



Safety First

A Monthly UW-Whitewater Police Services Publication

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness of sexual violence, focusing on sexual assault and rape and to help educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence.

UW-Whitewater takes a strong stance against sexual violence. Some organizations that exist on campus are Students Against Sexual Violence (SASV), University Sexual Assault Response Team, and a meeting group with the Association for the Prevention of Family Violence with a focus on Sexual Assault.

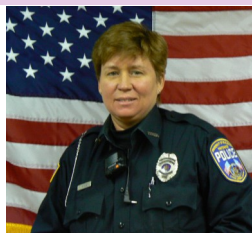
The UW-Whitewater Police Department puts on a once a semester training revolving around sexual assault awareness. The goal of the training is to educate individuals to take responsibility for their own safety and to make them aware of circumstances that could put them in harms way. Sexual Assault can happen to anyone at anytime. Through the training of the educated officers of the UW-Whitewater Police Department, it is our goal to assist individuals to form a mindset reducing their chances of becoming a victim of sexual assault. For more information on this training please contact Officer Debra Steger at stegerd@uww.edu.

As you read this you may be saying, Well what can I do now about sexual violence to reduce my risk of being assaulted. The answer is this...

- Be aware of what is happening around you. Stay alert. Don't be drunk or drugged.
- Decide what you want to do and what you do not want to do before you get together with a potential sexual partner. Think about how to communicate this to your date.
- Communicate your limits firmly and directly. Don't assume that your date will automatically know how you feel. If you say "NO", say it like you mean it. Don't give mixed messages.
- Act in a way that shows you value yourself. Respond assertively to even minor acts of sexual harassment or disrespect. Do not let others invade your personal space.
- Guard your drink at all times.
- Always arrange alternative transportation home if you need it. Let others know where you are going.
- Trust your instincts and get out of any situation that feels wrong.
- Do not assume that someone who has been non-violent in the past will never be violent.
- Don't be afraid of not being liked by someone who does not respect your feelings.
- Use the buddy system to watch out for each other. Go home with friends you went out with.

Research shows that 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will be come a victim of at least attempted sexual assault sometime in their life time. You can help change the research by becoming more educated about the topics of sexual violence.

UW-Whitewater Police Services—Feature Staff



Officer Debra Steger

Officer Debra Steger began working for UW-Whitewater Police Services on July 1, 2008. Ofc. Steger came to us with prior law enforcement experience both as a deputy and a municipal police department. Ofc. Steger has an interest in defense and arrest tactics and currently teaching a defense class related to sexual assault to any students, faculty and staff who wish to attend. Ofc. Steger also has great knowledge in the area of traffic enforcement. Ofc. Steger currently works our swing shift, 7:00pm until 5:00am Wednesday thru Saturday. Ofc. Steger can be reached at 262-472-4660 or by email at stegerd@uww.edu. She would be happy to answer any question you may have.

February Incident Summary

UW-Whitewater Police Services contacts involving an incident number being taken for February, 2009.

- Activated Fire/Burglar Alarm - 7
- Animal Complaints - 1
- Assist other Agency - 2
- Assist Whitewater Rescue - 9
- Battery Investigations - 1
- Check Person Welfare - 5
- Criminal Damage to Property - 2
- Disorderly Conduct - 6
- Drug Investigations - 5
- Harassment Investigation - 5
- Misuse of Telephone Services - 1
- Solicitation Complaints - 1
- Theft Investigations - 11
- Traffic Accident Reports - 9
- Traffic Citations - 12
- Underage Alcohol Consumption Citations - 22
- Vandalism - 1



UWWPS on Track for the Future

UW-Whitewater Police Services (UWWPS) is on track for the future. We have upgraded our report management system lessening the burden on our support service personnel to enter all officer contacts. With this new system there is more accountability for officer time and a much easier way of searching the data to gain statistical information both for the community we serve and for state and federal mandates.

UWWPS has obtained more up to date speed enforcement equipment. With the continued concern of traffic on our campus, UWWPS has purchased speed radar units for our squads and a digital speed sign board capable of storing data for future enforcement action. It is our hope that this equipment will help to ensure community safety on the UWW Campus.