Timely Warnings/Emergency Notification Policy Statement

Current campus policy/practice that has been implemented in reference to Timely Warning Notifications to students, faculty and staff includes multiple formats. The Department of Public Safety Services is responsible for Time Warnings that are sent to the campus community. Policy regarding Timely Warning Notifications can be found in the Office of Risk Management in the Annex A publication. Incidents that are deemed to be an emergency that will affect the entire University Community in the immediate and represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees, the KatSafe Emergency Notification System will be implemented (See Emergency Alert Notification Above).

Timely notifications will be made to the University community when a Clery Crime or criminal activity presents an ongoing threat. When a Clery Crime is committed and the incident is deemed to present an ongoing threat to the University Community, a timely warning will be issued. Dependent upon the situation and the immediacy of the notification, multiple formats can be used. The following formats listed below can be used.

Emergency: KatSafe, University webpage, Facebook, Twitter, Siren System, the University Email System, door to door notifications by university officials, postings, loud speaker system in marked university patrol cars.

Non-Emergency: Same as provide above, and University Police Department Webpage subheading Timely Warnings. This webpage will provide information regarding the event that was reported to the University Police Department so that the campus community is aware of incidents that are reported and affect the University Community.

The University Police Department will also partner with Residence Life when crimes occur within the Residential Complexes or on Campus. Postings by Residence Life will direct students to information regarding Timely Warnings for information about crimes that have occurred in residence halls, and our serious will be posted on our website under Timely Warnings. Posting will be made in the residential hall and notifications will also be made by email dependent upon the situation and how the crime is assessed to represent a serious or continuing threat.

The University Police Department works closely with the Huntsville Police Department and the Walker County Sheriff’s Department. When crimes occur that may indirectly or directly affect the campus community, the University Police Department will attempt to provide the best information to the University Community for awareness of incidents that occur outside of the campus.