



# Safety First

## A Monthly UW-Whitewater Police Services Publication

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### National Safety Month - "Shots Fired"

According to Scott Hortard of the Naples News and the Dekalb Daily Chronicle, the shooting incident at Northern Illinois University took place on February 14, 2008. The gunman shot 23 people on the campus, 5 of the victims were killed, eighteen were wounded. Overall six people died in the incident, including the gunman, making it the fourth-deadliest university shooting in United States history.

The Center for Personal Protection and Safety states that your chances of encountering an active shooter are similar to that of being struck by lightning, but do you know what to do if an active shooter enters your work place, classroom or living quarters? Northern Illinois University is just 45 minutes from Whitewater, preparation for the possibility is always our greatest asset.

Those first moments before emergency personal arrive are very critical. The UW-Whitewater Police Services along with the City of Whitewater Police Department have been trained for these types of emergencies, getting yourself in the right mindset and doing a little personal training will heighten your chances of survival.

#### • Develop a survival mindset

- *Awareness*
  - take time to understand your situation
- *Preparation*
  - ask yourself the "what if" questions
  - develop effective response strategies
- *Rehearsal*
  - practice your plan

UW-Whitewater Police Chief Matt Kiederlen is presenting a program entitled "Shots Fired" on June 9, 2008 at 2:00pm in room 261 of the University Center. All students, staff and general public are encouraged to attend.

The UW-Whitewater Police Department has also added the "Shots Fired" training video to our website, <http://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/police/> for those who are not able to come in person to the training. We highly encourage you to take the time to watch the approximately 20 minute video and familiarize yourself with what options you have if shots are fired when you are present. Help to develop that survival mindset.

### May Incident Summary

UW-Whitewater Police Services contacts involving an incident number being taken.

- 3 - Medical calls for service
- 12 - Theft complaints
- 45 - Traffic citations issued
- 10 - Fire and/or Intrusion alarms activated
- 3 - Traffic collisions reported
- 11 - Underage alcohol citations issued
- 2 - reports involving assists to other agencies
- 3 - Citations for misuse of parking services
- 7 - Disorderly conduct investigations
- 3 - Illegal drug investigations
- 1 - Citation for unauthorized presence in a university building
- 1 - Harassment complaint
- 1 - Solicitation complaint
- 4 - Vandalism to property investigations
- 1 - Suspicious person or circumstances
- 1 - Throwing objects from a dorm room window investigation
- 4 - Criminal damage to property complaints
- 1 - Found item
- 2 - Animal complaints
- 1 - Investigations regarding skateboarding on campus
- 1 - Burglary investigation
- 1 - Welfare check of an individual

Total of 118 incident numbers taken and over 200 calls for service in May, 2008.

### UW-Whitewater Police Services—Feature Staff

Mike Sacco began his law enforcement career at the City of Kenosha Police Department in 1992 until leaving for UW-Parkside in 1993. In 1994, Officer Sacco transferred to UW-Whitewater where he is currently the most senior officer at the department. At this time, Officer Sacco is primarily day shift and works Monday thru Friday.



Officer Mike Sacco

Officer Sacco is trained as a department evidence technician as well as an accident reconstruction specialist and a bike patrol officer. Officer Sacco is also very involved in the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Association, which is the union that represents all Wisconsin State Troopers, University Police, Capital Police and some Department of Motor Vehicle employees. Officer Sacco is currently the President for Local 2, which represents all University and Capital Police, Dispatchers and Detectives.

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