



Contacting the Alabama A&M Department of Public Safety

All students, employees, and visitors of the University should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents and other emergencies to the Department of Public Safety by dialing 911 from a campus phone or (256) 372-5555 from your cell or non-campus phone.

The University has installed emergency two-way blue light phones throughout the campus. By pressing the small silver button on the station, users can communicate directly with the Department of Public Safety's Communications Center. The location of the station will be automatically conveyed to the Dispatcher answering the phone.

Crime and other incidents can also be reported confidentially by contacting an investigator at (256) 327-4293. The Department of Public Safety also has an online tip sheet that can be submitted confidentially by visiting our webpage.

You can also visit our headquarters located on Buchanan Way in the University Services Building across from Foster Complex. We are open 7/24/365.

Daily Crime Log

DPS maintains a Daily Crime Log that records (listed by the date an incident was reported), all crimes and other serious incidents that occur on campus; in a non-campus building or property owned or operated by the University; on public property within, adjacent to, or immediately accessible from the campus; or within the department's patrol jurisdiction.

This daily crime log is available for public inspection at DPS headquarters or on the AAMU DPS webpage. The Department posts incidents in the Daily Crime Log within two business days of receiving a report of an incident and may exclude incidents from the log in certain circumstances, particularly those in which inclusion may compromise an investigation. We also include arson and fire incidents that occur in campus housing.



Timely Warning Notices & Campus Safety Alerts

In the event that a situation arises, either on or near campus that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat to our University community, DPS will issue a timely warning notice using the Alabama A&M University "Bulldog Alert" system. Warnings will also be issued for threatening or hazardous weather conditions. In order to receive this important information you must subscribe to **Bulldog Alerts**:

- Go to the AAMU homepage
- At the bottom of this page click on "Technology @AAMU"
- At the Information Technology Services web-site select "Sign-Up for Bulldog Alerts"
- You will then be given step by step instructions on how to receive alerts on your phone & by email



Rape and Sexual Misconduct

All forms of sexual assault are regarded as serious offenses in violation of the A&M University Code of Conduct and Criminal Laws of Alabama and can result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion and criminal prosecution.

Rape is the forcing of sex on another person regardless of whether the victim knows the perpetrator. It doesn't matter if the two people know each other or not, Rape is Rape! Alabama State Laws and University policy seek to protect victims of rape, sexual assault and other sex related offenses and strongly encourage the reporting of all such crimes to University officials. These officials include DPS employees, Residential Life & Human Resources Staff, and Counseling & Health Services Counselors.

Studies show that **sexual assault on college campuses is not random** -90% of college rape victims know their attackers.

If you are the victim of a sexual offense on or off campus you have the right to:

- Report the incident to the Department of Public Safety at (256) 372-5555 or 911.
- Report the incident to the local police agency where incident occurred.
- Seek immediate medical attention.
- Pursue criminal charges if you desire.
- Contact the University Counseling & Health Services-(256) 372-5601
- If the alleged offender is an AAMU affiliate, file a complaint under the applicable AAMU disciplinary procedure. The Office of Student Affairs or Human Resources Office can provide guidance.



NO WEAPONS ALLOWED

Weapons Prohibited

The use of and/or the possession of any firearms (including those with a permit), explosives, Tasers, stun-guns and weapons of any kind; are strictly prohibited on AAMU campus, except as required by law or approved University programs.



Drug Free Campus

The use, consumption, distribution, storage, or sale of any alcoholic beverage, or the possession of sealed or unsealed containers of alcoholic beverages on **any** property owned or leased by the University, is prohibited and subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion

It is also unlawful for any student, employee, or visitor to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess or illegally use any controlled substance including marijuana on the campus or under the jurisdiction of Alabama A&M University.

Personal Safety Tips

Although the Department of Public Safety is the primary department at the University charged with creating a safe and secure environment, we cannot do this alone. We need your help:

- LOCK YOUR ROOM & CAR DOORS; NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES IN PLAIN SIGHT.
- SECURE YOUR VALUABLES EVEN WHEN LEAVING YOUR ROOM FOR A MOMENT.
- KNOW WHERE THE CAMPUS BLUE LIGHT PHONES ARE LOCATED.
- USE THE BULLDOG TRANSIT SYSTEM.
- WALK WITH A FRIEND AT NIGHT OR REQUEST AN ESCORT FROM DPS.
- ENGRAVE YOUR LAPTOP AND OTHER ITEMS WITH YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER OR BANNER ID.
- RECORD SERIAL NUMBERS FOR ALL ELECTRONICS AND STORE INFORMATION IN A SAFE PLACE.
- MARK YOUR BOOKS AND DO NOT LEAVE THEM ATTENDED.
- TAKE ALL VALUABLES WITH YOU WHEN TAKING BREAKS IN STUDY OR DINING AREAS.
- WHEN YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS OR NERVOUS, TRUST YOUR FEELINGS AND GO TO A SAFE PLACE IMMEDIATELY.
- TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO RETURN BUT NEVER LEAVE NOTES INDICATING YOUR ABSENCE.
- REGISTER FOR BULLDOG ALERTS.

Remember crime and other problems can occur here just as they do in communities outside the gates of the university. Stay safe and:

“IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING”

CALL 256-372 5555



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Welcome to “**THE HILL**” where service is sovereignty! Please read this brochure and familiarize yourself with the information and services detailed here. We want your experience at A&M University to be rewarding, fun, and safe. If you need us or desire further information please don’t hesitate to call us –we are here to serve you!

The mission of the Alabama A&M University Department of Public Safety (DPS) is to maintain the safety and security of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the University. DPS is a full-service police department that includes police officers, security officers, investigators, dispatchers, and administrative personnel. A&M Police Officers are sworn State Police Officers with the same powers as the Police in your hometown.

Some functions of the Department include:

- responding to criminal incidents
- emergency preparedness
- checking on the welfare of students, faculty, and staff
- responding to disturbances; suspicious activity
- providing escorts to students, faculty, & staff
- filing reports for lost or stolen property
- parking and traffic enforcement
- responding to alarms
- securing campus buildings
- vehicle registration