

# PUBLIC SAFETY

2024 YEAR-END REPORT





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As I start my third year at Bucknell, I am grateful. The work of my team members within the Department of Public Safety, our partnerships with colleagues across campus and our relationship with students all took positive steps forward during the past year.



Our campus faced some significant challenges in 2024 that provided opportunities for growth. Please know we continue to take the responsibility of safeguarding our community seriously. We will continue to find pathways to strengthen existing relationships and build new ones to improve campus safety. We took additional steps to improve our operational efficiency and resiliency, always keeping as our north star the importance of building, maintaining and enhancing relationships with our community. We each have a role to play in ensuring Bucknell remains a safe place to learn, live and work, and we appreciate your partnership and support.

This report highlights statistics and key initiatives from the past year. As we move into 2025, I encourage community members to engage with us and take advantage of the many resources we offer. We hope the community is getting more comfortable utilizing the BSAFE app and its safety resources, which we will continue to expand with new information and videos.

We are here for you. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

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	2024
TYPE	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
Calls for Service (ALL)	10,332	12,581	14,527
Parking	446 (34 vehicles towed in fall 2022*; 7,592 total citations)	421 (vehicles towed 125, 4,402 citations)	245 (vehicles towed 108, 4,647 citations)
Safe Escorts	417	663	140
Foot Patrol	1,367	3,141	6,304
Criminal Mischief	130	59	67
Burglary	1	0	1
Theft	60	53	71
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0
Noise Complaints	65	44	39
Check Welfare	67	75	69
Alarms	2,107	2,184	1,923
Unlocks	1,495	1,334	2,146
Drug Violations	24	14	15
Found Property	101	99	82
Stalking	1	1	3
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)	2 (reported to Public Safety out of 14 reported to Title IX and the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Advocacy Coordinator)
Harassment (Assault)	8	14	14
Traffic Stops	N/A	N/A	236 (79 citations)

\* Towing program was implemented in fall 2022.



**Toys for Tots**

For the first time we partnered with students to donate toys to this worthy program. During the month of December, students had the option to have a parking citation waived if they provided a book or toy. Some students without parking citations even brought in items to donate. We look forward to extending this opportunity to give back to our community in 2025.

**ABLE Program**

The Active Bystander for Law Enforcement (ABLE) program is a national hub for training, technical assistance and research, all to create a police culture in which officers keep each other accountable by intervening — and accepting interventions — as necessary to prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes and promote officer wellness. Two team members become certified instructors in this program, which aligns with our commitment to de-escalation.



**ICAT**

An innovative, evidence-based approach to use-of-force training, ICAT provides first-responding police officers with the tools, skills and options they need to defuse a range of critical incidents successfully and safely. The Police Executive Research Forum developed ICAT with input from hundreds of law enforcement professionals nationwide.

**Pilot Weapons Detection and AI**

We partnered with MIDL for a pilot on AI weapons and threat detection. Running the program over selected cameras allowed us to better understand this technology and how it can safeguard the campus community. The program offers many other benefits that can reduce the time officers spend scanning various cameras when crimes occur on campus.



**Public Safety Advisory Council**

While some founding student members graduated in 2024, a new group of students have joined the council to ensure the department hears student voices and concerns. Assistant Director Jamie Grobes leads this council, which consists entirely of students. Their valuable input and insight help us to be more thoughtful in our approach to safety and use of resources.

**Partnership in Classrooms**

We worked with two faculty members to engage students in worthwhile projects. We worked with students to design a trauma-informed interview room. The concepts discussed will be utilized to create an interview space that better meets the needs of survivors of traumatic events. We also worked with students on a survey to help us better understand their perceptions of crime on campus and the best methods of sharing information with them.

**BSAFE App**

We added more videos and made improvements to the app based on feedback from the community. We hope community members continue to utilize this safety resource.





BASED ON STUDENT FEEDBACK





## TRAINING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF

Any municipal or campus police agency with a great reputation with its community almost always has a great training program. Great community policing is a byproduct of a well-trained department. The 2022 Margolis Healy Report’s 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.

In 2024, we engaged in over 2,100 hours of departmental training. At a foundational level, we utilize **PoliceOne** for online training. We can assign staff training modules ranging 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 some of the training our staff have engaged in over the past year.

1. Mental Health First Aid
2. Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics
3. FBI LEEDA Trilogy (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association)
4. Northwestern University School of Staff and Command
5. Sexual Assault Investigation Certification
6. FBI Bomb Threat and Swatting Hoax
7. Adaptive Leadership
8. Navigating Crisis for Dispatch
9. PSP Critical Listening and Multitasking
10. Violent Critical Incident
11. DEI Training with Bucknell staff experts
12. Internal 11-week Leadership Series
13. Tactical Casualty Care
14. 2024 Legal Updates
15. Campus Ally Training with Bucknell staff experts



We hosted the following trainings for the campus community in 2024 using our internal instructors. The class and number of sessions held are below.

TRAINING	NUMBERS
Narcan	1,524 kits distributed to the community
CPR/Basic First Aid	178 members of the Bucknell community trained
ALICE – Active Shooter Response	20 trainings with departments
Personal Self-defense	3
Deputy Diggs Events	18



All members of Public Safety are dedicated to fostering relationships with our community during non-crisis moments. Our presence at athletics events, plays and in the ELC reflects our intentional efforts to build trust one interaction at a time. We believe that strengthening the bond between the community and law enforcement is a daily objective. Below is a snapshot of initiatives aimed at meeting our community in a supportive manner that nurtures connections and creates pathways of mutual respect.

- Dunk Tank
- Canoe Battleship
- Coffee with a Cop
- Pie a Peace Safe Officer with the Freeman College of Management
- Halloween event
- Polar Bear Plunge
- Kappa Klassic Golf Tournament
- Greek Life games
- Fireside Chat outside McDonnell Hall
- Meet-and-greet events with food in the ELC

Please enjoy these photos highlighting some of our engagement efforts.





