests

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<b>On Campus</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Illegal Weapons Possession	2	3	0
Drug law violations	21	18	8
Liquor Law Violations	45	21	14

  

<b>On Campus - Residence Halls</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug law violations	5	5	4
Liquor Law Violations	15	4	3

  

<b>Noncampus</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug law violations	5	1	0
Liquor Law Violations	16	0	0

  

<b>Public Property</b>			
<b>Crime</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Illegal Weapons Possession	2	3	0
Drug law violations	11	7	12
Liquor Law Violations	14	13	6

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On Campus			
Crime	2004	2005	2006
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	1
Drug law violations	0	0	1
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	130*

\* Increased number due to stringent enforcement of alcohol policy at football stadium. All students in possession of alcohol are referred for disciplinary action.

Noncampus			
Crime	2004	2005	2006
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug law violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

Public Property			
Crime	2004	2005	2006
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0
Drug law violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0

### Clery Act Crime Statistics Hate Crimes

None Reported