

PUBSAFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Derek Kruse

Hello!

I wanted to start off by saying how excited I am to be joining the Public Safety (PubSafe) team! It has become apparent to me over the last few weeks how dedicated and passionate our Public Safety Officers are about this community and the students, staff, and faculty they serve.

The goal of this newsletter is to be a helpful source of information to provide clarification, transparency, and new information in an effort to strengthen our relationship with the campus community . So let us know what YOU need from US to help meet this goal!

If you have a particular topic you would like to see addressed, please send me an email at kruse6@stolaf.edu voicing your thoughts!



SPRING OLYMPICS KICKOFF

Join Public Safety and the Office of Student Activities in Buntrock Commons for the kickoff of the Spring Term Olympics! We will be present from 3pm - 5pm!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8th - Springs
Olympics Kickoff

April 22nd - Friday Fires
with Public Safety

OLE APPAREL GIVEAWAY

Interested in winning
some Ole Apparel?

Click [HERE](#) to enter for a
chance to win!



PILLARS OF GROWTH

by **Derek Kruse**

PubSafe has built a strong foundation over the last several decades of service to St. Olaf College. Just like the four pillars of Steensland Hall, as our department moves forward I plan to focus on four pillars of growth to help bring about positive and continuous change.

These pillars are:

- Community Engagement
- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Professionalism

Over the next several issues I will expand on one of these pillars. For this month's issue, I want to talk a little bit about community engagement. The last few years have been challenging to the relationship between the community and public safety. To help mend that relationship, it is a priority to this department that we participate extensively in community engagement. A strong public safety-community relationship is our greatest tool to prevent crime. Not only that, but active participation in community engagement can:

- Reduce bias
- Improve communication, transparency, trust, and legitimacy
- Create a comfortable culture and mutual respect

As the Spring Term commences, you can expect PubSafe to be a more visible and engaging presence on campus as we work to foster a stronger relationship between PubSafe and the community.



OUR MISSION

"To Support and advance the educational objectives of St. Olaf College by fostering and maintaining a safe, secure, and stable environment for living, learning, and working."



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DRIVING FASTER CAN CAUSE DISASTER.

by **Public Safety**

There has been a noticed increase in vehicles speeding on campus. The campus speed limit is 15 MPH and is posted at both campus entrances and in other various locations. Although it can be easy to speed when "in a hurry" or "not paying attention", statistically accidents are caused by increased vehicle speeds.

Here are some tips to assist in preventing vehicle accidents both on and off campus:

1. Properly maintain your vehicle with tune ups and tire rotations.
2. Clear snow and ice off of vehicle before driving.
3. Adjust mirrors and seat before driving.
4. Avoid drinking and driving.
5. Minimize distractions such as reading, texting, or talking on the cell phone.
6. Leave a safe distance between your vehicle and other vehicles.
7. Maintain a constant speed. Increase and decrease speeds slowly.
8. Never encourage aggressive driving.
9. Slow down and approach intersections with caution.

Most moving motor vehicle accidents at St. Olaf occur because the driver is driving too fast. Slow down, obey the posted speed limit, and remain alert. If you observe a vehicle driving too fast or carelessly, get the make/model, vehicle license number (if possible), as well as direction of travel and contact Public Safety at 507-786-3666 with the information.