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OUPD makes suggestions for campus safety

Due to the heightened terrorist threat level issued by the federal government, the **Oakland University Police Department** is asking for your help to keep the campus safe.

"This is really just an issue of being aware of your surroundings, letting the OUPD know of anything or anyone suspicious you see on campus, and keeping your eyes and ears open to what's going on around you," says Chief Samuel Lucido of the OUPD. "Our department is stepping up its visibility on campus both in the patrol cars and on foot."

The OUPD offers these tips for students, faculty and staff to ensure that everyone is doing their part to keep OU safe:

- Do not leave book bags unattended.
- Do not leave your car in illegal parking areas including loading docks and fire lanes.
- Lock all office, classroom and laboratory doors.
- Any outside vendors visiting the university should first check-in with an OU employee in the department for which they are doing work.
- All students, faculty and staff are asked to carry their OU identification card with them at all times while on campus.
- Do not open any suspicious e-mail.
- Any suspicious mail or packages should be reported to the OUPD immediately.

In addition, packages processed through OU Mail Services, Shipping and Receiving and the Copy Stop are required to go through the following precautions that were developed and are followed by the U.S. Post Office and United Parcel Service:

- All outgoing packages will be inspected before they are sealed (the packages should be left open).
- Packages will not be accepted without a return address (both incoming and outgoing).
- Incoming international packages require a signature from the recipient.

"We have no reason to believe that Oakland University would be a target for any terrorist activity," Lucido says. "We just want to be sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our community safe."

In the event something suspicious occurs, please contact the OUPD immediately by calling (248) 370-3331 or 911 from any campus phone.

If you are approached or contacted by a member of the media, please direct them to the Media Relations Department at (248) 370-4346 or (248) 370-4345.

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