

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

Last week in Oregon, a gunman opened fire on faculty and students at Umpqua Community College (UCC), taking nine innocent lives and wounding a number of others. I know your thoughts and sympathies are with the families of the victims and with the UCC community, as are mine.

In response to inquiries the College's Department of Public Safety has received from members of the Assumption community, I am writing to inform you about our preparedness measures for an incident we hope will never happen here.

- We have a state-of-the-art alert system.
- Traditional residence halls are locked 24/7.
- Assumption College Police Officers are professionally trained law enforcement officials that are capable of a rapid response.
- We have developed a close working relationship with the City of Worcester Police and the Massachusetts State Police, who are also highly trained to respond quickly to such incidents.
- In the past, we have conducted emergency response drills with Worcester and State Police. We will continue to conduct response drills with Worcester Police, Worcester Fire, Worcester Emergency Management, and the Massachusetts State Police.

The College continually evaluates and upgrades our emergency preparedness training, response and infrastructure to provide a safe and healthy community.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF

1. Please review the following links from Assumption College Police web page. Have you ever thought about how you would react in an emergency?

http://www.assumption.edu/sites/default/files/SARResourceGuide_508.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D02>

2. Make sure that you have your cell phone number added to the RAVE system to ensure you are informed immediately of the presence of a threat.

3. Be aware, report suspicious activity, and have a plan.

The public safety industry has learned that preparation and forethought can be critical to ensuring a safe outcome of a crisis situation. Regardless of where a crisis occurs (in a classroom, a residence hall, a movie theater, a mall or public transportation), being aware of your environment, having a plan, and taking action will increase your chance of survival.

Chief Steven Carl

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