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OU's campus safer than ever

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"We are very fortunate to enjoy a safe campus at OU," said Chief of Police Samuel Lucido. "Safety is a critical factor students and parents discuss when choosing which university to attend, so we're pleased to be able to offer a safe campus environment as one of the many fine attributes of Oakland."

Lucido said the OUPD believes that high visibility is key, so it has increased its number of officers on parole during high-traffic times such as before and after evening classes. In addition, the OUPD continues to stay up-to-date with the latest technology to keep safety a number one priority.

Community education also is a key factor in keeping crime down. The OUPD offers prevention programs offered on campus, such as general crime prevention, sexual assault prevention, women's self-defense and others.

"Our major goal is to do all that we can to provide a safe atmosphere for our students, faculty and guests," Lucido said. "While we are doing all we can to ensure safety around campus, it is important for students, faculty and staff not to become casual about safety issues."

SUMMARY

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