



Safety Teams

Making a Difference

Xavier is continually exploring ways to enhance its culture of safety. Several years ago, with that in mind, Xavier formed Safety Team 1 to develop recommendations for improving safety on campus. Their recommendations have been implemented. Recently, Safety Team 2 was established for the 2012-13 academic year and is focusing on several key areas including:

1. Culture of Safety
2. Recommended safety enhancements – on and nearby campus
3. Policies and procedures
4. Safety assessment and measurement methodologies
5. Communications
6. Follow through of Safety Team 1 recommendations

Safety Team 1 recommendations implemented across campus include:

1. **Concurrent jurisdiction:** Xavier Police have agreements with Cincinnati and Norwood Police which enables them to patrol streets adjunct/nearby the University and utilize full police powers.
2. **Lighting:** Dozens of new lamp poles have been installed across campus with many of those poles being placed in parking areas.
3. **Assistance phones:** New highly visible blue phones are now strategically placed around campus. These phones connect directly to a police dispatcher and can be used for anything from reporting a crime to asking for help with a flat tire.
4. **Electronic Access:** the residence halls have had electronic access for a number of years, but now many of the classroom and administrative buildings also such access. The system automatically opens and closes each building every day, freeing up Xavier Police who used to do this manually. The system can also control who can and cannot gain access to specific buildings during specific hours.
5. **Video Surveillance:** the University is enhancing its video surveillance by adding a number of new cameras.
6. **XU AlertMe:** this emergency notification system was upgraded in January 2011. It can delivered emergency text messages to thousands of people in less than a minute.
7. **Safety Communications:** messages about safety can be seen about campus in such formats as posters as well as on line in an employee e- newsletter and on the portal.
8. **Employee Safety Training:** employees are being offered enhanced safety training on a number of topics. Building coordinators are receiving additional training.

For more information visit Xavier.edu/safety.