It is that time of year again, when fire alarms must be tested. As Faculty, Supervisors, and Directors it is the really important that we remember that even though we have been through these drills multiple times, a lot of students and new staff have not.

Each building presents its own challenges when evacuating for a fire. Some buildings have Rescue Areas with phones and fire safety doors. Other buildings that are older have larger, steeper staircases. There are countless challenges with each building, but if we each do our part these tests will go by quickly.

Why do we test the alarms twice a year? It is important for us to be sure that the equipment is working properly and that people have an understanding of how to evacuate the building. There have been times during these tests that some equipment has not operated correctly or evacuation procedures were not done as they should have been. The creates confusion and disorder, which is exactly what we cannot have when or if a “real” emergency occurs.

Other things we are evaluating during the evacuation process are the numbers of people evacuating along with time it takes to exit the building safely.

How can you help this process go by quickly and efficiently? Simple, Exit the building. It is our job to clear the building when an alarm has been triggered. By exiting the building in a timely manner, you not only speed up the process, but lead by example and you help us with our number one priority....keeping the UW-Whitewater campus safe.
“Other” Services UWWPS Provides

Aside from everyday patrol duties, UWWPS provides a host of services to the community. These include Bike Patrol, Fingerprinting, Notary Service, Safety Escorts, Crossing Guard, Vehicle Jump Starts and Lock-outs and Building Door Unlocks.

We have students and faculty on campus who are hunters or enjoy different type of sports that involve weapons, such as Martial Arts. UWWPS offers a secure location to allow for these folks to safely store their firearms, knives, etc for free.

Some Officers on campus also provide programming opportunities for Students and Faculty. These might be introductory opportunities such as New Student Seminars, Self-Defense, Hawk Watch or behavior modifying programs like the Alcohol Diversion Program or Traffic School.

UWWPS is constantly looking to find new ways to help educate our community on safety awareness, choices and consequences so that everyone can have a successful, safe experience at UW-Whitewater.

For more information about UWWPS visit our website at http://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/police
UWWPS In Action

Detective Servi at National Night Out.

Officer Kelsey Servi represents UWWPS at the UW-W Wellness Fair

Officer Sacco presenting a New Student Seminar