

2020 UF Alert Summary & After-Action Report



Overview

The University of Florida (UF) strives to provide effective emergency notification and timely warning systems for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The system, branded as UF Alert, is consistently reviewed and measured for performance. When a significant emergency or dangerous situation is immediately occurring or threatening the campus's health and safety, an **emergency notification** is issued. A **timely warning** is sent when the incident represents a serious or continuing, but not immediate, threat to students and/or employees. Messages are triggered by reports or confirmations of incidents within the University's Clery Act-defined geography. These boundaries include "reasonably contiguous" areas of campus and public sidewalks, streets, and opposite sidewalks along the campus borders.

UF Alert has five subscription areas:

- System-wide – The **UF Alert-Systemwide** service area provides notification to all locations regarding significant impacts to University operations or schedules.
- Gainesville – The **UF Alert-Gainesville** service area includes the University campus and other Gainesville facilities such as East Campus.
- Shands – The **UF Alert-Shands** service area comprises the UF Health Shands Hospital complex on and adjacent to the University.
- Lake Nona - The **UF Alert-Lake Nona** service area covers the UF Lake Nona Research & Academic Center Facility near Orlando, Florida.
- Jacksonville – The **UF Alert-Jacksonville** service area supports the UF Health Center in Jacksonville, Florida.

Summary of Calendar Year 2020 UF Alert Messages

UF issued a total of eighty-two (82) messages covering thirty-four (34) separate incidents during the year. Of those incidents, twenty-four (24) involved UF Alert-Gainesville, one (1) for UF Alert-Shands, one (1) for UF Alert-Lake Nona, seven (7) for UF Alert-Jacksonville, and one (1) for UF Alert-Systemwide. Included in the overall total is ten (10) Timely Warnings, four (4) Campus Safety Alerts issued by Jacksonville and four (4) test messages, one from each location. Table 1 below lists the incident subject along with the number of associated messages, date issued and the specific UF Alert recipient group. Message content for each of the notifications is documented in *Attachment 1*.

Table 1: UF Alerts Issued During the Calendar Year 2020

Incident Subject	Number of Messages	Date Issued	UF Alert Recipient Group
Armed Robbery – 2701 SW 13th Street	3	01/04/20	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – 1206 W University Avenue	4	01/08/20	Gainesville
Shots Fired – UF Veterinary Medicine	5	01/17/20	Gainesville

Timely Warning (Assault and Sexual Battery) – 2500 block of SW 35th Place and 1801 NW 23rd Avenue	1	02/14/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Robbery) – 914 SW 8th Avenue	1	03/08/20	Gainesville
Strong Arm Robbery – 1620 W University Avenue	3	03/18/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Sexual Battery) – 2701 SW 13th Street	1	03/28/20	Gainesville
Shots Fired – 3301 SW 13th Street	3	04/13/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Sexual Battery) – Bat House on Museum Road	1	04/18/20	Gainesville
Shots Fired – 1901 SW 13th Street	6	07/13/20	Gainesville
Campus Safety Alert (Flood) – UF Health Jacksonville	1	08/11/20	Jacksonville
Campus Safety Alert (Bicycle Theft) – Proton Building/M-Lot	1	08/14/20	Jacksonville
Campus Safety Alert (Theft) – UF Health Jacksonville	1	08/17/20	Jacksonville
Armed Person – Alfred Ring Tennis Pavilion	4	08/29/20	Gainesville
Armed Robber – 3027 SW Archer Road	4	08/30/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Rape) – Unknown [By Victim] Fraternity House	1	08/31/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Police Presence) – Dr. Roy Baker Drive near M-Lot	2	09/12/20	Jacksonville
Building Fire – Norman Hall	3	09/14/20	Gainesville
Campus Safety Alert (Armed Person) – Darnel-Cookman School of the Medical Arts	3	09/16/20	Jacksonville
Shots Fired – 1000 W University Avenue	4	09/26/20	Gainesville

Shots Fired – 912 W University Avenue	3	10/25/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Motor Vehicle Theft) – South Parking Garage	1	11/03/20	Jacksonville
Timely Warning (Sexual Assault) – On-Campus Housing Facility	1	11/03/20	Gainesville
Tropical Storm Eta Closure	1	11/11/20	Systemwide
UF Alert Test	1	11/17/20	Jacksonville
UF Alert Test	1	11/17/20	Gainesville
UF Alert Test	1	11/17/20	Shands
UF Alert Test	1	11/17/20	Lake Nona
Armed Person – 2701 SW 13th Street	3	11/23/20	Gainesville
Armed Person – 914 SW 8th Avenue	4	11/23/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning (Vehicle Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault) – 2000 W University Avenue	1	12/10/20	Gainesville
Timely Warning – 311 SW 13th Street	1	12/13/20	Gainesville
Armed Robber – 250 NW 13th Street and 1024 W University Avenue	9	12/20/20	Gainesville
Shots Fired – 3521 SW 19th Avenue	2	12/23/20	Gainesville

UF Alert Users Training

Users of the UF Alert system, who are authorized to send messages, are provided regular education and training. For UF Strategic Communications and Marketing and the Lake Nona Research and Academic Center (RAC), UF Department of Emergency Management (UFDEM) conducts training, requiring users to log in and initiate a test message. UF Police Communications Operators (PCOs) complete a monthly test administrated by the Police Communications Manager. PCOs must demonstrate proficiency on InformaCast as well as Blackboard Connect. All new operators are presented with an overview training, outlining the UF Alert program and specific details of sending a message. Following an actual UF Alert, the sending PCO is provided with a written quality assurance review of performance and message wording. The purpose of the regular testing and training is to address and improve the human

component behind commencing an emergency notification. UF Health Shands is responsible for training authorized senders for UF Alert-Shands.

UF Alert Annual Test Results

In accordance with UF's *Annual Security Report*, as well as the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*, a coordinated test is conducted a minimum of once per year. In 2020, all UF-Alert locations conducted their annual drill on the same day at organized times. The drill activated all notification methods available for the respective areas. UF Alert-Gainesville and UF Alert-Lake Nona used text messaging, email, VoIP mass notification, social media, web and RSS. UF Alert-Shands and UF Alert-Jacksonville employed text messages and email. Each test sent notifications directed to subscribers of their specific UF Alert location. The UFDEM Assistant Director initiated the message, including the audio portion for UF Alert-Gainesville. The Lake Nona RAC Associate Director of Operations directed the message and audio for their respective location. UF Health Shands Contact Center commenced the text message and email for UF Alert-Shands, and similarly the Director of Security and Parking relayed the text message and email for UF Alert-Jacksonville.

SMS/Text Messaging – Gainesville

Text messaging is sent through an interface with the University's SMS vendor, Blackboard Connect. The UF Alert-Gainesville test message was initiated at 10:27 AM via InformaCast and completed by 10:41 AM. 64,122 of 72,495 (88%) of selected contacts were reached, with 64,012 of 68,293 (94%) device deliveries confirmed. Reasons individuals do not receive the messages include opting out, invalid phone number, and use of an international number. This performance is on par with 2019, as depicted in Table 2. A detailed breakdown of the delivery results is provided in Table 3.

Table 2: Gainesville Annual Test Performance Comparison of Text Message Device Deliveries

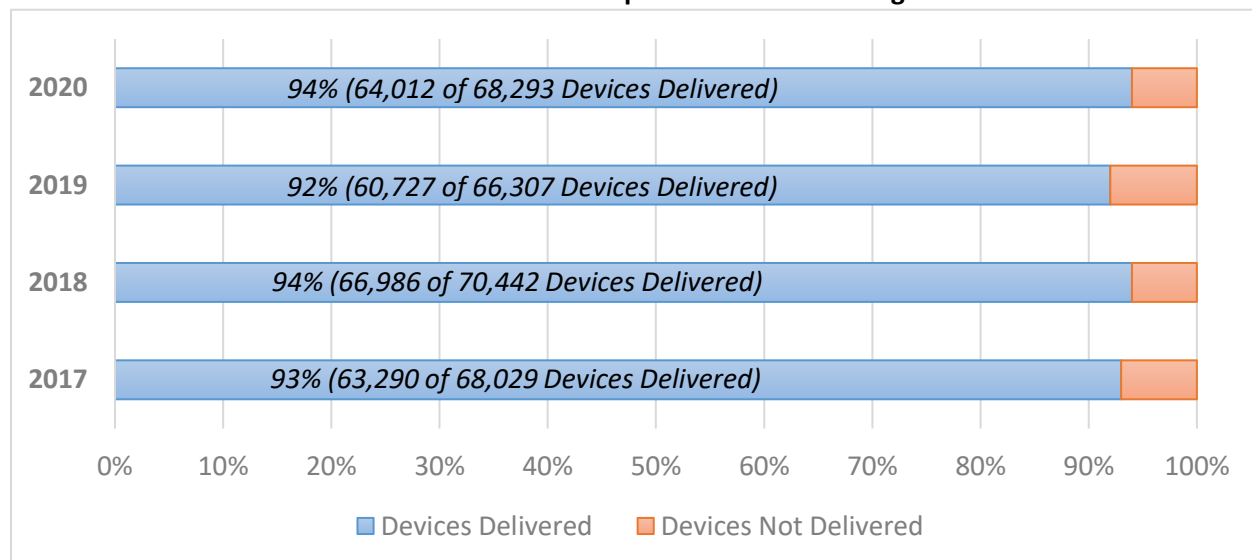


Table 3: Gainesville SMS/Text Message Detailed Device Delivery Rates for November 2020 Exercise

	Number of Devices	Percentage of Total
Text Email Sent	1,616	2%
Sent to Carrier	2,478	4%
Delivery Confirmed	59,770	88%
Status Unavailable	148	0%
Text Not Sent	76	0%
Text Opted-Out	3,277	5%
Text pending Opt-In	446	1%
Invalid Text Phone	156	0%
International Text Not Enabled	295	0%
Text Deactivated	31	0%
	Total = 68,293	Total = 100%

SMS/Text Messaging – UF Health Shands

The UF Alert-Shands test message was initiated at 1:00 PM via InformaCast and completed by 2:00 PM. UF Alert-Shands successfully reached 16,818 of 18,151 (93%) subscribers, with 16,788 of 17,804 (94%) device deliveries confirmed. As depicted in Table 4, these results are inline with 2019 performance. Detailed device delivery rates are outlined in Table 5.

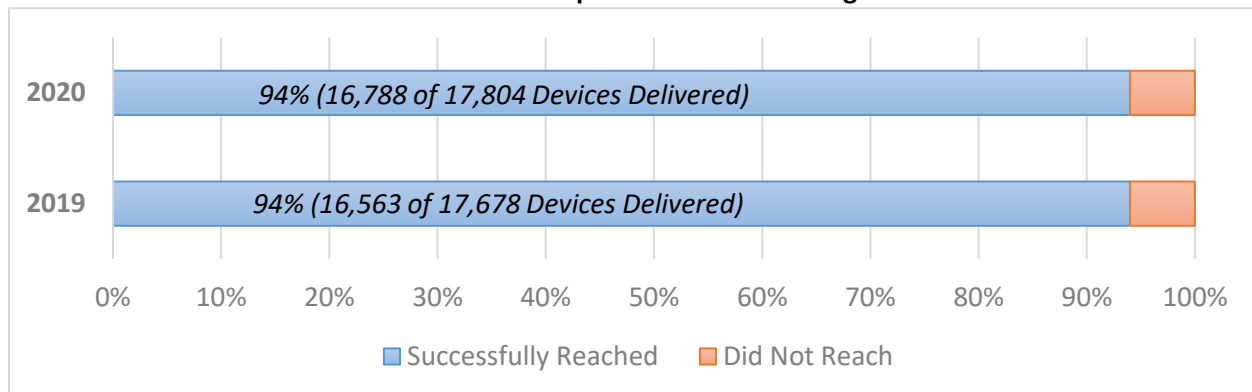
Table 4: Shands Annual Test Performance Comparison of Text Message Device Deliveries

Table 5: Shands SMS/Text Message Detailed Device Delivery Rates for November 2020 Drill

	Number of Devices	Percentage of Total
Text Email Sent	509	3%
Sent to Carrier	414	2%
Delivery Confirmed	15,823	89%
Status Unavailable	42	0%
Text Not Sent	23	0%
Text Opted-Out	794	4%
Text pending Opt-In	69	0%
Invalid Text Phone	61	0%
International Text Not Enabled	62	0%
Text Deactivated	7	0%
	Total = 17,804	Total = 100%

SMS/Text Messaging – Lake Nona RAC

The UF Alert-Lake Nona test message was initiated at 3:02 PM via InformaCast and completed by 3:10 PM. UF Alert-Lake Nona successfully reached 1,953 of 2,204 (89%) subscribers, with 1,952 of 2,110 (93%) device deliveries confirmed. Detailed device delivery rates are listed in Table 6.

Table 6: Lake Nona SMS/Text Message Detailed Device Delivery Rates for November 2020 Drill

	Number of Devices	Percentage of Total
Text Email Sent	34	2%
Sent to Carrier	75	4%
Delivery Confirmed	1828	87%
Status Unavailable	15	.5%
Text Not Sent	1	0%
Text Opted-Out	107	5%
Text pending Opt-In	21	.5%
Invalid Text Phone	6	0%
International Text Not Enabled	23	1%
Text Deactivated	0	0%
	Total = 2,110	Total = 100%

SMS/Text Messaging – UF Health Jacksonville

Text messaging for UF Alert-Jacksonville utilized a separate notification vendor, Everbridge. The test message was initiated at 9:30 AM and completed by 12:30 PM. UF Alert-Jacksonville reached 10,376 of 10,567 (98%) subscribers, with 1,165 of 10,567 (11%) individuals confirming receipt of message. Detailed delivery rates are documented in Table 7.

Table 7: Jacksonville SMS/Text Message Detailed Device Delivery Rates for November 2020 Drill

	Number of Devices	Percentage of Total
Confirmed	1,165	11%
Confirmed Late	46	0%
Unreachable	191	2%
Not Confirmed	9,165	87%
	Total = 10,567	Total = 100%

Email – Gainesville

Table 8 compares UF Alert-Gainesville email delivery execution against recent annual tests. Email distribution was completed in four (4) minutes during the 2020 exercise.

Table 8: Gainesville Annual Test Comparison of Email Deliveries During Initial Five (5) Minutes

	Minute 1	Minute 2	Minute 3	Minute 4	Minute 5
2020	11,397	34,743	20,905	18	0
2019	1,716	29,065	26,945	10,936	11
2018	6,621	7,927	8,053	6,022	5,825
2017	67,544	77	1	2	1
2016	65,003	19	57	1	40

Email – UF Health Shands

The UF Alert-Shands email was sent to 9,075 subscribers within the first minute. This performance is inline with 2019 observations.

Table 9: Shands Annual Test Comparison of Email Deliveries During Initial Five (5) Minutes

	Minute 1	Minute 2	Minute 3	Minute 4	Minute 5
2020	9,075	0	0	0	0
2019	9,852	150	0	0	0

Email – Lake Nona

The UF Alert-Lake Nona test email was sent to 1,931 subscribers and completed within one (1) minute.

Email – Jacksonville

Email performance data was not available for UF Alert-Jacksonville.

VoIP Mass Notification – Gainesville

A test audio and text message was sent to IP devices (telephones and speakers) maintained by the two campus telephone providers – Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Housing & Residence Education. At the time of the test, UF maintained 17,348 IP devices connected to the InformaCast system.

Performance improved slightly from the 2019 test for devices connected to the ICT server. Activation failures decreased from 4,169 to 32 devices. Housing & Residence Education device performance was

poor during the drill due to on-going IT issues. UFIT is in the process of migrating these Housing devices to the ICT server, which should resolve the issues.

Table 10: Detailed Results of IP Device Performance During November 2020 Exercise

	Information and Communication Technology	Housing & Residence Education
Number of activation attempts	16,807	541
Number of activation successes	16,775	230
Number of activation failures	32	311
Authentication errors	0	66
Network errors	0	243
Unknown errors	32	2
Average time to activate a device	.59 seconds	2.39 seconds
Maximum time to activate a device	30.16 seconds	15.02 seconds
Minimum time to activate a device	0.0 seconds	0.01 seconds
Broadcast initiated (HH:MM: SS)	10:26:54	10:32:14
Broadcast finished (HH:MM: SS)	10:32:06	10:33:30

Table 11: Annual Test Performance Comparison of IP Device Deliveries

	Information and Communication Technology			Housing & Residence Education		
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018
Total Number of Devices	16,807	17,178	17,010	541	Error	485
Number of Successful Activations	16,775	13,009	16,973	230	Error	470
Percentage of Successful Device Activations	99%	75%	99%	43%	Error	97%

VoIP Mass Notification – Lake Nona RAC

A test audio and text message was sent to IP devices (telephones and speakers) maintained by Information and Communication Technology (ICT) located within the Lake Nona RAC. The audio and text message performed well with only three (3) devices out of eighty-seven (87) not broadcasting the message. Table 12 contains results of device performance.

Table 12: Detailed Results Lake Nona RAC of IP Device Performance During November 2020 Exercise

Number of activation attempts	87
Number of activation successes	84
Number of activation failures	3
Authentication errors	0
Network errors	0
Unknown errors	0
Average time to activate a device	.62 seconds
Maximum time to activate a device	0.9 seconds
Minimum time to activate a device	0.09 seconds
Broadcast initiated (HH:MM: SS)	15:02:21
Broadcast finished (HH:MM: SS)	15:05:15

Social Media

UF Alert-Gainesville ([@ufalert](#)) and UF Alert-Lake Nona ([@ufalertlakenona](#)) messages successfully posted to their respective Twitter accounts. The institutional University of Florida ([@uf](#)) Twitter account posted the UF Alert-Gainesville test message. The UF Alert account currently has over 10,200 followers and 271 followers on the UF Alert-Lake Nona account.

The issue of posting UF Alerts to Facebook was resolved during 2020. The first Facebook post occurred on August 26th after eighteen (18) months without automated posting of messages to UF Alert Facebook accounts. Both UF Alert-Gainesville and UF Alert-Lake Nona alerts successfully posted to Facebook during the exercise.

GatorSafe App

Android and iOS users of the GatorSafe App, with push notification enabled, successfully received the test message on their devices. Individuals can adjust notification preferences in the settings for the app. The default set-up is to for UF Alert messages to appear as notifications on the mobile device. The app can be downloaded without cost by anyone from either the Google Play or Apple App Stores.

Web

The University's homepage provides a readily available resource to view UF Alerts for those internal or external to the institution. The message did not post on the UF homepage ([www.ufl.edu](#)) during the test due to an unrelated change in the homepage configurations, and the issue has since been corrected. The test alert appeared on the University's mobile web application ([m.ufl.edu](#)). Messages from all UF Alert areas, with the exception of Jacksonville, successfully posted on the UF Alert website ([https://ufalert.ufl.edu/](#)).

RSS

A RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feed was created when all test messages were initiated, as is the case with standard UF Alerts. These feeds allow anyone with a third-party RSS reader, such as Microsoft Outlook, to receive UF Alert messages. RSS feeds are available for each location, except Jacksonville, and are listed on the UF Alert website at [ufalert.ufl.edu/methods/](#).

Areas for Improvement

The University works to improve the emergency notification process through a performance evaluation following each UF Alert activation. Enhancements, both technological and training, are continually occurring. Improvement items are tracked during regularly occurring UF Alert Working Group meetings. UFDEM coordinates the Working Group, which normally meets on a monthly basis. From the 2020 fall exercise, there were several areas noted for improvement on main campus:

Issue – The UF Alert-Gainesville message did not post to the UF homepage.

Status – The issue was resolved. The UF Alert-Gainesville messages now appear again on the UF homepage with an updated design.

Issue – Six (6) Blue Light Towers that did not broadcast the audio message during the test.

Status – All six (6) Blue Light Towers were entered into the UFIT trouble ticketing system and resolution is being tracked during UF Alert Work Group meetings.

Issue – Eight (8) speakers within the Reitz Union that did not broadcast the audio message during the test.

Status – All eight (8) devices were entered into the UFIT trouble ticketing system and resolution is being tracked during UF Alert Work Group meetings.

UF Alert Program Goals and Successes

Several long-term goals are in place to drive enhancements and the future direction of the University's emergency notification program. These aspirations are primarily developed and carried out through the UF Alert Working Group. Below are the desired improvements over the next five-year period as well as recently completed goals:

- **Integration of Housing & Residence Education InformaCast** (in-progress) – The transfer of IP devices registered in the Housing InformaCast Server to the UFIT InformaCast server started in the fall of 2020. This transition will eliminate the need for a separate Housing InformaCast server and consolidate all devices onto a single server. This project is similar to the previous consolidation and elimination of the Health Science Center InformaCast server. The estimated completion date is March 31, 2021.
- **IP device replacement plan** (on-going) – With the allocation of UF Alert-specific funding, a programmatic maintenance/replacement plan is being implemented with UFIT to proactively address UF Alert VoIP telephones and end of vendor support status. The process involves replacement of IP telephones in academic classrooms, class laboratories and other locations updated devices.
- **Facebook integration** (completed) – After a long absence, automated Facebook posting was accomplished through a third-party application. UF Alert-Gainesville and UF Alert-Lake Nona alerts again post to their respective Facebook accounts.

- **UF Alert message metric** (completed) – UFDEM developed a color-coded metric based upon past performance of each UF Alert delivery mode. The tool was presented to the UF Alert Working Group for input and adjustments. The metric will be used to measure execution of UF Alerts beginning in 2021.

Attachment 1 – UF Alert Messages Sent During the Calendar Year 2020

(Message Content from UF Alert Emails)
(Time in 24-Hour Format and From InformaCast Server)

UF Alert-Gainesville

01/04/2020 - Armed Robber

Armed Robbery off campus at 2701 SW 13th St, Board Walk Apartment. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (20:12)

Suspect: black male armed with a black hand gun, medium build, wearing black pants. Suspect last seen heading towards the back of complex. (20:22)

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (20:51)

UF Alert-Gainesville

01/08/2020 - Armed Robber

Armed Robbery off campus at 1206 W. University Ave. at McDonalds. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (05:40)

Armed Robbery suspects, 2 black males, small build, dressed all in black, one with a handgun. Fled out back door on north side on foot. (05:44)

Armed Robbery suspects, both wearing black hoodies, one was taller and had a rifle. Both suspects fled on foot from 1206 W. University Ave. (05:50)

Suspects not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (06:06)

UF Alert-Gainesville

01/17/2020 - Shots Fired

Shots Fired at Vet Med. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (15:22)

Suspect is a white male, 5'9, blue eyes, short brown curly hair, pale skin wearing a grey shirt, khaki pants and possibly armed with a 9 mm. (15:28)

Suspect is approximately 20 years of age, wearing a leather bracelet on right wrist. (15:31)

This IS NOT an active shooter. Suspect was last seen in rear of Vet Med in the wooded area possibly target shooting. (15:34)

Suspect not located. Police clearing scene. This WAS NOT an active shooter, target practicing only. No need to avoid area or secure in place. (16:05)

Gainesville-Timely Warning
02/14/2020 - 12:18

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating two separate attacks on women that have occurred in the past week. Due to the close proximity of at least one of these incidents to University of Florida properties, the following information is provided.

On Monday, February 10th, 2020 at approximately 11:00 P.M., a woman was walking in the 2500 block of SW 35th Pl when she was attacked by a male and dragged into the wood line. The female victim was able to fight off her attacker and call for help. On Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at approximately 7:00 A.M., another woman was walking on the trail in Alfred Ring Park, 1801 NW 23rd Ave, when she was attacked by a male and sexually battered.

The suspect in the first incident was described as a white male, 20 – 30 years old, 6'00" to 6'03", brown / blond hair, beard, last seen wearing a dark hooded jacket with a dark cloth covering his face. The suspect in the second incident was described as a white male, 30 – 40 years old, 5'06" to 5'08", light colored eyes, last seen wearing all dark clothing, gloves, and had a black cloth around his face. The GPD has not determined if the suspect is the same in both of these incidents.

Anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time of these incidents, or who may know the suspects' identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

Safely intervene and/or call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior, or a violent crime.

Plan in advance: discuss how you might do this in conversations with your friends, using different scenarios, when you aren't facing a potential crisis.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell! Your voice and body are your best weapons. Learn effective ways to use them by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Gainesville-Timely Warning

03/08/2020 - 06:08

The following information was reported to the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

Gainesville Police Department is working a reported robbery in the vicinity of the Campus Walk Condominiums, 914 SW 8th Avenue. At approximately 3:40 a.m., the victim was approached by the suspect outside of his apartment. After a brief encounter, the victim was physically knocked down by the suspect. The suspect then took the victim's wallet and cash and fled on foot in an unknown direction travel.

The victim described the suspect as a black male, small build, wearing a grey shirt, and black pants. The suspects' height and weight are unknown.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus

your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

The University of Florida firmly believes that a crime victim is never responsible for another person's abuse or criminal conduct. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, or entryways.

If possible, walk with others to your destination.

If you observe any suspicious person or activity, immediately contact law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

UF Alert-Gainesville

03/18/2020 - *Strong Arm Robbery*

Robbery off campus at 1620 W. University Ave. Larry's Giant Subs. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (03:03)

Suspect, black male, medium build, 5 foot 10 to 6-foot 1-inch tall, blue shirt, khaki shorts, white shoes on foot east bound on University Ave. (03:09)

Suspect in custody. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (03:57)

Gainesville Timely Warning

03/28/2020 - 22:02

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating a sexual battery that possibly occurred near campus. Due to the close proximity of this incident to University of Florida properties, the following information is provided.

On Saturday, March 28, 2020 at approximately 6:15 P.M., a woman was attempting to get a ride from Boardwalk Apartments at 2701 SW 13th Street, where she was offered a ride from an unknown black male. After getting inside of the vehicle the woman was taken to an unknown location, where she was sexually battered by the suspect. After the sexual battery occurred the suspect then drove the woman to Publix Supermarket at 201 NW 13th Street, where the woman exited the vehicle.

The suspect in this incident is described as a black male, 5' 06" – 5' 08", bald head, last seen wearing a red shirt and black shorts. The suspect was driving a newer model dark blue Nissan Sedan (Sentra or Altima) and was last seen heading north on NW 13th Street from the Publix Supermarket.

Anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time of these incidents, or who may know the suspects' identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

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Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

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Plan in advance: discuss how you might do this in conversations with your friends, using different scenarios, when you aren't facing a potential crisis.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell! Your voice and body are your best weapons. Learn effective ways to use them by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you.

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352)392-1111 or # UFPD (#8373) and ask to speak to a Patrol Supervisor. Major Barber can also be reached via e-mail at: wbarber@ufl.edu or see the UFPD webpage at <http://www.police.ufl.edu>.

UF Alert-Gainesville

04/13/2020 - Shots Fired

Shots Fired off campus at Bivens Cove, 3301 SW 13th Street. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (12:41)

Suspect vehicle is a silver car, no additional information at this time. (12:44)

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (12:59)

Gainesville Timely Warning

04/18/2020 - 02:32

The UFPD is currently investigating a sexual battery that was reported to have occurred Friday, sometime between 8:15 pm and 10:50 pm on the University of Florida campus. According to the victim, a male suspect approached him near the Bat House on Museum Road, introduced himself and tried to hug him. The sexual battery occurred after the subject got aggressive and pulled him into the bushes. The subject was last seen heading west from the area.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, approximately 6' in height, and approximately 240lbs, with short black hair. The suspect was wearing a blue plaid button-up collared shirt with a dark-colored undershirt before the incident. The suspect was last seen wearing just the dark-colored undershirt. The UFPD will be increasing patrols and are actively working leads toward identifying and apprehending the suspect.

In the interest of public safety, the UFPD is notifying the community of this incident. Additionally, anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time, or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392-1111 or use the UFPD

Silent Witness link at <https://police.ufl.edu/contact/silent-witness/>. Those who wish to remain anonymous can also call Crime Stoppers at 352. 372.STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided to assist members of the UF community.

Please report a criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

If at all possible, walk and/or stay with known acquaintances until you arrive safely home.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!
Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

UF Alert-Gainesville

07/13/2020 - Shots Fired

Shots Fired at off campus at Days Inn 1901 SW 13th St 138. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby.
Details to follow. (20:33)

Person shot. Gainesville Police on scene. Details to follow. (21:27)

Scene still active. Suspect possibly tall skinny black male wearing black hat, last seen heading south on SW 13th St from location. Details to follow. (21:48)

Gainesville Police still investigating. Continue to avoid area. If you have any information call 352-955-1818 or 911. Details to follow. (22:17)

Suspect not located. Police conducting follow up investigation. No need to avoid area. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (22:54)

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (23:22)

UF Alert-Jacksonville

08/11/2020 - Pavilion parking lot - 18:04

Please click [here](#) to acknowledge receipt of this message

Due to flooding: Please move your vehicle if you're parked in the Pavilion main parking lot.

UF Alert-Jacksonville

08/14/2020 - Campus Safety Alert - 12:39

On August 14, 2020, at approximately 8:40AM, security officers were dispatched and responded to the areas in front of the Proton Building and M-Lot for reports of damage to three vehicles. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) was called to these locations and determined that the damaged vehicles were burglarized.

The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department is currently investigating these incidents and attempting to identify the perpetrators, in conjunction with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department has increased patrols in the areas where these vehicles were burglarized.

The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF Health Jacksonville community.

When parking your vehicle at UF Health Jacksonville, be sure to:

- Park your vehicle in an area with adequate lighting.
 - Don't leave valuables in sight (phones, pagers, purses, wallet etc.).
 - Lock your car doors.
 - Roll up your car windows all the way.
 - Do not hide a spare key in your vehicle.
 - When parking if you see anyone in the area or near your vehicle that looks suspicious, contact security dispatch at 904-244-4211.
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UF Alert-Jacksonville

08/17/2020 - Campus Safety Alert - 10:17

From May 2020 thru August 2020, a total of 5 bikes have been stolen from the UF Health Jacksonville main campus. These incidents occurred in the South Garage and the Emergency Department Circle. The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department is currently investigating these thefts and are attempting to

identify the perpetrators in conjunction with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department has increased patrols in the areas of campus where these bike thefts have taken place.

The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF Health Jacksonville community.

When arriving at UF Health Jacksonville to work or study, be sure to:

- Lock your bike in a busy place with a lot of foot traffic.
 - Lock your bike to an immovable object.
 - Lock the frame of the bike and not the tires.
 - Try to make the lock difficult to access.
 - Lock the bike with two locks if possible (one lock and one cable lock).
 - When possible, take the front tire with you after locking the bike.
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UF Alert-Gainesville

08/29/2020 - Armed Person

Armed Person heading towards Alfred Ring Tennis Pavilion. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (22:56)

Subject black male long hair wearing dark colored hoodie, blue jeans armed with knife. (23:00)

GPD has cleared and UPD is still on scene. Suspect still at large. Continue to avoid area and secure in place. (23:42)

Suspect not located. UPD actively investigating the scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-392-1111 or 352-955-1818 with any info. (00:18)

UF Alert-Gainesville

08/30/2020 - Armed Robber

Armed Robbery at off campus location 3027 SW Archer Road. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (22:42)

1 suspect. Hispanic female wearing blk shirt, camo yoga pants and silv sandals. Possible other suspects. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. (22:53)

3 black males may be involved. No other description at this time. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. (23:13)

Suspects not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 with any info. (23:38)

Gainesville Timely Warning
08/31/2020 - 14:58

Under the Clery Act, the University of Florida issues Timely Warning messages regarding Clery Act crimes which pose a serious and continuing threat to the campus community.

The University of Florida Office Of Clery Act Compliance received a report from a University of Florida Campus Security Authority (CSA) at UFPD indicating that a student was a victim of Rape on or around the evening of August 28, 2020 at an unknown fraternity house.

This incident was reported to the CSA several days after it occurred and the reporting person declined to disclose further details, including the identity of the alleged assailant to the Campus Security Authority (CSA) at UFPD who received the report. Given the nature of this incident, this Timely Warning is being distributed so that students, faculty and staff are provided with information to make informed decisions to keep themselves and other members of the community safe.

The Office of Clery Act Compliance and the University of Florida firmly believes that no action or inaction by a victim of rape makes the person responsible for another person's abuse or criminal conduct. These safety tips and information are provided to assist members of the UF community.

Criminal incidents can be reported to UF CSAs who are designated, trained, and mandatory reporters under the Clery Act when victims chose not to report to law enforcement.

The first few months of the school year are the highest risk time of the year in which rape can occur. (Krebs et al., 2007)

The most common type of rape occurs between individuals known to one another, including an acquaintance or in the context of a current or prior dating or domestic relationship. (Krebs et al., 2007)

At least half of rapes among college students occur after the perpetrator, the victim, or both consume alcohol. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs. (Corbin et al, 2001)

Approximately 1 in 4 female undergraduates and nearly 1 in 14 male undergraduates experience rape during their time as a college or university student. (Cantor et al., 2019)

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

Find out more information about how to be an active bystander to prevent violence by directing, delegating, and distracting. Green Dot targets all campus community members as potential allies and

bystanders by engaging them in prevention through awareness, education, and skills practice. Register for a session or find out more at <https://greendot.ufl.edu/get-involved/>.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Learn effective ways to use self-defense skills by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you when you go out.

Additionally, victims are encouraged to report criminal incidents and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1. Download the GatorSafe app to view local crime happening around campus, report a crime tip to UF Police, use the personal safety toolbox, and more. (<https://police.ufl.edu/services/community-services/gatorsafe-app/>)

UF Alert-Jacksonville Timely Warning **09/12/2020**

On the date of September 12, 2020, at approximately 1:30PM, there was an incident that occurred in the area of Dr. Roy Baker Drive near M Lot. This particular incident requires a response from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. This incident poses no threat to faculty, staff or students. Please avoid this area due to increased police presence from the Sheriff's Department.

Until this incident is concluded, when arriving at UF Health Jacksonville to work or study, be sure to:

- Use an alternate driving route to avoid the area of 8th Street and Dr. Roy Baker Drive.
- Avoid foot traffic in the area of 8th Street and Dr. Roy Baker Drive.
- Refrain from using North Garage and use other approved parking lots and garages until the police presence is concluded. (14:28)

There is no longer Police activity at Roy Baker Drive near Lot M. This area is now clear of police activity. At no time was any patient, staff or visitor in danger. (16:32)

UF Alert-Gainesville **09/14/2020 - Building Fire**

Building Fire at Norman Hall 618 SW 12th St. Evacuate immediately if inside. Avoid area. Details to follow. (20:51)

Building Fire at Norman Hall. Fire is contained. Heavy smoke in area. Continue to avoid the area. (21:34)

Building Fire at Norman Hall 618 SW 12th St. is now clear. No need to avoid the area. (22:32)

UF Alert-Jacksonville**09/16/2020 - Campus Safety Alert**

On August 16, 2020, at approximately 1:50PM, UF Health Security was notified that school staff at the Darnel-Cookman School of the Medical Arts, located across the street from the Towers Parking lot, identified a student armed with a gun inside of the facility. After being approached by Darnel Cookman Staff the student ran out of the building and headed south, away from our campus.

This particular incident requires a response from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. This incident poses no threat to faculty, staff or students at this time. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Department is currently searching for this individual.

Although this incident did not happen on our campus but it is in our immediate area so please be mindful of the increased police presence in the area as this search continues.

(14:37)

****Re-send with the correct Date****

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Although this incident did not happen on our campus but it is in our immediate area so please be mindful of the increased police presence in the area as this search continues.

(14:46)

In reference to the incident that occurred today, September 16, 2020, at the Darnell Cookman School, this area is now clear of police activity.

At no time was any patient, staff or visitor in danger.

(15:44)

UF Alert-Gainesville**09/26/2020 - Shots Fired**

UF Alert Shots Fired off campus at 1000 W University Avenue. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (02:59)

UF Alert Person shot. Suspect vehicle is a dark SUV last seen heading eastbound on West University Avenue 20 minutes ago. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (03:13)

UF Alert Suspect not in custody. Gainesville Police Department is on scene investigating. (03:17)

UF Alert Suspects not located. Police still on scene conducting an investigation. Possible suspects have been identified. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any information. (04:21)

UF Alert-Gainesville

10/25/2020 - Shots Fired

Shots Fired off campus 912 West University Avenue. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (03:43)

UF police and Gainesville police on scene investigating. (03:54)

Suspects not located at Checkers 912 West University AV. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 with any info. (04:42)

UF Alert-Jacksonville Timely Warning

11/03/2020 - 14:23

Clery Crime: Motor Vehicle Theft

Under the Clery Act, the University of Florida issues Timely Warning messages regarding Clery Act crimes which pose a serious and continuing threat to the campus community.

On October 29, 2020, UF Health Jacksonville Security became aware of a motor vehicle theft that occurred in the South Parking Garage of the UF Health Jacksonville campus. The motor vehicle theft occurred between 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 10/29/2020.

On November 1, 2020, UF Health Jacksonville Security became aware of a theft from a vehicle that was parked in the Pavilion Parking Lot (C-Lot). Between the hours of 8:00 pm on October 31, 2020 and 8:00 a.m. November 1, 2020, a tire was stolen from this vehicle.

Two incidents occurred near the campus at private residences involving an attempted motor vehicle theft and a burglary to a vehicle.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office is currently investigating these incidents. The UF Health Jacksonville Security team has increased patrols in parking areas on campus in response to these crimes.

The UF Health Jacksonville Security Department firmly believes that no action or inaction by a victim makes the person responsible for another person's criminal conduct. This information is provided to assist members of the UF Health Jacksonville community.

- When exiting your vehicle, be sure to lock the vehicle and take the keys with you.
- Remove all articles of value that are in plain view within the vehicle or secure them inside.

- Always park in well-lit areas in and around campus and notify UF Health Jacksonville Security or Jacksonville Sheriff's Office should you notice any suspicious activity.
- Blue light phones are available throughout the Jacksonville campus, which may be activated to call directly to the UF Health Jacksonville Security Dispatch Center.
- UF Health Jacksonville Security offers safety escorts, which can take you to and from your vehicle. Call 904-244-4211 to arrange this service.
- Additionally, victims are encouraged to report criminal incidents and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Contact information for University of Florida, Local, and National Resources can be found at:

<https://police.ufl.edu/clery/victim-resources/>

For questions regarding information contained in this Timely Warning, please contact the Office of Clery Act Compliance at <https://police.ufl.edu/clery/contact-the-office-of-clery-act-compliance/> or UPD-CLERY@ad.ufl.edu.

Gainesville Timely Warning **11/03/2020 - 14:19**

Timely Warning (20-006)

Clery Crime: Sexual Assault

Under the Clery Act, the University of Florida issues Timely Warning messages regarding Clery Act crimes which pose a serious and continuing threat to the campus community.

On Monday, November 2, 2020, a report was made to a University of Florida Campus Security Authority (CSA) of a sexual assault that occurred on November 1, 2020 in an on-campus housing facility. The reporting person disclosed that the suspect is known to the reporting person. However, the reporting person did not share information about the suspect or any additional details regarding the incident with the CSA. Therefore, as the suspect is unknown, the University is unable to take action at this time. Support and resources have been offered to the reporting person.

The University of Florida strongly believes that no person is responsible for harm inflicted by another person.

Sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are prohibited and will not be tolerated at the University of Florida.

Criminal incidents can be reported to UF CSAs who are designated, trained, and mandatory reporters under the Clery Act when victims chose not to report to law enforcement.

The University of Florida defines consent as, “An act or statement that is knowing, freely given, and mutually understood to communicate a willingness to engage in the activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in any sexual act to ensure that they have the Consent of the other(s).

- The existence of a dating or sexual relationship between the people involved, or the existence of a past sexual encounter, is not by itself an indication of Consent for any current or future sexual encounter.
- Consent cannot be obtained by force, threat, Coercion, or by causing a reasonable fear of imminent injury.
- For sexual activity to be consensual, Consent must be ongoing throughout the sexual encounter. A person can withdraw Consent at any time. Consent to one sexual act does not automatically constitute Consent to another sexual act.
- A person withdraws Consent by clearly communicating withdrawal through words or actions.
- Consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not automatically constitute Consent to engage in sexual activity with another person.
- Lack of protest or resistance, alone, is not Consent.
- A person who is incapacitated cannot give Consent (Regulations of the University of Florida, 4.040).

The most common type of sexual assault occurs between individuals known to one another, including an acquaintance or in the context of a current or prior dating or domestic relationship. (Krebs et al., 2007)

At least half of sexual assaults among college students occur after the perpetrator, the victim, or both consume alcohol. Be alert to people pressuring you or others to use alcohol or other drugs. (Corbin et al, 2001)

Approximately 1 in 4 female undergraduates and nearly 1 in 14 male undergraduates experience sexual assault during their time as a college or university student. (Cantor et al., 2019)

Additionally, reporting to law enforcement is encouraged by calling 9-1-1 or through the GatorSafe app.

UF Alert-System-Wide

11/11/2020 – Tropical Storm Eta Closure

UF classes canceled, campus offices closed Thursday, Nov. 12 because of TS Eta. Will re-open Friday, Nov. 13. Check <http://www.ufl.edu> for details. (16:16)

UF Alert-Jacksonville

11/17/2020 - Test/Exercise - 09:32

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This is a test of the Jacksonville UF Alert notification system. Learn more about the UF Alert system at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>. No action is required.

UF Alert-Gainesville**11/17/2020 - Test/Exercise - 10:27**

This is a test of the Gainesville UF Alert notification system. Learn more about the UF Alert system at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>. No action is required.

UF Alert-Shands**11/17/20 - Test/Exercise - 13:00**

DRILL: This is a test of the UF Alert-Shands system. No action needed.

UF Alert-Lake Nona**11/17/2020 - Test/Exercise - 15:02**

UF Alert This is a test of the Lake Nona UF Alert notification system. Learn more about the UF Alert system at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>. No action is required.

UF Alert-Gainesville**11/23/2020 - Armed Person**

UF Alert Armed Person off campus at Boardwalk Apt. 2701 SW 13th ST. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (21:19)

UF Alert black male orange hoodie and black pants last seen in the area of the ball court with a gun. (21:22)

UF Alert Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-392-1111 or 911 with any info. (21:37)

UF Alert-Gainesville**11/23/2020 - Armed Person**

UF Alert Armed Person at off campus at 914 SW 8th Ave Campus Walk. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (21:50)

Black male waving a gun heavy build, white shirt and gray sweats. (21:52)

Black male waving a gun heavy build, white shirt and gray sweats. (21:55)

Suspects not located: Campus Walk or Board Walk. Police have cleared both scenes. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-392-1111 or 911 with any info. (22:46)

Gainesville Timely Warning
12/10/2020 - 16:03

Timely Warning (20-07)

Crime: Vehicle Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault

Under the Clery Act, the University of Florida issues Timely Warning messages regarding Clery Act crimes which pose a serious and continuing threat to the campus community.

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, the University of Florida Police Department was made aware of an aggravated assault, a hit and run vehicle accident that resulted in the death of a UF student that occurred on December 9, 2020 near 2000 W University Avenue. The family of the student have been notified.

At this time the suspect is unknown and is believed to have been driving a BMW sedan. The Gainesville Police Department is investigating this incident. If you have any information about this incident, please contact the Gainesville Police Department Office Page at 352-393-7744 or via email at pagedj@cityofgainesville.org.

The University of Florida strongly believes that no person is responsible for harm inflicted by another person.

If you have been impacted by this incident, please reach out to the UF Counseling and Wellness Center at 352-392-1575. You can also visit the CWC in-person at Peabody Hall, Radio Road, and Cypress Hall.

Information for support resources, services and programs at the University of Florida can be found at: <https://police.ufl.edu/clery/victim-resources/>

Gainesville Timely Warning
12/13/2020 - 17:40

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Sexual Battery Incident
CR# GPD 02-20-017812
DATE OF INCIDENT: Saturday, December 12, 2020
DATE OF RELEASE: Sunday, December 13, 2020
NARRATIVE:

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the "Clery Act"), 20 U.S.C. 1092 (f), the University of Florida issues timely notices to notify the campus community of Clery Act crimes or other serious incidents that UF determines represent a serious and ongoing threat to the campus community and associated properties. These Timely Warnings are issued upon receipt of information required to assess and confirm the nature of the potential threat.

The Gainesville Police Department is currently investigating a sexual battery that occurred near campus. Due to the close proximity of this incident to University of Florida properties, the following information is provided.

On Saturday, December 12, 2020 at approximately 11:00 P.M., a woman was walked home to her apartment, at 311 SW 13th Street, by an unknown male subject. The incident took place inside of her apartment.

The description of the suspect is a white male, 5'10" to 6'2" in height, unknown weight, dark short hair, and unknown clothing.

Anyone with information about the incident, was in the area at the time of these incidents, or who may know the suspects' identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community. Please report criminal incident and suspicious activities/individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Trust your instincts. If you feel uneasy or sense something is wrong, do what you can to get out of that situation or call for assistance.

Safely intervene and/or call for help if you witness disrespectful or inappropriate behavior, or a violent crime.

Plan in advance: discuss how you might do this in conversations with your friends, using different scenarios, when you aren't facing a potential crisis.

If someone is behaving disrespectfully or making you feel uncomfortable, take steps to remove yourself from the situation early, especially if you are concerned it may become physical.

Avoid walking alone if at all possible.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell! Your voice and body are your best weapons. Learn effective ways to use them by taking a self-defense class such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and always consider bringing a friend with you.

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If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle.

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Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

UF Alert-Gainesville

12/20/2020 - Armed Robber

UF Alert Armed Robbery 250 NW 13th St, at Krispy Creme. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (20:06)

Updated address is 250 NW 13th (Target store). Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (20:18)

Suspect is a black male, wearing a grey hoodie and grey pants possibly with a red backpack armed with a gun. Details to follow. (20:20)

Same suspect has now robbed the chevron at 1024 W University Ave, description of suspect is the same. Avoid area details to follow. (20:26)

Suspect was last seen heading North bound on 11th street. Gainesville Police is on scene. Avoid area Details to follow. (20:29)

Suspect described as black male possibly wearing white shirt and grey pants approximately 5feet 10nches tall, armed with a handgun. (20:34)

Suspect described as Black male approximately 6'2 in height, with grey hoodie, grey pants, has bag with orange draw strings armed with a handgun. (20:47)

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. Investigation on-going. Resume normal activities. Call 352-392-1111 or 911 with info. (21:14)

Suspect not located. Police have cleared both scenes. Investigation on-going. Resume normal activities. Call GPD 352-955-1818 or 911 with info. (21:26)

UF Alert-Gainesville

12/23/2020 - Shots Fired

Shots Fired off campus at 3521 SW 19th Ave. Pensacola Apartments, Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow. (00:36)

Update from off campus location 3521 SW 19th Ave. Suspect in custody. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info. (00:39)
