

University Police Services

Providing a safe campus is a primary goal at Oklahoma State University. The OSU Police Department provides a full range of police resources, including patrol, investigations, crime prevention, facilities security analysis, event planning, training and more. The OSUPD was the first agency in Oklahoma to receive accreditation from the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police. The OSUPD also has a 24-hour 911 dispatch center on campus, connecting our campus community with the resources they need when they need them.

SAFETY RESOURCES FOR OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY

RAVE Guardian: (<https://safety.okstate.edu/safety-resources/rave-guardian.html>) As part of OSU's commitment to campus safety, the campus has adopted Rave Guardian, a free mobile app that turns any smartphone into a personal safety resource for students, faculty and staff — anyone with an Oklahoma State email address. Users can use the app to communicate with dispatchers, send anonymous tips, set a safety timer, access important links and more.

Cowboy Alerts (<https://safety.okstate.edu/safety-resources/cowboy-alert.html>): OSU also has the ability to communicate with the campus community in the event of an emergency. In a situation deemed an emergency, OSU officials will send a message via text or phone call to members of the OSU community with information regarding the event and how they should proceed.

SafeWalk (<https://safety.okstate.edu/police/other-services/safewalk.html>): The SafeWalk program employs and trains students as public service officers to escort anyone from one campus location to another from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week. Need a SafeWalk outside the hours of 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.? Request one. The OSUPD has officers on duty around the clock. They'll be happy to walk with you to your next on-campus destination or to Greek housing, but the timing will depend on the call volume at the time. To request a SafeWalk, call 405-744-6523 or use the Rave Guardian app, your personal safety resource.

Blue Phones: OSU has more than 75 emergency "blue phones" around campus. These phones, which can be used to request immediate help from the police, have been in operation since 1979. However, with the introduction of the Rave Guardian app, everyone has a virtual "blue phone" in their pocket. Blue phones are being phased out gradually as they break and become inoperable.

Security and Access Control

It is OSU's policy to lock the doors of buildings that are not in use, although some buildings on campus are rarely locked, since students study and work on projects all hours of the day and night. During non-open access hours for OSU's residence halls, all doors are locked except the front desk entrance for halls with a staffed front desk.

Community Policing

The OSU Police Department is a leader in community policing, of breaking down the barriers between law enforcement and the people officers serve. We are on a path of continuous improvement and increased integration within our community.

Core Campus Division: The Oklahoma State University Police Department's Core Campus Division embodies the philosophy of

community policing. Officers are assigned to the heart of campus, areas with the highest concentration of students, faculty, staff and guests. Stationing officers in the heart of campus — in areas not easily accessible by roads — has also reduced call response times. The Core Campus Division includes a substation on the second floor of the Student Union (225), where officers can fill out reports, meet with students and be a calming and welcoming presence.

Community Liaisons: The OSUPD is aiming for a new level of community engagement with tailored service to build bridges with specific campus populations. The liaison program pairs officers with athletics teams, OSU's Residential Life and campus community groups that represent underserved or marginalized populations. The goal is to build relationships and foster dialogue between law enforcement and these communities. The liaisons coordinate with the teams, Residential Life and campus groups to offer insight into law enforcement, promote available resources and offer support by being a known point of contact with the OSUPD. In the end, it's all about relationships.

Crime Prevention and Education

The department is committed to reducing crime with thoughtful education and innovative programs to improve the culture and dynamics on campus. Recent efforts include:

- **Training:** OSUPD offers trainings across campus in active shooter response, training on drug and alcohol abuse awareness and the Rape Aggression Defense system, a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance and then progresses to the basics of hands-on self-defense training.
- **Crisis Negotiations Team:** The OSUPD is part of the Stillwater Multi-Jurisdictional Special Operations Team that includes crisis negotiators. Two OSUPD officers have completed the training and respond county-wide when there is a need to diffuse a situation in hopes of a peaceful resolution.

The Clery Act

Interested in crime statistics for the OSU-Stillwater campus? The OSU Public Safety Department publishes the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (<https://safety.okstate.edu/police/clery-act/annual-security-reports.html>) for the three most recent calendar years. The report covers incidents on campus, in or on non-campus buildings or property, and on public property adjacent to OSU. See the report at <http://police.okstate.edu> (<http://police.okstate.edu/>). Request a paper copy by calling the Public Safety Office, writing to OSU Public Safety, 104 USDA Building, Stillwater, OK 74078 or by emailing osupd@okstate.edu.

Need to know more?

Stop by safety.okstate.edu (<https://safety.okstate.edu>) and [police.okstate.edu](https://safety.okstate.edu/police/) (<https://safety.okstate.edu/police/>) to read more about Oklahoma State University Department of Public Safety (<https://safety.okstate.edu/>) and the Oklahoma State University Police Department (<https://safety.okstate.edu/police/>).

Support Services

OSU Sexual Assault Victim Advocates

The university treats the Victim Advocates as a confidential reporting option. Victims can visit with a victim advocate to learn about resources available on campus. A Victim Advocate is not required to report any information about an incident to the Title IX Coordinator without a victim's permission. However, the victim advocate will report incidents,

without personally identifiable information, to OSU Police for the purpose of the Clery Act.

Victim advocates can be reached 24/7 via phone or text at 405-564-2129 or via email at advocate@okstate.edu. The 24-hour help-line (405-624-3020) through Wings of Hope is also an option to access a victim advocate.

Role of University Housing and Residential Life

All hall staff, including Community Mentors, Assistant Residential Community Educators, and Residential Community Educators, continually attend sexual assault training programs, and they learn how to respond to a student who has been victimized by a sexual or physical attack. They have been informed about the resources available.

Role of University Counseling Services

The psychological and emotional trauma after assault can be painful. Possible symptoms include: changes in appetite, sleep disturbances, difficulty focusing on work or school, lack of trust, feelings of guilt or shame, depression, mood swings, and relationship and communication problems. These symptoms are normal reactions to an abnormal situation. University Counseling Services provides individual and group counseling services for those who have experienced sexual or physical assault. Services aim to aid in processing the event, healing, and recovery. Services are available to all Oklahoma State University students. Oklahoma State University is committed to diversity and inclusivity. The Student Counseling Center will provide confidential and respectful services to Oklahoma State Students regardless of race, religion, age, sex, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, or veteran status.