

University of Florida Police Department Student Community Oriented Police Effort (S.C.O.P.E.)

The mission of the University of Florida Police Department is to provide protection and service to the university community. The department is committed to the prevention of crime and the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; and the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees.

With community service as the foundation, the department is driven by goals to enhance the quality of life, investigating problems as well as incidents, seeking solutions, and fostering a sense of security through programs reflecting the needs and desires of the community. The department nurtures public trust by holding itself to the highest standards of performance and ethics.

With this mission in mind, a program was put in place to achieve a better understanding and working relationship between the University of Florida Police Department, the University of Florida Department of Housing and Residence Education, and the resident students.

The goals of the S.C.O.P.E. program are:

- To create a crime prevention partnership between the University of Florida Department of Housing and Residence Education, resident students, and the University of Florida Police Department.
- To increase the visibility of the University of Florida Police Department members throughout the various housing locations.
- To inform housing personnel and resident students of variables influencing the level of crime on campus and recommend crime prevention methods to lower the level of crime in an area.
- To enhance the level of communication between housing personnel, resident students, and the University of Florida Police Department, thereby increasing the level of trust and understanding of one another.

Please visit www.police.ufl.edu and click on "S.C.O.P.E." for further information.



Handling Obscene Or Harassing Phone Calls

A telephone call is considered obscene or harassing if it is received at a location where you have a reasonable expectation of privacy and the caller makes repeated calls or makes any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, vulgar, or indecent.

If you receive harassing or obscene phone calls:

Report obscene or harassing phone calls received on campus to the University of Florida Police Department by calling (352) 392-1111. Report obscene or harassing phone calls received off campus to the Alachua County Combined Communications Center by calling (352) 955-1818. They will connect you with an officer from the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Pay attention to any background noises, the caller's sex, accent, speech pattern, or anything else to aid in identification.

Keep a log of calls received, including dates, times, and details of the calls.

If calls are received on your voicemail or answering machine, save the message(s).

Use the *69 service on your telephone. By pressing *69 the telephone number of the last caller is identified. There is a charge of \$1.25 per use. When you receive an unwanted telephone call, use this service, document the number in your call log, and provide the number to the police.



Security at Off-Campus Residences

Off-campus apartment complexes, townhome/condominium communities, and other multi-family dwellings pose unique problems. Because of the temporary nature of many residents of rent/lease properties, you need to make an extra effort to be aware of your environment. This includes knowledge of what measures your landlord has taken on behalf of your safety.

The Voluntary Inspection Program (VIP) is intended to provide prospective renters with information on residential rental properties and units that have voluntarily agreed to be inspected on the basis of the Community Safety Guidelines. These guidelines were developed through the combined efforts of the Gainesville Apartment Association, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville Police Department, University of Florida Student Government, and the University of Florida Police Department. Residential rental property owners voluntarily request inspections under this program, and only a limited number of rental units are inspected at any one site. Apartment inspections are conducted by specially trained law enforcement officers from one of the following agencies: the University of Florida Police Department, the Gainesville Police Department, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, or the Santa Fe College Police Department.

A list of the guidelines used by the inspectors as well as properties inspected and certified according to these guidelines is available on the UFPD website at http://www.police.ufl.edu/csd/csd_rip_list.asp. This list is subject to change as properties are certified and decertified. Certifications are valid for 2 years.

By participating in the VIP, including the publication of the list, the University of Florida accepts no responsibility for the safety or any other condition of the properties listed. The University of Florida expressly disclaims giving any guarantees, warranties, or any other representations that the properties are safe or recommended. The university does not approve or recommend to students or others any off-campus rental properties listed. Students living off campus must make their own individual and personal choices with regard to the selection of living accommodations.