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Message from the Director

The summer season offers a wonderful opportunity for students to recharge and refresh for the coming academic year. It also is an opportunity for staff and faculty to tackle larger projects that they may not have time to complete when the campus is full of students!

PubSafe is working on numerous projects this summer to help us more effectively reach 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."

How you ask? Well just take a look below for the inside scoop!

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A little bit of this, a little bit of that...

by Derek Kruse

For those of you who may be new to St. Olaf College, the Department of Public Safety has undergone quite the transformation over the last few months. Nearly every aspect of our department has undergone an assessment to determine what changes are necessary to help us reach our mission and build a strong, respectful relationship with the campus community.

During the spring term of '22 PubSafe accomplished quite a bit:

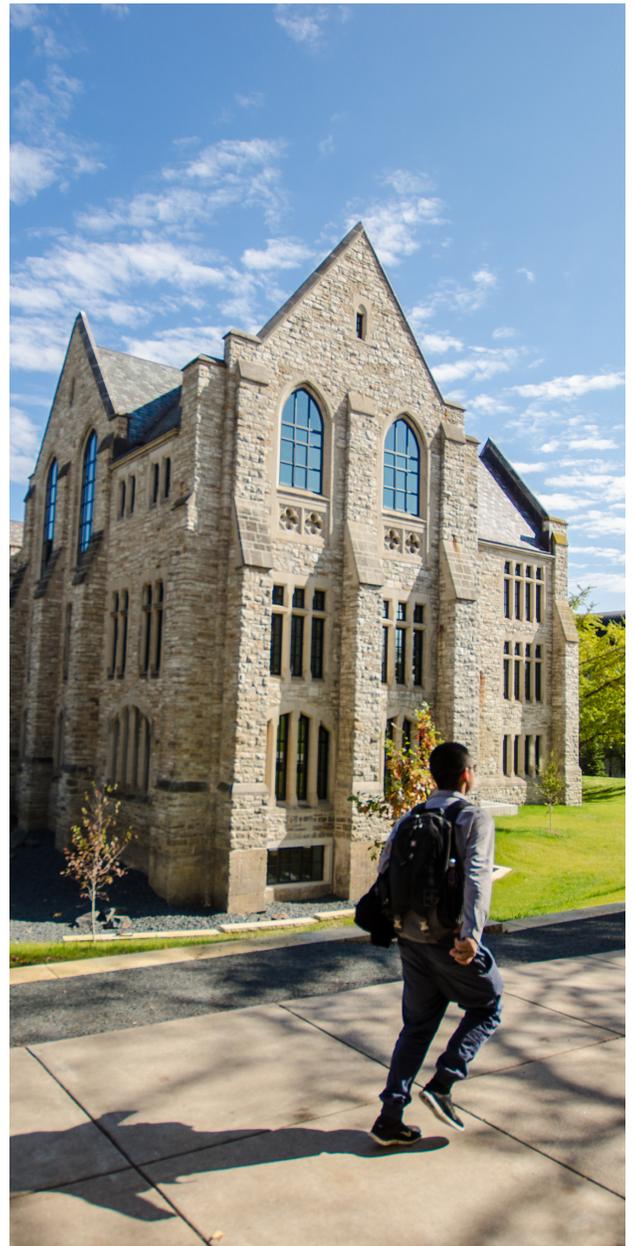
- Numerous community engagement events
- Hired 2 new public safety officers
- Created the Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Established relationships with numerous campus & community partners:
 - SGA
 - STOEMTs
 - OSA
 - The Pause
 - Taylor Center for Equity & Inclusion
 - Northfield Police Department
 - Rice County Sheriff's Office
 - Carleton Security Services
 - and many more!
- Completed several training courses geared toward reducing bias and de-escalation.

But our work is just getting started! During this summer break, PubSafe is working on many new projects:

- Re-vamping our website to increase transparency and accessibility.
- Creating a Safety Assessment Team.
- Assessing and updating our emergency operation plans.
- Complete overhaul of parking services on campus.
- Implementing a new phone app with numerous safety features (more on this next month).
- Planning our increased participation in the New Student Orientation (NSO)
- and much more!

I am very excited for my first fall experience here at St. Olaf College. As you can see, we have a lot in the works to show you when we welcome you back to campus.

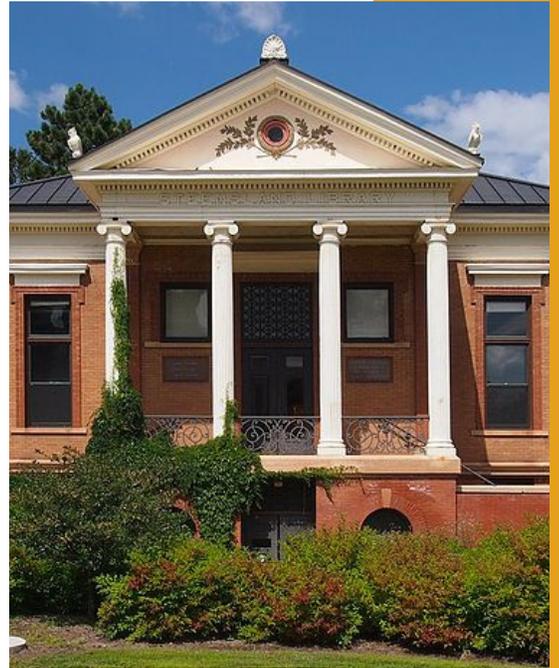
If you think of any other areas you'd specifically like me to look at in regards to PubSafe, please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email! I look forward to welcoming you back to the hill!



Public Safety Updates

During the last month Public Safety:

- Is in the process of hiring a new public safety officer.
- Is in the process of completing advanced report writing training.
- Has collaborated with Northfield Police Department and participated in use of force training.
- Are working with local first responders to host Hostile Event Response Training (HERT).



HERT Training

PubSafe wants to give you a heads up on a training event happening on campus in a couple of weeks.

On Saturday, July 16, St. Olaf will host a hostile event response training (HERT) for local law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies. The training is meant to provide first responders with practical skills for responding to and communicating during serious incidents, like an active shooter situation. St. Olaf's Department of Public Safety will also participate in the training, along with Carleton College Security Services. Participants will park in the Larson, Tomson and Regents parking lots.

The event will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. inside Tomson Hall and in the immediate area around the building. Signs will be posted around the building indicating that an active training is in progress. The training should not impact any events on campus.

Thank you! This event will provide important experience for multiple local agencies and help Public Safety with our own planning.

