# PUBLIC SAFETY 2023 YEAR-END REPORT



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This is our second end of year report. I am incredibly proud of the work of Public Safety team members in service to our community in 2023. Our continued progress is a direct result of their dedication and partnership with the community. I am extremely grateful to our students, who continue to engage with us, provide thoughtful feedback and entrust us with their safety. Policing at an institution of higher education is both challenging and rewarding. As we continue to



realign expectations on community policing, we will focus our resources on ensuring the safety and security of the campus. We will continue to meet the law enforcement-related needs of our students and the campus community at large.

This report highlights statistics and key initiatives from the past year. As we enter 2024, I encourage the members of our community to continue to engage with us and take advantage of training opportunities we offer on a multitude of safety topics. We look forward to continuing our growth, progress and community engagement over the next year.

With appreciation,

Anthony Morgan Chief of Public Safety The statistics in the chart below show calls for service information and crimes reported to and investigated by Public Safety. Clery-reportable violations reported by Campus Security Authorities to include Title IX and Residential Advisors in which Public Safety was not involved are not included.

	2022	2023
ТҮРЕ	TOTAL	TOTAL
Calls for Service (ALL)	10,332	12,581
Parking	446 (34 vehicles towed in fall 2022*; 7,592 total citations)	421 (vehicles towed 125, 4,402 citations)
Safe Escorts	417	663
Foot Patrol	1,367	3,141
Criminal Mischief	130	59
Burglary	1	0
Theft	60	53
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0
Noise Complaints	65	44
Check Welfare	67	75
Alarms	2,107	2,184
Unlocks	1,495	1,334
Drug Violations	24	14
Found Property	101	99
Stalking	1	1
Sexual Assault	1 (reported to Public Safety out of 17 reported to Title IX and the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Advocacy Coordinator)	3 (reported to Public Safety out of 21 reported to Title IX and the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Advocacy Coordinator)
Harassment (Assault)	8	14

\* Towing program was implemented in fall 2023.

#### **New Initiatives**



**Safety App.** We launched the BSAFE app in the fall of 2023. The BSAFE app allows phones to act as a mobile blue light if users choose to enable the location feature. By tapping the blue light function button, community members can ask Public Safety to respond immediately to their location. The app's other functions allow users to:

- · Report a tip to Public Safety and add photos or video to aid in our response and investigation.
- Request a "friend walk," which allows them to share their location and have a friend or family member virtually follow them to their destination. They can also trigger a call to emergency services if needed.
- Use a "social escape" feature to provide assistance in getting to a safe location if they need to leave an uncomfortable or awkward situation.



Therapy Dog. We welcomed Deputy Diggs as our firstever therapy dog. The idea for a Public Safety therapy dog first came from students, along with Deputy Diggs'

owner, Kelly Pastuszek, a financial aid assistant. Deputy Diggs was introduced to new students this year during a Public Safety orientation session and has been out on patrol on several shifts with Community Service Officer Bonnie Rake.

**CPR Training.** In 2023 three department members became certified in CPR and first aid training. This allows us to offer training to the campus community on this critical life safety technique. We hosted several classes last year and look forward to hosting more.

Active Shooter Response Drill. Last summer we hosted Bucknell's first-ever active shooter drill on campus with area first responder agencies. This created an opportunity for law enforcement and select fire personnel to get to know a campus space and work with us on our response to a violent critical incident.

Card Services Transition. In late 2023 Card Services transitioned from the Office of Residence Life to Public Safety. This move expanded hours of access for community members and increased Public Safety's control over card functions for safety and security. We will look at further expanding access to this control based on risk-related needs.

QR Codes for Training. We continue to offer a wide variety of trainings for Bucknell employees and students and have implemented the use of QR codes in our training request process, streamlining the registration process.

Virtual Reality Training Technology. We purchased new virtual reality technology to provide realistic training for officers and better prepare them to respond to emergency situations.

Safety Information for New Students. We partnered with our Student Affairs colleagues for the first time in New Student Orientation, where we presented safety-related information to all first-year students and participated in tabling events.

License Plate Recognition. We implemented license plate recognition technology to streamline our parking enforcement practices and provide broader coverage of campus parking lots.





The following QR codes were created this past year to make it easier for students and employees to access or share information. As we move forward, we will continue to seek improved ways to communicate with the campus community.



















#### TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF

Any municipal or campus police agency that has a great reputation with the community it serves almost always has a great training program. Great community policing is a by-product of a well-trained department. In the recommendations from the Margolis Healy Report, the focus on training was spot on. We are putting in place a foundation of training so that it will become the culture of Public Safety. Over the past year we engaged in over <u>700 hours of departmental training</u>. At a foundational level we utilize PoliceOne for Online training. We can assign staff training modules to complete that range in time from 10 minutes to four hours. We have also engaged internal campus experts to provide contemporary training related to diversity, equity and inclusion. That training series is open-ended, and we will engage in the curriculum for the next several years. The information below highlights of some of the training staff have engaged in over the past year:

- 1. 2023 Legal Update
- 2. Sexual Assault Symposium
- 3. Crisis Intervention training
- 4. Use of Force
- 5. Firearms Range Training
- 6. De-escalation Training
- 7. Crisis Intervention
- 8. Clery Act
- 9. Ableism sessions facilitated by Dr. Jocelyn Scott and Dr. Lakeisha Meyer/Additional Cultural Awareness training
- 10. FBI-Leeda Supervisory Course
- 11. Active Shooter Response
- 12. See Safety Networks designed by Deputy Director Colbey Russell
- 13. Constitutional and Community Policing
- 14. Human Fatigue in 24/7 Operations
- 15. Domestic Violence Intervention Training for Dispatchers
- 16. Campus Ally Training facilitated by Assistant Director Kristin Gibson
- 17. The Complexities of Patrolling College Campuses

We hosted the following training for the campus community in 2023 using our internal instructors. The class and number of sessions held are below.

TRAINING	SESSIONS
Narcan	12
CPR/Basic First Aid	10
Personal Self-defense	7
ALICE	12
Situational Awareness	4
De-escalation	2

### **Community Engagement**

**Building authentic relationships** among all members of Public Safety and the community continues to be a focus. We have invested time, energy and effort into getting to know our community. Effective policing occurs when there is trust and synergy between law enforcement and the community we serve. We know that not all campus incidents are reported. In time, the seeds we are planting today to enhance communication and dialogue will help make more members of our community feel comfortable enough to report incidents to us. A few of the events of the past year highlight our commitment to meet members of the community where they are and get to know them during non-crisis moments. Highlighted below are some events from the past year:

- Deputy Diggs' Graduation
- Dunk Tank
- Canoe Battleship
- Greek Life Trick-or-Treat
- Coffee with a Cop
- Public Safety vs. Students Volleyball Game

- Event Collaboration with Student Government
- Lewisburg National Night Out
- Public Safety Student Advisory Committee
- University Intramural Softball League
- "What Happens Next?" cosponsored with SpeakUp
- "Lunch & Learn Series" cosponsored with Title IX and the IPV Office

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Please enjoy the photos highlighting our engagement efforts.



## Community Engagement



