



Community Educational Programs 2019



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Responding to an Active Threat: A Survival Mindset

1 hour or 2 hours

In a classroom and group discussion setting, this course is offered as either a 2 hour or a 1 hour session and includes commonalities in active threat situations, pre-attack indicators, instilling a survival mindset, survival options (Run, Hide, Fight), law enforcement responses, and reporting behaviors of concern. Staff and faculty groups especially are strongly encouraged to schedule a 2 hour block of training as they are often looked to as leaders by the student body and visitors to campus.

Bright Future - Simple Decisions: Alcohol and Other Drug Safety

1.25 hours

In a group discussion setting, this course is designed to develop an awareness of common misconceptions surrounding campus drinking and drug use, gain an understanding of actual college drug use and its consequences, present the signs of alcohol poisoning and how to get help, group discussions on strategies to say “no” to alcohol or drugs in a social setting, and discussions on strategies for intervening when a friend is about to make a dangerous decision involving alcohol or other drugs.



Campus Safety Overview

30 mins or 1 hour

This is a basic program designed to give new community members a framework of UConn’s main campus as a “city within a town” and identify the Division of Public Safety services offered in Storrs. The class will highlight the most common criminal offenses across campus as well as providing general safety strategies to reduce that risk.

Community Policing in the 21st Century

1 hour

This highly interactive program defines two main models of policing in the United States: Traditional and Community Policing. Group discussion identifies potential strengths and challenges of each model and the potential to merge them into more effective policing in any community. Participants will also engage in a group activity where they identify a potential crime within a neighborhood and then act as problem solving agents within that community to address it.



Teambuilding and Communication Workshops **2+ hours**

This fun, activity and game based program is designed to highlight interpersonal and group communication skills. It can be used in a variety of disciplines or as a basis for identifying the importance of communication skills as a core component of personal safety, bystander intervention techniques, and healthy relationships. Participants will identify the ways in which people communicate and discuss effective message delivery. Participants will also

identify potential barriers to effective communication. They will then break into smaller activity groups to play games designed to highlight different forms of communication.

General Campus Safety and Risk Reduction Strategies

1 hour

In a group discussion setting, participants will identify risks they may face in daily life and discuss risk reduction strategies. Participants will understand the importance of risk awareness, recognition, reduction, and avoidance. Through group discussion, participants will develop risk recognition specific to general campus life, at parties, in residences, online, and in dating situations. The group will discuss ways to reduce those risks they self-identify.

International Student Orientation

30 mins or 1 hour

This program is a specialized overview of police services and safety tailored for international students and scholars. It includes a general overview of the UConn Police Department and its services, how to call 911, emergency alerts, general personal safety on campus, driving in Connecticut, and legal topics. We also understand that policing is different all over the world so we discuss interacting with the police in the United States.

New Student Orientations

30 mins

Officers will guide new students through an overview of safety on their respective campuses, the UConn Police Services in their area, and topical discussion on areas of interest. This program is specifically tailored to each of UConn's campuses.

Police and the Use of Force

1 hour

In a classroom setting, participants will learn the broadly applicable aspects of police use of force in modern American society as well as several specific areas of law governing police use of force at the Federal and State level. Particular focus is given to *Graham v. Connor*, *Tennessee v. Garner*, and Connecticut statutory authorizations for force. Participants will learn the basic concepts of practical police force application through continual assessment of individual circumstances as well as the types of force used by police. The group will also engage in a discussion of the physiological effects of stress and danger within a combat situation and how this effects force.

Public Safety Overview for New Residential Staff

1 hour

This program provides new residential staff a basis of understanding of the services and responsibilities of members of the Division of Public Safety across UConn. The course will introduce staff to police and fire department roles and jurisdictions, how to obtain emergency and non-emergency help, and certain on-scene protocols for each department.

Self Defense Classes

12 hours

This 12 hour class is usually broken down into 3 and 4 hour blocks, educates women and men in gender identity specific programs about defensive strategies using simple and effective tactics and a unique teaching methodology. This comprehensive course progresses from awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance to basic self-defense participation. The student class features various guest speakers from our on-campus and local partners.



This course is offered throughout the year and general sessions are announced on our website and through the UConn Daily Digest. We also can work to schedule a special program for your group. Please note that any self-defense class requires practice time and physical exertion. The Police Department cannot offer self-defense classes of fewer hours than listed. If you would like general safety programming, please visit the www.publicsafety.uconn.edu/self-defense for more information.

START a Conversation

1 hour or 1.5 hours

The START a Conversation program aims to get the participants discussing a wide range of topics surrounding social issues wherein people can be physically or emotionally harmed. The conversations are guided by videos of scripted scenarios as they relate to strategies to intervene on behalf of one another to create a safer, more respectful society. The participants are shown videos and engaged in facilitated discussion about intervention strategies in a safe, culturally aware and diverse environment.

Understanding Bias and Hate Crimes

1 hour

In a classroom setting, this program is designed to allow participants to understand the definition of a hate and bias crime, discuss one’s freedom of speech and the people’s right to assembly while identifying the difference of hate speech. This class will give participants an understanding of law enforcement’s roll when protecting those rights and while enforcing hate crime laws. Participants will discuss the negative effects and impact bias and hate crimes have on the persons and or community involved and discuss ways the community can provide support and service for victims and hate crimes and targets of hateful speech.

We Stand Up - Men Preventing Violence against Women

1.5 hours

We Stand Up - Men Preventing Violence against Women is designed to engage men and self-identified men to serve/act as a key component in reducing violence against women. Participants will engage in group discussion and analysis of examples of men they respect, healthy masculinity, unhealthy behaviors, and strategies to engage peers in reducing violence against women.

Workplace Safety

1 hour

This classroom presentation is designed to give employees basic safety guidelines in the workplace. Participants will learn to identify and report suspicious behavior. Specific topics include safe cash handling procedures, responding to and reporting suspicious packages and threatening phone calls, as well as evacuation protocols. Participants will learn how to deal with disruptive people and when to call 911. A brief introduction to the “Run, Hide, Fight” model of active threat scenarios will be discussed. Understanding the specific language used in alert messages will also be discussed.

Workplace Violence: Recognition and Prevention

1 hour /1.5 hours

This classroom presentation encourages participants to end violence in the workplace through awareness and commitment to action. Participants will be introduced to the workplace violence spectrum and the flash point for violence in the workplace. They will gain an understanding of behaviors of concern and possible roots of violence spilling into the workplace from stalking and domestic violence. Participants will be introduced to the State and UConn workplace violence policies and how to report behaviors of concern before violence occurs.



Requesting a Class

The Community Outreach Unit of the UConn Police Department makes every attempt to have a flexible schedule and meet individual programming requests. However, our calendar does fill up quickly so we recommend a two week lead time to have the greatest flexibility of scheduling. To request a program, email PDStartTeam@uconn.edu or call the Community Outreach Unit at 860-486-2375. You can also request classes online at <http://publicsafety.uconn.edu/police/education-and-programs/education-and-crime-prevention-programs/>

Police Department Tours

Group tours of the UConn Police Department Headquarters in Storrs are available upon request. Tours last for 15-20 minutes and are subject to limited availability. If you'd like to schedule a tour, please email PDStartTeam@uconn.edu.

Special Programs

Citizen's Police Academy

The UConn Police Department sponsors an annual Citizen's Police Academy in Storrs during the fall academic semester. The academy is held for approximately eleven weeks and each course lasts approximately 3 hours. The purpose of the academy is to create better understanding and



communication between the police department and the community through education.

UConn students, staff, faculty and Town of Mansfield residents are eligible to apply. The academy is open to a limited number of people who will be selected after a background screening is conducted, which may include a criminal history check, personal reference check and interview.

The courses are designed to move quickly and be informative as well as interesting. Several courses will consist of practical, hands-on training. A 'ride-a-long' with a UConn Police Officer while on duty will be

available during the program. Some of the topics to be discussed include motor vehicle law, DUI law, narcotics, patrol procedures, K-9 demonstration, crime scene forensics, critical incident management, use of force and firearms safety.

EDUCATION AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Please take a look through our catalogue of offerings and complete a Programming Request Form.

- Citizen's Police Academy
- Safety on Campus
- First Year Experience Classes
- New Student Orientation
- International Student Orientation
- Workplace Violence Reduction Program
- Workplace Safety
- Alcohol Drug Assessment & DUI Laws
- Responding to an Active Threat

This program focuses on the phenomenon of active threats in our society with a focus on mass shootings and active threats. The program aims to educate and empower students involved in universities. It includes emergency notification on campus, definitions of threats, behaviors of concern, building a survival mindset, preparation and response techniques, skills for recognizing, understanding and responding to active threat scenarios, and prevention techniques. **Block 1001 - 1001: Active Threat On Campus: When a Warning Siren by the Center for Personal Protection is Sounded, This One Rescues a Victim.**

Click here to fill 2 hours.

Custom Programming

PROGRAMMING REQUEST FORM

If you are interested in holding an educational experience with the UConn Police Department, please complete the form below. Be sure to complete all areas so we can better meet your programming needs. The UConn Community Outreach Unit reserves the right to shift requests on a first-come, first-served basis for 50 or more participants. Program availability is subject to availability of police personnel. Please allow at least 4 weeks prior to the desired presentation date as our calendar fills up quickly.

Program Requested *

Name of Course/Event *

Police Community Challenge (PCC)

The UConn PCC is a community building challenge course program co-hosted by the UConn Police Department and UConn Department of Student Activities. Community members and police officers participate side-by-side in activities and initiatives at the **UConn Four Arrows Challenge Course**.



Based upon the Police Youth Challenge Program (PYC) from

Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound School and the **Baltimore Police Department**, the UConn PCC provides a chance to intentionally bring community members and police officers together in a neutral setting outside of the traditional police service roles. This gives the two groups the opportunity to become one and learn more about each another as individual people. Hosted within a setting of adventure education, the group is offered opportunities to engage in fun and experiential activity as they build trust, develop communication channels, create social bonds, and more. These events are jointly facilitated by trained members of the Four Arrows program and the UConn Police Department who ensure a safe and open environment of personal and community exploration where every participant can feel welcome.

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The UConn PCC also conducts participant perception surveys before and after each event. These surveys are designed to determine each individual's perception of the "other" group and assess if the UConn PCC program is an effective means of changing those perceptions and increasing community satisfaction with the police and enhance police officer skills in community engagement.

Experiential adventure programs are designed to give all participants skills in problem solving through practical and concrete experience and the UConn PCC facilitation team works with the group in dedicated reflection periods to help translate the skills learned during the PCC experience into real world community problem solving. Community members and police officers leave with a new set of connections and skills to create a safer and more socially-close UConn community.

Who can participate in the UConn PCC?

Any student organization, staff/faculty group, or community agency can participate alongside the members of the UConn Police Department. The UConn PCC is actively looking for partner groups and departments to engage with officers. A group is expected to have 8-10 members willing to participate in a day-long challenge course at the Four Arrows facility in Storrs, CT. The UConn Police Department will assign the same number of officers to the event. Each and every participant will be asked to assist the UConn PCC mission by giving approximately 20 total minutes of their time to complete online perception questionnaires before and after the event.

If you would like to find out more about the UConn Police Community Challenge initiative or participate in a course with us, please email PDSTARTteam@uconn.edu.



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