Weekly Snapshot Directory

The National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS) distributes a weekly electronic bulletin, the _Weekly Snapshot_, featuring timely college campus safety, emergency management, and law enforcement resources and tips. The bulletin includes reports and studies issued from government, non-profit, and affiliate organizations on topics such as sexual and gender violence, mental health, travel and study abroad safety, community relations, and emergency preparedness and response. In addition, the Weekly Snapshot provides information on national monthly observances, legislative updates, federal awareness bulletins and details on upcoming events and training opportunities. Anyone may subscribe to this email communication, along with other NCCPS notifications, by joining our mailing list. To easily search the Directory, hit CTRL + F (PC) or Command + F (Mac). This Directory is updated monthly.

Date	Topic	Article and Link	Summary
7/30/14	National Center Introduction	What is the National Center for Campus Public Safety?	An introduction to the NCCPS team and their mission, this article gives an overview of how the NCCPS came to be and what we plan to accomplish.
8/6/14	Policy and Plan Development	Proposed Bill: The Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASAct)	A bipartisan group of 34 Senators proposed the Campus Accountability & Safety Act (CASAct) to protect students and boost accountability and transparency at colleges and universities. Download the proposed legislation in full or a one-page summary.
8/6/14	Sexual Assault	FREE Online Training in Sexual Assault Investigations	End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) is offering a free online training on sexual assault investigations. Follow the link in the article to access this free training.
8/13/14	Public Health	Ebola: A Public Health Emergency of International Concern	Ebola is a serious disease, but education and planning can protect your campus community. Several CDC resources on Ebola are provided in this article.
8/13/14	Suicide	Suicide Contagion: Identifying Those at Risk and Postvention Strategies for Campuses to Reduce the Risk of Suicide Contagion	Learn how to identify students on campus who are at possible risk of suicide and learn about postvention strategies for reducing the risk of suicide contagion.
8/20/14	Civil Disturbance and Unrest	Is Your Institution Prepared For A Civil Disturbance?	Civil disturbances or unrest can cause a variety of subsequent issues such as violence and assault, disorderly conduct, vandalism, or larceny. This article provides several resources regarding campus safety, law enforcement strategies and emergency management planning.
8/20/14	Environmental Strategies	Environmental Strategies for Reducing Alcohol-Related Issues on Campuses	NCCPS is interested in any suggestions leaders may have about preventative measures regarding alcohol consumption on campus and how creating a healthy environment can lead to a safer campus.

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8/27/14	Campus Safety	Preparing For National Campus Safety Awareness Month	This article contains many great resources regarding National Campus Safety Awareness Month, including links to free training and campus safety materials.
8/27/14	Emergency Preparedness	Did You Know September is Also National Preparedness Month?	This article will keep you informed on emergency preparedness and provide specific actions you can take to prepare for disasters and emergencies.
9/3/14	Active Threat	A Case Study of a Prevented School Rampage Attack and Considerations for Directed Assault Prevention	Review the available resources to help educate your institution about preventing rampage attacks before they happen.
9/3/14	Pedestrian and Bike Safety	Walk & Roll - Pedestrian and Bike Safety Around Campuses	Pedestrians and bikers must be aware at all times in order to stay safe. View this article to learn more about ensuring safety on the roads and sidewalks on and around campus.
9/10/14	Sexual Assault	Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigation and Adjudication Training Course Update	This provides an update on the Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault and Adjudication training.
9/10/14	Terrorism and Violent Extremism	Terrorism and Violent Extremism	Every college and university should consider promoting awareness and prevention of extremist or terroristic violence. Read through this article for resources and general information pertaining to terrorism and violent extremism.
9/17/14	Hazing	Coming Up! Hazing Prevention Week	Hazing occurs in many different ways on college and university campuses across the nation. Explore several resources that will help quell hazing on and off campus.
9/17/14	Sexual Assault	The Role of Men In Stemming Sexual Assaults on Campus	Men are an integral part in stopping sexual assault on campus. Within this article are links to important resources on how men can help stop rape on college campuses and elsewhere.
9/24/14	Professional Development	Legal Issues Conference in Burlington, VT, October 13-15, 2014	The annual Legal Issues conference offers a comprehensive picture of the diverse legal issues shaping all aspects of higher education. Read for more information on past and future conferences.
9/24/14	Sexual Assault	White House Announces "It's On Us" Campaign	The "It's On Us" campaign works to get men involved in efforts to stop sexual violence across the country. Read about the campaign and what you can do help stop sexual violence.
10/8/14	Community Relations	Building and Maintaining Successful Community Relations	Learn more about community relations between public safety officials and their communities. Several resources are provided to help build and sustain successful relationships between law enforcement and their communities.
10/8/14	Cyber Security	Protecting Your Institution's Electronic Information	It can be difficult to secure educational institutes' networks because of the number of individuals with access. There are links within this article to help institutions learn more about cyber security and how to safeguard sensitive information.

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10/8/14	Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Women are the most common victims of domestic violence, but it can happen to anyone. Read here to learn how you can help combat domestic violence.
10/15/14	Officer and Public Awareness: Hash Oil	Butane Hash Oil: Public Safety and Officer Awareness	Butane Hash Oil is produced through a process that can cause an explosion. It is important that public safety officials and law enforcement officers know how to safely deal with it. This article includes links to multiple resources related to dealing with Butane Hash Oil.
10/15/14	Title IX	White House Releases Updated Title IX Guidance Documents	The White House has released four new and updated Title IX guidance documents. This article provides links to these documents.
10/22/14	Domestic Violence	October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month	One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, gender, or other factors. Several resources on domestic violence are provided.
10/22/14	VAWA Amendments to Clery	Final VAWA Amendments to Clery Act Published	The final VAWA Amendments to the Clery Act have been published. A link to the full document outlining the new amendments and a link to a brief article from the Clery Center are contained in this article.
10/30/14	Mental Health	Officer Response to People with Mental Illnesses	Law enforcement officers often need to respond to calls involving individuals with mental health problems/illnesses, which require different skills than other calls. Read for details on training programs related to mental illnesses-to include the University of Florida Police Department, which is a national law enforcement/mental health learning site that can provide guidance to agencies interested in creating or expanding specialized policing responses.
10/30/14	Sexual Assault	MIT Climate Survey Coincides with National Estimates	MIT conducted a comprehensive campus climate survey. They are now enacting new measures to better prevent and respond to sexual assault. This article contains links to the MIT news article and full survey results.
11/5/14	Fire Safety	Fire Safety on Campuses	Fire safety is an issue on campuses across the nation. Many fires happen in off-campus housing. There are links to leading fire safety organizations and pertinent resources in this article.
11/5/14	Public Health	Ebola Virus Disease - Updates and Resources	With the possibility of Ebola on college campuses, there are many resources being made public to help prevent the spread of the disease. This article provides updates and links to CDC resources and videos.

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11/13/14	Mental Health	Officer Response to People with Mental Illnesses: Resources	This article contains information and resources related to law enforcement response to individuals with mental illnesses.
11/13/14	Professional Development	From the Road: TISA Pilot Training Program at Virginia Commonwealth University	The first Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigations and Adjudications training was conducted at Virginia Commonwealth University. There were over 40 participants in attendance from a wide range of backgrounds. Read this article for more information.
11/19/14	Cyberbullying	Preparing for and Responding to Cyberbullying: Tips for Law Enforcement	Cyberbullying is a problem that continues to grow with increased access to the internet and usage of mobile devices. This article contains links to resources meant to help combat cyberbullying.
11/19/14	Sexual Assault	"It's On Us" Week of Action	The "It's On Us" campaign encourages bystander intervention, particularly from men. This article contains multiple links to pertinent resources.
11/25/14	Bystander Intervention	Bystander Intervention Resources	Bystander intervention is critically important in preventing sexual assault and other violent crimes. Read this article to obtain information, strategies and general resources on bystander intervention.
12/3/14	Community Relations	New COPS and BJA Resource Guide	The Bureau of Justice Assistance has released a new resource guide that discusses about the importance of having a positive relationship between police and the communities they serve. A link to this guide is included in this article.
12/3/14	Impaired Driving	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month	Impaired driving is a serious problem on campuses and throughout the nation. This article provides resources meant to help prevent tragedy and death caused by impaired driving.
12/10/14	Profiling Issues	Attorney General Holder Announces New Guidance to Curb Profiling	Attorney General Eric Holder announced new steps the Department of Justice will take to curb profiling by federal law enforcement agencies. The new policy attempting to stop profiling is linked within this article.
12/10/14	Public Safety	Holiday Safety Tips	Easy practices can be employed to help stay safe during the holidays. Find a link to safety tips in this article.
12/17/14	Impaired Driving	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month - Drugged Driving	Drugged driving is a problem similar to drunk driving. Read this article to learn how to best tackle this safety issue.
12/17/14	Sexual Assault	CDC Updates Sexual Violence Uniform Definitions	The CDC has released a document to help standardize sexual assault surveillance definitions and data elements. The CDC document provides recommendations, not mandates. Access the document from this article.

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12/23/14	Crime Reduction and Public Trust	President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Survey	Read this article to learn more about the task force created by President Obama that sought to identify best and promising practices for crime reduction and building public trust.
12/23/14	Emergency Preparedness	Holiday and Seasonal Preparedness	FEMA designed the National Preparedness Community for communities to connect and collaborate on emergency preparedness. This article contains multiple links with information on emergency preparedness.
12/30/14	Police Policies	Free Access to the IACP Law Enforcement Policy Center for IACP Members	As of January 2015, all members of the IACP will have free access to the IACP's policy center. This includes resources related to use of force, active shooter, body-worn cameras, and many more.
12/30/14	Title IX and Clery	White Paper Released: Practitioners' Discussion of Implementing Clery/Title IX	View the National Center's first white paper regarding promising practices related to the implementation of Title IX and Clery Act requirements.
1/7/15	Data and Research	SAMHSA Releases Paper on Trauma-Informed Approach	This article contains information on a report written by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The report explains what trauma and a trauma-informed approach mean, provides suggested guidance, and includes other related topics.
1/7/15	Stalking	National Stalking Awareness Month	Stalking is a widespread issue that affects men, women, and children, and occurs within college and university communities. Learn more about this issue and find several stalking-related resources.
1/14/15	Officer Safety Alert	Joint Intelligence Bulletin: Officer Safety Alert	This article references an official use only intelligence bulletin regarding the threat to law enforcement from home-grown terrorists. If you are a campus public safety or law enforcement official and would like a copy of the bulletin, there is a link to contact NCCPS within this article.
1/14/15	Travel and Study Abroad	Study Abroad Health and Safety	This article contains multiple links to resources on how to keep students safe and healthy while abroad. One promising practice is health and safety training, both before the students leave and while they are overseas.
1/21/15	Campus Law Enforcement Data	Bureau of Justice Statistics Releases Findings on Campus Law Enforcement 2011-12	The Bureau of Justice Statistics has released the 2011-12 survey regarding campus law enforcement. A link to the report is available in this article.
1/21/15	Community Relations	Building Communities of Trust	It is critical to build and maintain strong relationships of trust between law enforcement/public safety leaders and the communities they serve. This article contains information on two relevant documents; one by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and another by a team of government agencies.

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1/28/15	Emergency Response	Public Resource for Disaster-Related Tools and Data	Find information that is needed in the wake of a disaster on fostering collaboration and developing new ways to empower first responders, survivors, and government officials.
1/28/15	Sexual Assault	The Campus Men's Action Network (CMAN)	The Campus Men's Action Network is an organization designed to get men on campus active in the fight against sexual assault. Read this article to learn more about how men can make a difference.
2/4/15	Data and Research	White House Task Force Releases Sample MOU	President Obama established the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault to assist educational institutions in dealing with sexual assault. The task force has released a sample memorandum of understanding to provide guidance on developing formal relationships to improve communication and coordination.
2/4/15	Sexual Assault	United Educators Releases Sexual Assault Claims Study	United Educators recently released a report analyzing sexual assault rates at IHEs. Read about their findings including methods of sexual assault, institutions' response to sexual assault complaints, and litigation by both victims and the accused.
2/11/15	Community Relations	The IACP Launches the Protect and Serve Initiative Webpage	The IACP launched a website with the goal of providing law enforcement officers with resources and tools to build relationships with and educate the public. Members will have access to resources such as talking points, model policies and much more.
2/11/15	Gender-Based Violence	NASPA Research and Policy Institute Releases New Issue Brief	NASPA has released a publication about the perceived inaction of higher education institutions when it comes to gender-based violence. This is free for members of NASPA.
2/11/15	Violence Prevention and Response	The Office on Violence Against Women Releases Campus Grant Solicitation Announcement	The Office of Violence Against Women has announced a grant solicitation with the intention of better protecting women on campuses. The hope is to encourage colleges and universities to adopt more effective policies and strategies to deal with violence on campuses.
2/18/15	Laws and Regulations	Recent Task Force Report Addresses Challenges to Clery Act Implementation	The Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education was established in 2013 to aid in the identification of challenges related to enforcement and development of new regulations. Access a document released by the Task Force that provides information on the burden of federal regulation, the challenges to higher education in the current regulatory environment, and specific regulations of concern.
2/18/15	Title IX and Clery	Promising Practices Related to Clery and Title IX	In August 2014, multiple institutions organized a summit to identify promising practices in the area of investigations into sexual assaults and the coordination of efforts to meet the requirements of the Clery Act and Title IX. A summary of the findings is available in this article.

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2/25/15	Sexual Assault	EVAWI Training Bulletin Series: Alternative Reporting Methods	End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) has created a series of ten training bulletins to explore VAWA forensic compliance and alternative reporting methods for sexual assault victims. This series also includes critical components that must be considered when implementing alternative reporting options for victims.
2/25/15	Substance Abuse	Naloxone Toolkit	The Department of Justice created a Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit at the request of the U.S. Attorney General. The toolkit contains helpful resources for both law enforcement and campus public safety officials in establishing a naloxone program.
3/4/15	Juvenile Interaction with Police	Adolescent Development and Policing	The International Association of Chiefs of Police produced a brief that addresses key differences between the development of the adolescent and adult brain and how it presents challenges for law enforcement. The brief provides strategies to improve law enforcement interactions with youth and youth focused resources for law enforcement.
3/4/15	Suicide	SAMHSA Suicide Safe App	A suicide prevention learning tool app is available for free and provides educational resources to assess patients' risk of suicide, communicate effectively with patients and their families, determine appropriate next steps, and make referrals to treatment and community resources.
3/4/15	Underage Drinking	Free Distance Learning Courses for Underage Drinking Enforcement and Prevention	This article contains information on free courses to help deal with underage drinking and provides access to helpful materials about how to best enforce underage drinking laws.
3/11/15	Victims' Issues	Integrating Crime Victims' Issues Into College and University Curricula	The Department of Justice (DOJ) has created new curricula in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and other institutions to raise awareness of crime victims' issues. This article provides a link to the curricula.
3/11/15	Women in Policing	Women in Policing	There are significantly fewer women in law enforcement than men, but the numbers are slowly rising. Campus police departments have a higher percentage of women police officers than other departments. Read this article to learn more about the history and future of women in policing
3/25/15	Sexual Assault	National Sexual Assault Awareness Month	The National Sexual Violence Resource Center provides free planning materials and resources on sexual assault awareness and sexual violence prevention on campuses.
3/25/15	Sexual Assault	National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant Funding Announced	The Department of Justice is offering grant funding to help improve how un-submitted sexual assault kits are handled. As of now, there is no reliable estimate for the number of unsubmitted kits in law enforcement custody. Learn more in this article.

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4/1/15	Alcohol Awareness	April is Alcohol Awareness Month	This article discusses alcohol addiction and underage drinking, and provides relevant resources on the subject.
4/1/15	Gender-Based Violence	NASPA Launches Gender-Based Violence Online Series	NASPA announced a new series of online courses to help understand, comply with, and implement laws and best practices for addressing gender-based violence. View this article for more information on the series.
4/8/15	Event Management	Event Security During Graduation Season	While it is impossible to eliminate all risk from large events, proper planning can minimize the possibility of a serious incident occurring. This article contains several resources to help plan for large events.
4/8/15	Professional Development	Save the Date! 2015 Legal Issues Conference	This year's Legal Issues conference features a new campus safety track and will take place October 19-21, 2015, in Burlington, Vermont. There are links within this article for more information.
4/15/15	Emergency Preparedness	Severe Weather and Emergency Preparedness	FEMA started a Ready campaign to educate Americans on how to prepare for natural disasters. You will find several preparedness resources in this article.
4/15/15	Law Enforcement	National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 19-25, 2015 was National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The Office for Victims of Crime developed a resource guide to promote awareness of victims' crime issues that you can read about in this article.
4/22/15	Public Safety	National PrepareAthon Day	April 30th, 2015 was National PrepareAthon Day, with the goal of having communities take proactive action to safeguard against natural disasters. Read about the efforts and learn what you can do to protect your community.
4/22/15	Sexual Assault	The You Have Options Program and Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview Training	Sexual assault investigations are highly sensitive and heavily scrutinized. To help better serve victims of sexual assault, the You Have Options Program was developed by the Ashland, Oregon Police Department. Learn more about the program in this article.
4/29/15	Data and Research	Office of Civil Rights, US Department of Education Releases New Title IX Coordinators Guidance	On April 24, 2015, the Office of Civil Rights released three documents for Title IX Coordinators, including the Dear Colleague Letter: Title IX Coordinators directed to higher education institutions and schools, Letter to Title IX Coordinators directed to Title IX coordinators, and the Title IX Resource Guide with information for Title IX coordinators. Read this article for more information on the guidance.
4/29/15	Policy and Plan Development	We Regret To Inform You: Providing Sensitive Death Notifications with Professionalism, Dignity, and Compassion	Death notifications can be difficult and are critical to how one handles the death of someone close to them. Read this article to learn about a free online training module developed by the FBI and Penn State for those who may have to deliver a death notification.

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5/6/15	Law Enforcement	National Police Week and Officer Safety	National Police Week is the week of May 15th and we honor those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. You can review the FBI's annual publication of data on how many officers are killed or assaulted in the line of duty as well as access valuable resources for officer resilience and survivability.
5/6/15	Mental Health	Mental Health Awareness Month	Since 1949, May has been Mental Health Awareness Month. Many Americans suffer from some form of mental illness. Unfortunately, a lot of people do not report their illness because of the stigma associated with it, which makes understanding the issues even more difficult. In this article, you will find several mental health resources.
5/13/15	Nobility of Policing	Nobility of Policing	Campus safety and police organizations face unpredictable dangers and challenges in order to protect lives, secure the safety of citizens, and defend civil liberties. However, cynicism and perpetual negativity can cause some to lose sight of why they chose policing as their profession. Read this article to learn about The Nobility of Policing: Guardians of Democracy, a free book written to express the struggles police and security may face, and reignite the passion of policing.
5/13/15	Title IX and Clery	Follow Up Summit White Paper Released on Clery and Title IX Compliance Issues	Check out this article about the summit meetings of campus officials discussing compliance issues around Title IX and other related legislation including the Clery Act and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). You can read the reports that came out of there very productive meetings.
5/21/15	Professional Development	Training and Exercise Opportunities for Campus Emergency Management Practitioners	Emergency preparedness is an important part of campus safety and includes planning, training and exercising.
5/21/15	Sexual Violence	ARC3 Develops Free Campus Climate Survey	In 2014 the Administrator-Researcher Campus Climate Collaborative (ARC3) came together at the Georgia State University Forum on Campus Sexual Assault to begin to develop their free Campus Climate Survey. Read this article to learn more about the survey and how it can be employed on campus.
5/27/15	Sexual Violence	Start by Believing Campaign	The initial response to a victim of sexual violence is very important. Start By Believing is and organization that is working to hold offenders accountable and change outcomes for victims.
5/27/15	Sexual Violence	California Takes Steps To Address Sexual Assault on Campuses	California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris is working to address sexual assault on state college campuses. Harris, along with others, developed a Model Memorandum of Understanding to be used to improve response to campus sexual assault cases. Read this article to learn more about the details of the model MOU.

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6/3/15	Body Worn Cameras	Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program: Resources to Help Sworn and Non-Sworn Department	Body-worm cameras have a lot of potential, but pose certain challenges that need to be addressed as well. Read this article to hear more about how body-worn cameras should be utilized on campus communities.
6/3/15	Title IX	Office of Civil Rights Issues FY13-14 Report to President and Secretary of Education	In the fiscal year 2013-2014 there were around 10,000 civil complaints filed regarding Title IX. A vast majority of these were about athletics with a distant second being about sexual harassment/violence.
6/10/15	Active Threat Incidents	Department of Homeland Security Releases First Responder Guidance for Improving Survivability in Improvised Explosive Device and/or Active Shooter Incidents	At the request of the National Security Council, a report was produced which includes strategies from the military, for civilian first responders dealing with an IED or active shooter incident.
6/10/15	SARTs - Sexual Assault Response Teams	Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Functioning and Effectiveness	The National Institute of Justice funded a national research study that compiled data from 2010-2012 to better understand SART functioning and effectiveness. Read the report here.
6/17/15	LGBTQ	LGBT Pride Month	This article highlights LGBT-specific resources, to include a student-based problem solving program and an online guide for responding to transgender victims of sexual assault.
6/17/15	Minors on Campuses	Protecting Minors on Campus	It is important to protect minors that are on college and university campuses. Several resources are provided in this article.
6/24/15	Tailgating	Tailgating	Tailgating is a pastime on many campuses across the US. However, tailgating poses a variety of threats to public safety, such as high-risk drinking. This article examines best practices for developing proper tailgating policies.
6/24/15	Threat Assessment	Threat Assessment	Threat assessment is essential to campus public safety and early intervention is critical. Learn how to build the best threat assessment team possible.
7/1/15	Drones	Drones	Several drone resources are provided in this article, to include information on usage and enforcement, policy guidance and regulations.
7/1/15	Evidence Management Process	Model Policy Materials on Evidence Retention, Disposition, and/or Removal	Learn how to improve your IHE's evidence management process during sexual assault cases and utilize a model policy created by End Violence Against Women International.
7/8/15	Community Relations	Managing External Relations and Off-Campus Conduct	Learn about what Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department developed to address off campus community issues such as loud parties and noise, alcohol and drug abuse, and disorderly or violent student conduct .
7/8/15	Title IX and Clery	Promising Practices for Implementing the Clery Act and Title IX	Over 40 campus public safety officials attended these summits, which focused on emerging and promising practices with regards to sexual crime investigations.

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7/15/15	Federal Training Opportunities	Free Federal Training Opportunities	The government offers a variety of free trainings for IHEs that address preparedness topics. This article highlights several of the most important trainings you need to know about.
7/15/15	School Crime and Safety	Indicators of School Crime and Safety Report Released	The National Center for Education Statistics and the Bureau of Justice Statistics released this report that provides national indicators on school crime and safety. Read to see what the numbers have to say.
7/22/15	Campus and Police Partnerships	Local and Campus Law Enforcement Partnerships	Learn more about the 16th annual "Campus Community Safety Partnerships for the 21st Century," and learn about future opportunities to build relationships between campus security officials and the surrounding communities to help reduce crime.
7/22/15	Mental Health	The Neurobiology of Trauma	The neurobiology of trauma for sexual assault victims is a new and rapidly expanding field of study. Check out this article for access to webinars links, published articles, and online resources for education about this emerging topic.
7/29/15	Mental Health	Training First Responders to Know the Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder	Non-physical disabilities are difficult to distinguish by looking at an individual. It is important for first responders to be trained in how to deal with situations where a non-physical disability is present. Read more about how to best serve those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in this article.
7/29/15	Public Safety in Houses of Worship	Protecting Houses of Worship	Houses of Worship are considered safe and sacred places. View this article to learn about strategies for keeping houses of worship safe in your community.
8/5/15	Legal Issues of Campus Safety	New Campus Safety Track for the 2015 Legal Issues Conference	The National Center for Campus Public Safety will be holding the Annual Legal Issues in Higher Education Conference at the University of Vermont, from October 19-21, 2015. This conference will include sessions on trauma-informed investigations, suicide prevention and mental health on campus, fair and impartial policing, and many other topics involving campus safety.
8/5/15	Sexual Assault	Senate Hearing on Campus Sexual Assault	The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee heard testimony from several experts on campus sexual assault, which will ultimately be considered in the final version of the Campus Accountability and Safety Act.
8/12/15	Campus Safety Assessment	VTV Family Outreach Foundation Launches Campus Safety Assessment Tools	VTV Family Outreach Foundation (VTV) officially introduced college and university self-assessment tools called the 32 National Campus Safety Initiative (32 NCSI). These tools address nine areas of campus safety including, alcohol and other drugs, hazing, sexual violence, and many more.

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8/12/15	Violence Against Women	Office on Violence Against Women Launches Online Resource Center for Institutions of Higher Education	The Center for Changing Our Campus Culture is an online system that provides colleges and universities resources on sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campuses.
8/19/15	Student Confidentiality	U.S. Department of Education Seeks Your Input on Protecting Student Medical Records	The U.S. Department of Education is seeking public commentary on a draft Dear Colleague Letter to see whether it might have unexpected consequences concerning student consent and disclosing medical records.
8/19/15	Data and Research	High-Risk Drinking Prevention and Enforcement	SAMHSA reported the results from their 2013 survey and several chapters included trends of high alcohol use and abuse among college students. Key findings from that survey are included. Also listed is an overview of the Study to Prevent Alcohol-Related Consequences and step-by-step guidance on how to implement interventions.
8/19/15	Students and Campus Safety	Student Government Associations and Campus Safety	Student-organized groups across the country have taken the responsibility of campus public safety into their own hands by patrolling their campuses at night, providing escort programs, and informing students of his or her right to safety.
8/26/15	Victims' Issues	Office for Victims of Crime Releases Toolkit for Helping Victims of Mass Violence and Terrorism	OVC has released an online toolkit that provides resources to victim service providers on preparation for and responding to incidents, as well as recovering from future acts of violence.
8/26/15	Title IX and Clery	Campus Safety Resources from the Clery Center for Security on Campus	September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) and the Clery Center will provide free developmental opportunities on topics that impact campus safety, including Title IX, hazing, and compliance challenges.
8/26/15	Fire Safety	Campus Fire Safety Month	Campus Fire Safety Month began in 2005 in order to raise awareness and educate students on fires, especially campus-related housing fires. Since most house fire deaths occur in off-campus housing, it is critical to educate campus communities on safety issues such as the lack of automatic sprinklers, missing smoke alarms, and careless disposal of smoking materials.
9/2/15	Campus Safety	National Campus Safety Awareness Month is Here!	The Clery Center is promoting National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) by providing free resources and webinars on helping and protecting your campus community.
9/2/15	Law Enforcement	Management Tools for Student Parties	There are many public resources available that address effective approaches to managing parties and reducing high-risk drinking among students.
9/9/15	Suicide	Suicide Prevention Awareness	September is National Suicide Prevention Month as it coincides with the return to school and is the 2nd leading cause of death for people aged 15-24. Many organizations are addressing student anxiety, depression, and stress and have made great efforts in raising awareness about suicide prevention.

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9/9/15	Public Safety	Training and Resources for Public Safety Cyclists	The International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) is providing cyclist training and safety for law enforcement that can also be adopted by security officers on college and university campuses.
9/16/15	Hazing	Hazing Prevention and Awareness	In light of National Hazing Prevention Week, September 21-25, HazingPrevention.Org is offering a free guide that contains information and tools on planning a week of education on hazing awareness and prevention.
9/16/15	Campus Facilities Security	Campus Facilities: Controlled Access and Security	One of the greatest security challenges for colleges and university is controlling access to residence halls. Implementing certain procedures will increase student safety such as, using restricted access systems like key cards, and 24-hour entry and exit monitoring.
9/23/15	Sexual Violence	White House Task Force Releases New Resources for Campus Communities	Two new resources have been released that address sexual violence on campus. The resource guide is complied of various materials and is designed to support campus community members. The Safe Place resource kit is specifically for campus health centers and how they can respond to trauma of sexual violence.
9/23/15	Domestic Violence	The Lethality Assessment Program: An Innovative Intervention to Intimate Partner Violence	The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is an intervention that takes place at the scene of domestic violence incidents. The LAP aims to educate victims on the potential risk factors and helps guide them to support services. Campus law enforcement can adopt this program in order to reduce domestic violence on college campuses.
9/30/15	Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Awareness	October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and many organizations are promoting education on how to improve the response to domestic violence on college and university campuses. Various resources are provided on awareness, prevention, and response.
9/30/15	Public Safety	FBI Warns College Students of Phone Scam	Learn about an FBI-issued press release stating college students were receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be an FBI agent. Information on what to do if it happens is included.
9/30/15	Missing Persons	Valuable Tools and Required Policy for Missing Persons on Campus	There are several tools campus law enforcement can utilize in order to find missing students in a more timely and efficiently manner. Among resources listed are: an app that assists rescue efforts of first responders, and a free training handbook from the Department of Education with a section on missing students.
10/7/15	Emergency Preparedness	Mass Casualty Incidents: Planning and Training	Planning and training for mass casualty incidents is critical to ensure the most coordinated and effective response. Several resources are available to assist with this process.

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10/7/15	Cyber Security	October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)	National Cyber Security Awareness Month is an opportune time to recognize the importance of cyber security by educating and engaging campus community members through activities, events, and training that will raise cyber security awareness and promote safe online habits.
10/14/15	Violence Prevention and Response	Targeted Violence on Campuses	Campuses face unique challenges when planning for and responding to targeted violence due to location, population, and complex structures. There are many resources and trainings that can assist colleges and universities plan and address the possibility of targeted violence, such as an active shooter, on their campuses.
10/14/15	Emergency Response	Preparing for and Responding to Natural Disasters	Threats of natural disasters striking any community are real and the devastating impact of these disasters can be catastrophic. There are several tools and guides that colleges and universities can consider in their response to natural disasters occurring on campus including, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms.
10/21/15	Campus Safety	Key Findings from Campus Safety Survey	Margolis Healy's 2015 campus safety survey focused on emergency management, general campus safety, compliance, study abroad safety, and social media monitoring. A couple interesting findings include all-hazards emergency planning has not become the standard across institutions, and campus public safety staffing levels appear to be insufficient at a majority of campuses. Download the full report.
10/28/15	Campus Safety	NCCPS Accomplishments: Our Efforts to Address Campus Safety	Since 2014, the NCCPS has partnered with an array of leading public safety organizations, colleges and universities, and subject matter experts to address critical issues and enhance campus safety efforts. The most important accomplishments include the development of trauma-informed sexual assault investigation and adjudication curriculum, enhancing the implementation of the Clery Act, conducting campus public safety webinars, and maintaining a comprehensive clearinghouse of information and resources for campus safety, law enforcement, emergency management, and campus communities.
10/28/15	Emergency Management	Volunteer and Donation Management	Controlling the potential influx of unaffiliated community volunteers and unsolicited donations are essential in light of a crisis or emergency. It is critical to understand the challenges volunteer and donation management pose and learn to effectively manage potentially difficult situations. Many states and organizations offer essential planning resources for agencies and organizations of all sizes, to include college and university campuses.

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11/4/15	Threat Assessment	Behavorial Threat Assessment	Colleges and universities are training teams on behavioral threat assessment and management to identify and intervene who may pose a threat to themselves or others. There are many resources available to assist campus teams in making informed decisions when assessing current team functions and operations.
11/4/15	Clery Act	Celebrating 25 Years with the Clery Center	It has been 25 years since Congress approved the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, which was renamed in honor of the rape and murder of Jeanne Clery. Although the act has been amended, the original intent, to ensure safer campus communities for all, remains. At the 25th anniversary event, the National Center for Campus Public Safety and others discussed the impact the Clery Act had on campus safety initiatives.
11/11/15	Community Relations	NCCPS Webinar Recap: Managing External Relationships and Off-Campus Conduct	This webinar is the fifth from an ongoing free series and it features John Venuti, Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police at Virginia Commonwealth University. The webinar discussion articulated a multitude of successful strategic actions that can be adopted or modified by other campus communities. Several of those actions to consider are included.
11/18/15	Crime Reduction	Suspicious Activity Detection and Information Sharing	Fusion centers are organizations of two or more local, state, or federal agencies. The goals of these centers are to work together and share information in order to better prevent, detect, investigate and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.
11/18/15	Crime Reduction and Public Trust	"If You See Something, Say Something"	The Department of Homeland Security in conjunction with U.S. Department of Justice's Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative launched the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign, with the goal of training state and local law enforcement to recognize behaviors and indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime. Campaign materials such as posters and web graphics are available.
11/18/15	Emergency Management	Emergency Communications Governance Resources	In light of new technology and its growing utilization, the Department of Homeland Security updated the National Emergency Communications Plan. DHS emphasized a focus on the "whole community" in order to include more participation from a wider range of institutions and organizations.
11/25/15	Public Safety	Holiday Season Health and Safety	Access a variety of government and other health and safety tips and resources to help your institution and community prepare for the holidays, travel, and winter weather.
11/25/15	Underage Drinking	Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage and High-risk Drinking	Communities Talk is a program sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that aims to bring communities together to combat underage drinking. Learn more about this program and how to get involved.

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12/2/15	Fire Safety	New Report on Campus Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings	The U.S. Fire Administration gathered data and released a report on fire fatalities in campus residential buildings from 2000 to 2015. The goal was to figure out the main factors that led to 85 fatal fires in dormitories and off-campus housing. Key findings are included.
12/9/15	Campus and Federal Partnerships	Federal Bureau of Investigation Campus Liaison Initiative	The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Campus Liaison Program connects higher education institutions with Joint Terrorism Tasks Forces in order to detect and deter extremist activity in campus communities and aid in keeping your campus community safe and secure. Program participation builds strong relationships between organizations and provides training for campus administrators and public safety personnel.
12/9/15	Hate Crimes	Hate Crimes	College and university campuses are not immune to hate crimes; in 2014 there were 5,462 single-bias hate crime incidents involving 6,681 victims. Access resources to help address hate crimes on campuses; understand how to communicate effectively with victim; and prevent and resolve conflict.
12/16/15	Sexual Assault Investigations	New Sexual Assault Investigations Training Module Available through EVAWI	End Violence Against Women International has developed a new training module that addresses the use of biological evidence and DNA analysis in sexual assault investigations. EVAWI offers peer-reviewed training videos on this topic and many others free of charge.
12/16/15	Travel and Study Abroad	Study and Travel Abroad Safety: New Resource and Upcoming Webinar	Many colleges and universities do not have appropriate processes in place to address sexual violence in their study abroad programs. EduRisk, a resource from United Educators, released a bulletin that covers these topics including, offering prompt and compassionate response to the victim, integrate sexual violence policies into study abroad program materials, and train program directors and students on the institution's policy.
12/23/15	Public Safety	DHS National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS)	The Department of Homeland Security has updated the National Terrorism Advisory System with three types of advisories: bulletin, elevated alert, and imminent threat. DHS encourages the public to look out for suspicious activity and report concerns to law enforcement.
12/23/15	Gender Bias	Department of Justice Releases New Guidance on Identifying and Preventing Gender Bias	The Department of Justice released a guidance document aimed at assisting law enforcement in identifying and preventing bias in their response to sexual assault and gender violence. The document examines how gender bias can undermine the response to sexual assault and violence and provides a set of principles to help law enforcement agencies provide services free from discrimination on the basis of gender and handle these cases more effectively.

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12/30/15	Drones	Drones: Information and Resources for Campus Law Enforcement	The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued a national registration process for all unmanned aircraft systems and drone hobbyists. Access several resources and guidance from the FAA regarding drone enforcement, operations at sporting events, legal issues, and more.
1/6/16	Stalking	January is National Stalking Awareness Month	January 2016 marks the 13th year the US has observed National Stalking Awareness Month. Millions of people are stalked each year and one in six women will be stalked in their lifetime. The Stalking Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women have compiled specific resources for law enforcement and other interested groups.
1/6/16	Disaster Resilient Universities	Disaster Resilient Universities (DRU) Overview	The Federal Emergency Management Agency piloted the DRU initiative in 2000 and since then, the network and program has continued to grow. The DRU Network supports communication, resource-sharing, and cooperation in order to make campuses resistant to disasters.
1/6/16	Public Safety	Hoverboards	The emerging popularity of hoverboards has raised public and campus safety concerns. The National Fire Protection Agency has issued fire warnings for hoverboards due to the growing safety concerns over hoverboards exploding and combusting. We have compiled relevant information and resources.
1/13/16	Drones	Drones: Campus Policies and Educational Materials	Due to the growing popularity of recreational drone use, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released educational materials on states considering laws that will regulate unauthorized drone use, as well as a guide for law enforcement to use in their detection and investigative efforts.
1/20/16	Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault on College Campuses in Popular Culture	Popular media has increasingly highlighted sexual assault on college and university campuses. There are songs, videos, and campaigns utilizing the voices of celebrities in order to bring awareness to this campus public safety issue. We have compiled resources and training to support campus professionals.
1/27/16	Sexual Assault	Department of Justice Releases Campus Climate Survey Report	The Bureau of Justice Statistics released the Campus Climate Survey Validation Study Final Technical Report. The report collected data on sexual victimization of undergraduate students from nine schools during 2014-2015 and included findings such as, an average of 21% of females confirmed they had experienced sexual assault and first year female students reported the highest number of sexual assault incidents.

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2/3/16	Social Media	Social Media in Educational Environments	Social media greatly impacts educational environments because of there is evidence of high rates of student use. Understanding social media and how it affects safety in an educational environment can be challenging. NCCPS and Social Sentinel, Inc. collaborated to create a guide that includes information on the benefits and challenges of using social media in the academic setting, developing a social media policy, crime prevention strategies, emergency notification messaging, and much more.
2/3/16	Teen Dating Violence	February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month	Every February is nationally recognized as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and many organizations are educating youth on how to prevent and end abusive relationships. Several organizations and associations provide information and resources on gender and relationship violence.
2/10/16	Public Health	Planning Spring Break? What You Need to Know About the Zika Virus	Although there are no travel restrictions imposed by WHO or the US State Department, those traveling to countries affected by the Zika virus are advised to take precautions. The CDC offers relevant information on Zika and lists steps to avoid the transmission of the virus.
2/10/16	Title IX	New Clery Center Resource	The Clery Center has released a new resource entitled Responsible Employee Training Video, which addresses the responsibilities and obligations of employees under Title IX. A responsible employee must report incidents of sexual violence to the Title IX coordinator or appropriate school designee.
2/17/16	Homelessness	Homelessness on Campus	There are 58,000 homeless students on campuses across the US. Many homeless students at colleges and universities nationwide don't have families and loved ones to return to during academic breaks. Colleges and universities can adopt a series of measures to help homeless students including, permit students to stay in their residence halls, use Student Support Services dollars to fund housing, and create a website where students can confidentially disclose their status and the services they need.
2/17/16	Event Management	Hosting Presidential Candidates: What Campuses Need to Consider	Colleges and universities need to consider the following when hosting events for presidential candidates: the introduction of secret service, a high turnout rate, an influx of national, state and local media, and first amendment issues. After the event, it is important to discuss what went well and what went wrong in order to update large-scale event plans and be better prepared in the future.
2/24/16	Violence Against Women	VAWA 2013 Forensic Compliance Deadline: March 7, 2016	March 7, 2016 is the deadline for forensic compliance with the provisions made to the VAWA 2013 Act. These provisions require that states, Indian tribal governments, units of local government, and territories must coordinate with health care providers to notify victims of sexual assault the availability of rape exams at no cost.

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2/24/16	Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence	NO MORE Week of Action	NO MORE is a national campaign striving to educate bystanders on ending sexual assault and domestic violence. April and October are specific months when sexual assault awareness and domestic violence awareness are observed respectively. However, NO MORE is dedicated to bringing year-round awareness on both of these issues and they offer relevant information and resources.
3/2/16	Policing	Recruitment and Retention in Campus Policing	Hiring and retaining campus security and law enforcement has been a challenge for colleges and universities. The key causes for turnover in the higher education setting and across the country are attributed to low pay and benefits, poor supervision, lack of career growth, insufficient recognition, inadequate training and lack of support from administration. Access helpful resources to recruit effectively and prevent turnover.
3/9/16	Sexual Assault	New Blueprint for Sexual Assault Response Developed for Texas Universities	The Blueprint for Campus Police: Responding to Sexual Assault is a document published by the University of Texas System on how law enforcement should respond and investigate sexual assault cases. The Blueprint is a model that other police agencies nationwide, including those at higher education institutions, can use and implement.
3/9/16	Underage Drinking	Opportunity to Host a Town Hall Meeting for Preventing Underage Drinking	SAMHSA is promoting awareness about high-risk and underage drinking through their campaign Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking. SAMHSA welcomes all campuses and communities to host a town hall meeting and they have provided various resources to help you get started.
3/9/16	Data and Research	Sentinel Events Initiative	NIJ has researched sentinel events in the criminal justice system. Examples of a sentinel event include a police shooting, "near miss" acquittals and dismissals of cases that at earlier points seemed solid, wrongful convictions, or the erroneous release from prison of a dangerous offender. In order to prevent future adverse outcomes, law enforcement agencies are recommended to introduce no punitive peer reviews of critical incidents separate from criminal and administrative investigations.
3/16/16	Active Threat Incidents	Active Shooter Training for Campuses Nationwide	The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center developed the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Train-the-Trainer program, which provides law enforcement officers strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. NCCPS partnered with ALERRT to bring this critical training to college and university campuses across the country.

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3/16/16	Public Safety	NCAA and Department of Homeland Security Team up This Spring	The NCAA and DHS have collaborated over the past five years, during March Madness, to promote the national public awareness campaign "If You See Something, Say Something™." The campaign's goal is to "raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement." A new campaign PSA is directed at student athletes and fans to raise awareness on public safety and security during these games.
3/16/16	Community Relations	New Guidance Report on Building Trust in Your Community	A wide array of police chiefs and community leaders gathered for a PERF Summit to the discuss the challenges of building community-police trust. Some promising practices that were revealed at the meeting include implicit bias training, intervening to stop misconduct, fostering communications, and having honest discussions.
3/23/16	Sexual Assault	April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month	April is sexual assault awareness month (SAAM) and the purpose of this campaign is to raise awareness about sexual violence and to inform communities on how to prevent it. There are many resources from previous years that might be useful to campus professionals. In support of SAAM, the NCCPS hosted two free webinars that are now archived on the NCCPS website.
3/23/16	Emergency Management	Defining an Emergency Manager in Light of Flint, Michigan	The Flint, Michigan lead water crisis has sparked a huge debate on whether or not the emergency manager was at fault and as a result, this situation has undermined traditional emergency managers. We compiled relevant resources and discussion forums to provide general emergency management information and support to campus emergency managers.
3/30/16	Professional Development	New Tool for Your Public Safety Website	NCCPS has created banners that can be placed on campus safety, law enforcement, and emergency management websites. These banners allow users to access the NCCPS website and helpful resources with one click.
3/30/16	Sexual Assault	NCCPS April Webinar Series	April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and in support of this national campaign, NCCPS held two webinars that highlight sexual assault prevention and response, as well as bystander intervention. Archived versions of the webinars may be accessed through the NCCPS website.
4/6/16	Technology	Campus Safety Mobile Apps	The prevalence of smartphone use among college students and the growing security concerns across the country has given rise to the implementation of safety apps by institutions of higher education and their communities. Some apps provide direct connection to campus public safety offices, tip reporting, live GPS location monitoring, and much more. NCCPS compiled a list of these security apps and has included descriptions, cost, and links to more information.

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4/6/16	Victims' Rights	National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 10-16, 2016 is National Crime Victims' Rights Week and this year's theme is "Serving Victims. Building Trust. Restoring Hope." Each year, the Office for Victims of Crime publishes a resource guide that offers educational and campaign materials that institutions and organizations can use to better serve victims and restore trust within the community.
4/6/16	Terrorism	How Do Foreign Terrorist Attacks Impact Campus Event Planning?	Large events held on college and university campuses, such as graduation, championship sports games, and concerts, can be seen as soft targets for violent extremism and terrorist attacks. DHS recommends increasing security measures during these campus events and its "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign can be a useful resource for campus public safety officials.
4/13/16	Professional Development	Free Training and Technical Assistance for Public Safety Agencies	BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) is a free resource for public safety agencies and it provides training and services on topics including adjudication, counter-terrorism, crime prevention, mental health, and much more. Two of NTTAC key initiatives are the National Body-Worn Camera Toolkit and the Law Enforcement Naloxone Toolkit.
4/13/16	Violence Prevention and Response	Engaging Gun Shop Owners in Preventing Mass Shootings and Suicides	Gun shop owners can play a vital role in preventing mass shootings and suicides, as did John Downs did when he denied James Howard a firearm. Institutions of higher education should routinely engage with local gun store owners as part of their overall threat management strategy.
4/20/16	Emergency Management	Recovery, Resiliency, and Emergency Incidents	Various organizations have created resources and trainings that address emergency incident response and community recovery. For example, FEMA released the guide, Effective Coordination of Recovery Resources for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Incidents, which focuses on recovery challenges. The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools offers training opportunities for educators so they can better comprehend resilience strategies.
4/20/16	Emergency Preparedness	April 30, 2016: National PrepareAthon! Day	The goal of America's PrepareAthon! is to promote emergency preparedness and resilience through community-centered activities. This national campaign offers a variety of resources to inform community members on how a variety of hazards can affect you and your loved-ones. It also provides information on how to plan and implement a successful PrepareAthon! Day in your community or on your campus.

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4/27/16	Mental Health	May is Mental Health Month	May is Mental Health Month and this campaign was started 67 years ago to help raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of good mental health. In terms of college-aged men and women, studies found that 80% of students felt overwhelmed, 45% of students felt things were hopeless, and almost 33% of students reported having felt so depressed that they had trouble functioning. There are many organizations that address mental health by conducting research, raising awareness, and providing direct support.
4/27/16	Sexual Assault	Addressing Sexual Assault in the Study Abroad Setting	Prevention and response to sexual assault cases in the international setting should be part of institutions of higher education overall plans. Federal agencies including the Department of State, OSAC, and the FBI, have released reports discussing possible threats students might encounter while studying abroad and how they can protect themselves. Access resources that assist institutions in understanding their reporting and response obligations.
5/4/16	Suicide	Suicide Rates Highest in Three Decades	Between 1999 and 2014, suicide rates increased 24 percent and suicide has become the second leading cause of death among young adults, ages 18- to 24-years old. There are a variety of organizations motivated to prevent suicide, raise awareness on misconceptions, and provide free and confidential emotional support to individuals at risk.
5/11/16	Mental Health	Get Involved During National Prevention Week	National Prevention Week brings together community members, schools, and prevention specialists to raise awareness, provide educational opportunities, and hold events related to substance abuse and mental health issues. Some of this year's daily themes include prevention of tobacco use, underage drinking, and suicide, as well as promotion of mental health and wellness.
5/11/16	Professional Development	DHS Fellowship Opportunity	DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis is accepting applications from state, local, tribal, and territorial partners (SLTT) for its Fellows Program. This program is an opportunity for DHS and SLTT partners to collaborate in order to ensure information is shared between all levels of government.
5/18/16	Policing	Recognizing First Responders	President Obama issued a presidential proclamation stating that May 15th, 2016 is Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 15-21, 2016 is National Police Week. President Obama clearly articulated the vital role police officers play in our communities both on and off the job.
5/18/16	Campus Safety	PEACE OUTside Campus: The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation	PEACE OUTside Campus: The Lindsey M. Bonistall Foundation was founded in 2005 in memory of Lindsey Marie Bonistall, who was a victim of a violent crime in her off-campus apartment. PEACE OUTside Campus strives for the protection of students residing off campus by providing programs, tools, and resources that focus on the safety of off-campus living.

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5/25/16	Travel and Study Abroad	Emerging Issues in Managing International Programs at IHEs	NCCPS, the Disaster Resilient Universities® Network, and the University of Oregon Community Service Center explored the challenges of managing international study abroad programs in higher education. The issues institutions face are allocating resources for mitigating risks, changes in technology and regulation in global programs, instilling a culture of compliance, and including a mental health component in planning.
5/25/16	Drones	Updates on Federal Drone Policies	The FAA updated its federal drone policies and confirmed shooting down a drone is a federal felony crime because it poses a significant safety hazard. The updates also clarified operation of an unmanned aircraft for hobby or recreation, conduct model aircraft operations, and assist students who are operating a model aircraft.
6/1/16	Public Safety	National Safety Month: Get Involved	The National Safety Council organizes National Safety Month (NSM) every June. Each week, NSM focuses on a different topic and this year includes, Stand Ready to Respond, Be Healthy, Watch Out for Dangers, and Share the Roads Safely. There are posters, tip sheets, and fact sheets that accompany each weekly topic.
6/8/16	Clery Act	Institutionalizing the Clery Act at IHEs	The Jeanne Clery Act requires colleges and universities receiving federal Title IX student financial assistance to report crime statistics to the public. Although the Clery Act is dedicated to providing safe campus environments, institutions face challenges with Clery compliance, including personnel management, training, and funding. Our formal report on institutionalizing Clery includes strategies for addressing those challenges.
6/8/16	Mental Health	Mass Casualty Events and Safeguarding Officer Mental Health	The DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and the National Alliance on Mental Illness published a guide that focuses on mental health of police officers after mass casualty incidents. The guide addresses two key issues for police chiefs: 1) what to do before a tragedy occurs and 2) what to expect after a mass casualty occurs in your community.
6/15/16	LGBTQ	Tragedy in Orlando and LGBT Pride Month	There are many resources, guides, and campaigns available to public safety officials who might be faced with a mass casualty incident or every day policing or emergency situations that impact members of the LGBT community.
6/15/16	Sexual Violence	Strategies and Approaches to Preventing Sexual Violence	The CDC released STOP SV: A Technical Package to Prevent Sexual Violence, which is composed of strategies to prevent sexual violence and evidence-based approaches to lessen the immediate and long-term harms of sexual violence. Examples of strategies include promoting social norms that protect against violence, providing opportunities to empower and support girls and women, and supporting victims/survivors to lessen harms.

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6/22/16	Bomb Threat	New Bomb Threat Training	Due to the number of bomb threats made against K-12 and institutions of higher education, the Department of Homeland Security and its partners produced a training video that demonstrates how to respond to a bomb threat situation. DHS's Office for Bombing Prevention provides a bomb threat checklist, a guidance brochure, and a multi-jurisdictional improvised explosive device security planning process that campus professionals can utilize.
6/22/16	Fentanyl	DEA Releases Training Video on Fentanyl Exposure	The DEA released a training video that explains the risks when encountering the drug fentanyl. The video alerts the public and law enforcement about the dangers of improperly handling fentanyl and its lethal consequences.
6/29/16	Drones	White House Issues New Rules on Drones	The Obama Administration released new rules for commercial, scientific, public safety, and other non-recreational uses of drones. As the drone industry and use continues to grow - an estimated $82 billion for the U.S. economy by 2025 and 2.7 million drones in our skies by 2020 - rules and regulations are necessary to ensure transparency and accountability and to protect our privacy.
6/29/16	Cyber Security	Protecting Your Institution from Ransomware Attacks	Ransomware is a form of malware that locks valuable digital files and demands a ransom to release them. According to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center, there were 2,453 complaints in 2015 that resulted in over $1.6 million in losses. There are many resources providing ransomware prevention strategies to institutions of higher education.
7/6/16	Terrorism and Violent Extremism	DHA Announces New Grant Program to Counter Violent Extremism	Institutions of higher education, as well as state, local, and tribal governments, may apply to DHS's new grant program that addresses violent extremism. The purpose of the grant is to empower communities and provide resources to deter acts of terrorism before they occur.
7/6/16	Clery Act	New Clery Handbook Released	The ED's Office of Postsecondary Education released the Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reporting 2016 Edition, also known as the Clery Handbook. This updated handbook replaces the previous versions and supports institutions of higher education in achieveing compliance with the Clery Act and other safety and security requirements.
7/13/16	Public Safety	Safety Concerns Emerge as Pokémon Go Explodes in the U.S.	Institutions of higher education are facing public safety challenges since the release of the mobile game Pokémon Go. College and university campuses are ideal PokéStops, which in turn increases public traffic coming and going on campus. Reports of pedestrian-auto accidents, robberies, and other minor crimes are occurring as game use grows rapidly. The D.C. Police offer safety tips that can be shared with your campus community.

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7/13/16	Theft Prevention	Larceny-Theft Prevention and Recovery	Campus public safety departments must make larceny-theft prevention measures part of their mission because in 2014, 89% of property crimes on college and university campuses were larceny-thefts. There are trainings, resources, and technology solutions available to educate public safety officials and help curb larceny-theft occurrences.
7/20/16	Terrorism and Violent Extremism	Timely Safety and Awareness Information on Recent Violent Acts	The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force Campus Liaison Program designates a Campus Liaison Agent in each of the 56 field offices to coordinate with campus safety officials to address terror threats, help prevent attacks, and provide access to FBI resources.
7/20/16	Travel and Study Abroad	Political Instability, Violence, and Travel Abroad	Political instability and acts of extreme violence have recently shaken the international community. To help mitigate tragic incidents, college and universities can inform their students, who are traveling and studying abroad, of key resources, services, apps, and websites that pertain to staying safe abroad.
7/27/16	Cyber Security	Cybersecurity and Higher Education	Institutions of higher education utilize the internet to learn, share, and collaborate with others, however, no one anticipated how it would evolve and lend itself to criminal activity. Federal agencies, such as the FBI and DHS, are making cybersecurity a top priority. There are several guides and programs that address cybersecurity attacks by informing the public and hosting trainings on best practices.
7/27/16	Activism	Preparing for and Responding to Student Activism on Campus	Student activism on campuses is experiencing a revival; incoming first-year students are now more likely to participate in student protests and be part of the political process. There are several resources and guides that can assist campus safety and law enforcement agencies in ensuring the safety of citizens, and police during demonstrations while protecting the constitutional rights of demonstrators.
8/3/16	Public Health	CDC Issues U.S. Zika Travel Warning	The CDC issued the first Zika virus travel warning in the U.S. for Wynwood, Florida, where they have identified new cases. The CDC released a Zika communication toolkit, a valuable resource for campuses that contains fact sheets, doorhangers, and infographics that emphasize precautions and information on the Zika virus.
8/10/16	Hate Crimes	The Rise of Anti-Semitic Incidents in Higher Education	The number of anti-Semitic incidents on college and university campuses has risen in recent years. In response to hate crimes, many institutions of higher education have established Bias Reponse Teams that support students who have witnessed or been involved in a bias incident. There are several publications addressing hate crimes on campus that college and universities can refer to.

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8/10/16	Alcohol Awareness	The Use of Environmental Intervention in Limiting Excessive Alcohol Use	The Safer University Program environmental intervention plan aims to reduce excessive drinking and intoxication at locations that are situated near colleges and universities. An experimental trial of this program resulted in the reduction of intoxication at off-campus parties and bars.
8/17/16	Law Enforcement	Changes to the Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS)	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Law Enforcement Notification System (LENS) was originally designated to alert specific state law enforcement agencies and fusion centers. LENS has been updated so that any state or local law enforcement agency can receive notifications directly, including sworn campus police.
8/17/16	Technology	Survey of Early Intervention Systems	An Early Intervention System (EIS) is a tool designed to identify officers who exhibit or are likely to engage in problematic behaviors. The National Institute of Justice's National Criminal Justice Technology Research, Test and Evaluation Center is conducting a survey to examine EIS's, in order to better understand the state of these systems.
8/24/16	Emergency Preparedness	September is National Preparedness Month	The Ready Campaign promotes National Preparedness Month (NPM) every September and this year's theme is "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today." Every week the campaign releases graphics, videos, and social media content to make sharing important preparedness information easier. Other materials and organizations are available to assist in your community preparedness efforts.
8/24/16	Data and Research	Policing Off-Campus Communities at Institutions of Higher Education	Many institutions of higher education (IHEs) collaborate with their local communities and law enforcement agencies around safety and security. NCCPS facilitated a forum to address critical issues and best practices in sharing campus law enforcement responsibilities with local partners. Participants identified coordination challenges local and campus law enforcement agencies face and accompanying recommendations regarding best practices to address those challenges.
8/24/16	Fire Safety	September is Campus Fire Safety Month	Campus Fire Safety Month was established as an effort to educate students about campus-related housing fires. There are several organizations that work to raise awareness and provide critical educational resources and key solutions to reducing fire-related deaths on college and university campuses.
8/31/16	Campus Safety	National Campus Safety Awareness Month	September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM) and this year's campaign theme is "Moving Forward Together." The Clery Center for Security On Campus has organized resources on their website including, seven free webinars, a social media toolkit, and other relevant materials in their resource library.

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8/31/16	Suicide	Suicide Prevention Awareness Month	Suicide is the leading cause of death among college and university students in the U.S., and National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is observed in September to align with students' return to campus. There are several organizations and resources available to help institutions of higher education spread suicide prevention awareness on campuses.
8/31/16	LGBTQ	New Transgender Awareness Training Video for Law Enforcement	The Department of Justice's Community Relations Service released a new training video that provides law enforcement officers with respectful and informed approaches for engaging transgender individuals. The information provided in this video will help strengthen the relationship between police and the transgender community.
9/7/16	Law Enforcement	New Resource from the IACP and the COPS Office	The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services released a guide on officer-involved shootings (OIS), in order to assist law enforcement agencies with situations that occur before, during, and after an OIS.
9/7/16	Sexual Violence	Progress Report Released on Ending Sexual Violence in the U.S.	Raliance, a group composed of three of the top sexual violence prevention organizations, published a progress report that explores key areas of the current movement to end sexual violence. These areas include media, advocacy and activism, federal leadership and policy, research and evaluation, prevention, and institutional responsibility.
9/14/16	Community Relations	National Conversation on Police and Community Interactions on Campuses	NCCPS facilitated a forum in partnership with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Law Enforcement Executives and Administrators. The purpose was to identify the gaps in perception between students and public safety at colleges and universities, and to build the framework to bridge those gaps.
9/14/16	Campus Safety	Federal Departments Release Resources for Schools and Colleges	The U.S. Departments of Education and Justice distributed new resources and tools to help K-12 schools and institutions of higher education (IHEs) improve school climates, ensure safety, and support student achievement.
9/21/16	Campus Safety	National Hazing Prevention Week	Acts of hazing impact college students across the country who are involved in athletic teams, greek life, and many other organizations. HazingPrevention.org and other organizations offer information, tools, and research to prevent and stop hazing in college communities and to promote overall campus safety.
9/21/16	Law Enforcement	National Security Officer Appreciation Week	The third week of September is dedicated to the celebration of security officers, the effort to erase stigma surrounding the profession, and encourage career opportunities in security. Allied Universal and the National Association of Security Companies offer more information on their websites.

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9/28/16	Data and Research	NCCPS Report on Marijuana Legalization and Decriminalization on College Campuses	NCCPS released a report on the impact of marijuana legalization on college campuses. The report highlights the findings of an emerging issues forum. The challenge of legalization and decriminalization lies in the fact that the rapidly changing situation poses problems for education, training, and enforcement of new campus policies.
9/28/16	Public Safety	First Responder's Toolbox for Terrorist Attacks	The National Counterterrorism Center, Department of Homeland Security, and Federal Bureau of Investigation released a resource for law enforcement, campus safety, and emergency management officials to deter, prevent, and respond to terrorist attacks. Professionals who serve in this capacity may request this toolkit through the NCCPS.
9/28/16	Policing	Report on Foot Patrols and Community Engagement	The Police Foundation published a report detailing the practice of foot patrols, a commonly used community engagement method on college campuses. The report includes a literature review that examines the historical context of foot patrols including the impact on crime reduction, citizens, and officers.
10/5/16	Mental Health	Mental Health Awareness Week	During the first full week of October, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), an organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness, encourages participation in Mental Illness Awareness Week. NAMI offers information on crisis training for law enforcement and, in congress with the Jed Foundation, NAMI published a guide for parents and students to encourage conversation surrounding mental health.
10/5/16	Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Domestic violence impacts people of all backgrounds. October is set aside to increase discussion surrounding issues of domestic violence. The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence spearheaded a campaign to make the "multifaceted nature of domestic violence" more visible.
10/12/16	Domestic Violence	Safer Families, Safer Communities	The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women launched the National Domestic Violence and Firearms Resource Center's Safer Families, Safer Communities website to help agencies and organizations work together to prioritize victim safety and to address the challenges that communities face in responding to firearm-involved domestic violence. The website includes access to strategies, tools, and research.
10/19/16	Public Safety	Strategic Plan to Prevent Violent Extremism	Violent extremism is a pervasive issue, and one that is not limited to any one group or region. Strong communities, including those in institutions of higher education, are imperative for safeguarding against violent extremism. President Obama released an updated Strategic Implementation Plan for Empowering Local Partners to Prevent Violent Extremism in the United States to respond to the current dynamics of violent extremism and reflect experiences and knowledge acquired over the last five years.

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10/19/16	**Cyber Security**	National Cyber Security Awareness Month	Technology plays an increasingly significant role in our daily lives. October is designated as National Cyber Security Awareness month to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity and inform people about detecting and preventing cybercrime. There are many ways for your campus to become involved and raise awareness.
10/19/16	**Public Safety**	Substance Abuse Prevention Month	National Substance Abuse Prevention Month is recognized in October as an educative period for those struggling with addiction, those in recovery, and organizations dedicated to substance abuse prevention. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence offer information and resources for individuals and campus safety professionals to utilize in their communities.
10/26/16	**Public Safety**	Police and Community Interactions on Campuses	Following recent police shootings involving people of color, the NCCPS partnered with the HBCU-LEEA to facilitate an emerging issues forum to identify gaps in perception between students and police chiefs and to build a framework to help the campus community bridge those gaps. The forum involved in-depth discussions between student leaders and their police chiefs/campus safety executives. Participants identified a series of potential solutions to urgent challenges in these areas.
10/26/16	**Mental Health**	Mental Health Toolkit	The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance released a Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit that helps law enforcement officers effectively respond to calls for service, improve outcomes for people with mental illness, and advance the safety of all. Campus public safety organizations can also benefit from these resources and adopt this type of program.
10/26/16	**Bullying**	National Bullying Prevention Month	National Bullying Prevention Month is observed each October. Bullying is not only a K-12 issue; it continues through college and into the workplace. Cyberbullying is especially common among college students. Resources to build safe communities and prevent bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and violence are available from a variety of organizations and federal partners.
11/2/16	**Sexual Violence**	NCAA Releases Sexual Violence Prevention Toolkit	NCAA released a toolkit that addresses core commitments that are essential for institutions and athletic departments to focus on in developing and promoting a campus culture that is safe and free from violence. The toolkit includes checklists, implementation tools, and resources, including action plan worksheets.
11/2/16	**Veterans**	Veterans on Campus	Campuses are experiencing a growing number of student veterans. It is vital for college and university faculty, staff, and administrators to help support student veterans in their academic activities and campus life. Several organizations provide training, information, and tools to help campuses learn how to best serve their veteran populations.

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11/9/16	Hunger and Homelessness	Hunger and Homelessness on Campus	National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is held the week before Thanksgiving each year to raise awareness on the problems associated with hunger and homelessness. Public safety departments should develop and maintain relationships with homeless students and provide them with the services they need. There are numerous resources to help mitigate hunger, food insecurity, and homelessness on campus, and support students in need.
11/9/16	Analytics	New Benchmarking Tool for Law Enforcement	IACP and IACP Net created the Law Enforcement Benchmarking and Performance Analytics Portal to allow law enforcement agencies to conduct comparative analyses with peer agencies to help improve agency performance, advance policing, make efficient decisions, and gain support from stakeholders. The tool is free for police departments, including those on campuses.
11/9/16	Transgender Awareness	Transgender Awareness Week	Transgender Awareness Week helps raise the visibility of transgender and non-conforming people, and addresses the issues and challenges they face daily. Many organizations offer information and resources to help promote awareness and address challenges.
11/16/16	Terrorism and Violent Extremism	DHS Issues New NTAS Bulletin	It is important for campus safety and law enforcement to share with community members what they can do to identify threats of violence. The Department of Homeland Security issued a new National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin that contributes to an informed public, and promotes their vigilance and awareness.
11/16/16	Suicide	New Resource for Campus Suicide Prevention	According to the CDC, suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24. The Suicide Prevention Resource Center launched an online tool that assists colleges and universities with setting goals, planning, and implementing effective suicide prevention programs and trainings.
11/24/16	Sexual Violence	CDC Releases Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies Publication	The CDC released a new technical assistance document that combines findings from two workgroups and reflects the CDC's beliefs about preventing sexual violence before it occurs, and creating a shift in culture and climate to achieve this goal. The integration of the document's components can help campuses implement prevention efforts to have greater impact on the reduction and prevention of sexual violence.
11/24/16	Drones	New Guidance on UAS and Enhancing Community Trust	The Community Oriented Policing Services and the Police Foundation released recommendations for police agencies regarding the use of small unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, for public safety purposes. The guidance can help agencies successfully assess the appropriateness of acquiring drones in their jurisdiction while ensuring public support and enhancing community trust.

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11/30/16	Emergency Management	National Higher Education Emergency Management Needs Assessment	The National Center for Campus Public Safety, in partnership with the Disaster Resilient Universities® Network and the International Association of Emergency Managers-Universities and Colleges Caucus, sponsored a nationwide study to identify emergency management program needs at institutions of higher education. The findings and recommendations from the study are included in a report you can download.
11/30/16	Substance Abuse and Addiction	U.S. Surgeon General Releases Report on Addiction in America	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General released the first report on the prevention, treatment, and recovery of substance abuse. The report cited four areas that educators are uniquely equipped to address.
12/7/16	Sexual Violence	New NCCPS Report on Challenges in Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence at Community Colleges	In April 2016, the NCCPS partnered with the American Association for Women in Community Colleges to facilitate an emerging issues forum. The purpose of the forum was to identify the areas of critical need for community colleges regarding prevention and response to sexual violence, as well as to elicit recommendations to address those challenges. A summary of the discussion and a list of recommendations are included in the report.
12/7/16	Campus Safety	Oregon Work Group Releases Campus Safety Report	The Oregon Campus Safety Work Group released a report that highlights a year's worth of work following the tragic incident at Umpqua Community College in October 2015. The Group worked to identify resource needs and potential state policies that could enable a coordinated strategy across the higher education system for public and private institutions; and analyzed promising practices and protocols to be shared across all post-secondary education institutions to maintain public safety and prevent, prepare for, and effectively manage future response and recovery efforts for campus wide crises or emergencies.
12/14/16	Mental Health	Managing Student Mental Health at Historically Black Colleges and Universities	The NCCPS partnered with the HBCU-LEEA to facilitate an emerging issues forum on managing student mental health on campus. The purpose of the forum was to identify challenges and potential solutions, including available resources, to assist the HBCU community in preventing, responding to, and recovering from incidents involving students experiencing mental health concerns. A report that outlines the forum discussion and recommendations can be downloaded.
12/14/16	Active Threat	Active Threat Training	Across the nation, active shooter incidents have risen since 2013, according to the FBI. We developed a comprehensive list of active threat trainings that include in-person trainings, webinars, videos, and online courses.

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12/21/16	Sexual Violence	NASPA Initiative Releases Results of Pilot Study	NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education released a report that confirms the Culture of Respect Engagement (CORE) Blueprint Program is an effective model to address sexual violence on campuses. The report includes results from the CORE Program pilot study along with emerging practices on how to address the issue.
12/21/16	Implicit Biases	Implicit Bias Evaluation Tool	It is known that everyone has implicit biases. Project Implicit® developed a tool to evaluate and understand levels of bias. Understanding and addressing biases can improve decision making and help strengthen or build successful community relations.
12/28/16	Consular Notification	Consular Notification on Campus	U.S. law enforcement officers—including campus law enforcement officers—must be aware of the unique consular notification obligation that arises when arresting or detaining foreign nationals in the United States. Learn more about and access resources on consular notification obligations for law enforcement.
12/28/16	Impaired Driving	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month	December is National Impaired Driving Prevention month. President Obama released a proclamation highlighting the unfortunate reality that the number of traffic crash fatalities caused by impaired driving has recently increased. Several resources on distracted and impaired driving are available to help with your awareness and prevention efforts.
1/4/17	Stalking	National Stalking Awareness Month	January is National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM). Various organizations offer a variety of resources to help institutions, organizations, and other interested groups promote NSAM.
1/11/17	Human Trafficking	January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month	President Obama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. There are several organizations and resources available to aid in preventing, identifying, and responding to human trafficking.
1/11/17	Sexual Assault	White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault Releases Final Report	The White House Task Force (WHTF) to Protect Students from Sexual Assault released its second and final report. The new report reviews the impact the WHTF and its efforts have had on institutions of higher education at all levels: research, development, planning, and implementation.
1/18/17	Terrorism	NCCPS Partners on See Something, Say Something	The NCCPS partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the See Something, Say Something campaign to raise public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and related crimes. You can take "The Challenge" and participate using interactive, online videos to test your ability to spot suspicious activity.

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1/25/17	Domestic Violence	IACP Releases Four-Part Domestic Violence Training Video for Law Enforcement	Domestic violence calls can be chaotic and dangerous for all involved. IACP released a domestic violence training video for law enforcement including strategies for successful investigations and effective response to victims.
1/25/17	Emergency Preparedness	National Seasonal Preparedness Calendar Now Available	The 2017 calendar developed by FEMA and released annually is now available. It highlights monthly observances and provides key messages for each month.
2/1/17	Underage Drinking	Resource Available for IHEs to Address Harmful and Underage Drinking on Campus	The College Alcohol Intervention Matrix is designed to help institutions of higher education make research-based decisions on intervention strategies to help their campuses address alcohol-related problems.
2/8/17	Dating Violence	February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month	Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month is observed every year n the United States during the month of February. There are many ways your institution can promote this observance and approach prevention.
2/8/17	Sexual Assault	White Paper: Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiatives and Non-investigative Kits	Last month, the U.S. DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women released a paper entitled, Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiatives and Non-investigative Kits. This position paper offers guidance on the storage of evidence in non-investigative sexual assault cases, or cases where a sexual assault kit was collected and the victim did not choose to report to law enforcement and did not consent to its submission.
2/15/17	Protests and Demonstrations	Protest Preparation and Response Training	Achieving competing goals of protecting freedom of speech and the right to assemble while maintaining order can be one of law enforcement's greatest challenges. IACLEA is hosting three trainings that will examine what law enforcement officials need to properly prepare for and respond to protests and demonstrations.
2/15/17	NCCPS Resource	NCCPS Calendar of Events	The NCCPS offers an online calendar of events containing information on a variety of upcoming conferences, trainings, webinars, and other professional development opportunities for those working towards and supporting safer campus communities.
2/22/17	Threat Assessment	FBI Releases New Publication on Threat Assessment and Targeted Violence	This month, the FBI released, Making Prevention a Reality: Identifying, Assessing, and Managing the Threat of Targeted Attacks. This publication discusses solutions to reduce attacks such as mass shootings and other forms of targeted violence including stalking, terrorism, or ambush attacks on law enforcement.

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2/22/17	Transnational Crime	Transnational Crime	Transnational crimes are crimes that have actual or potential effect across national borders and crimes that are intrastate but offend fundamental values of the international community. The IACP Transnational Crime Committee issued an informational handout on transnational crime. The handout includes information on transnational criminal strategies and tactics, the shape of this crime in our communities, the impact it has on our economy, why a law enforcement response is needed, and more.
2/22/17	Marijuana	Cannabis and its Impact on Campus	The marijuana legalization status in many states has changed. It is imperative that institutions of higher education stay informed and prepare for additional responsibilities to their campus communities. The Cannabis Learning Collaborative offers a compact and accessible course on the challenges that colleges and universities face due to the use and misuse of cannabis.
3/1/17	Sexual and Gender Violence	NO MORE Week of Action	NO MORE Week: Louder Together, a campaign asking communities to end the silence and inaction around these issues and work together to create a world without violence. NO MORE offers a variety of tools for raising awareness on your campus.
3/1/17	Campus Safety	Similarities and Differences Between Lone Wolf Terrorists and Mass Murderers	The National Institute of Justice released an article based on a 2016 report funded by the U.S. Department of Justice examining if differences exist between lone actor terrorists and mass murderers. The report includes risk factors related to lone actor violent events and more than a dozen case studies.
3/8/17	First Responders	Incident Management Preparedness and Coordination Toolkit (IMPACT) for First Responders	IMPACT is a free tool for first responders regarding planning, situational awareness, communication, and response to natural and man-made disasters. IMPACT combines simulation, visualization, and mapping into an integrated user interface similar to a smartphone or tablet and uses common data formats to exchange information with other map-based tools.
3/8/17	Bomb Threats	DHS Support for Jewish Community Centers	Jewish community centers and schools have recently been the target of at least five waves of bomb threats. DHS Secretary John Kelly released a statement on new support measures for Jewish community centers in the wake of escalating bomb threats. DHS provides workshops as well as contingency planning and response exercises to houses of worship, higher education institutions, and community centers upon request.
3/15/17	Body-Worn Cameras	Body Worn Camera Considerations for Gender-Based Violence Incidents	Body-worn cameras (BWCs) can enhance community trust and contribute to accountability, evidence collection, and transparency, but it's important to recognize that their use can adversely impact victim safety and privacy, especially during gender-based violence (GBV) incidents. Watch an archived webinar that discusses the issues law enforcement, prosecutors, forensic examiners, and other allied professionals must consider when BWCs are used in GBV investigations.

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3/15/17	Officer Safety Training	Officer Trainings from VALOR	VALOR, an officer safety initiative, will be offering one of their on-site trainings in multiple locations and encourages sworn campus law enforcement officers to register. Online trainings and webinars are also available on VALOR's eLearning page. All training is provided to sworn state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers at no cost.
3/22/17	Victim Services	National Crime Victims' Rights Week	National Crime Victims' Rights Week is in April each year to bring communities together; educate the public about victimization and the effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends, and the community; and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime. Several resources are available to help promote awareness and educate communities.
3/22/17	Clery Training	Clery Center Launches Jeanne Clery Act Training Pilot Program	The Clery Center is piloting In this comprehensive training, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their campus' challenges and begin formulating a Clery Act compliance plan. The curriculum ensures participants first understand the letter and spirit of the law and then provides participants the opportunity to create a strategy for their distinctive needs.
3/22/17	Sexual Assault	April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Each April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month helps communities effectively communicate messages and take action steps to prevent and spread awareness on sexual assault. Access information and tools to help implement a strong and effective sexual assault prevention campaign on campus.
3/29/17	Distracted Driving	April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month	Distracted Driving Awareness Month draws attention to distracted driving issues and aims to empower individuals to put safety first when driving. Distraction.gov provides a variety of distracted driving resources such as PSAs, videos, posters, sample legislation and press releases, and social media posts in English and Spanish.
3/29/17	Mental Health	Safe Call Now: A Resource for All First Responders	Safe Call Now® is a nonprofit organization that was launched nationally in 2010 with a mission to provide a confidential, comprehensive, 24-hour crisis referral service for all public safety employees, emergency services personnel, and their family members nationwide. Safe Call Now's president and founder understands the stigma attached to officers coming forward to seek help for issues such as depression, PTSD, addiction, marital and relationship problems, and financial pressures on top of the enormous responsibilities that come with public safety and policing duties.

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4/5/17	Community Relations	Communities of Color Toolkit Now Available	The online toolkit from the COPS Office and IACP, Bridging the Trust Gap Between Law Enforcement and Communities of Color, is now available. This resource provides law enforcement with promising practices for effectively engaging and building trust with communities of color.
4/5/17	Alcohol Awareness	April is Alcohol Awareness Month	Since 1987, April has been deemed Alcohol Awareness Month to help reduce the stigma so often associated with alcoholism by encouraging communities to reach out to the American public each with information about alcohol, alcoholism and recovery. The 31st Annual Alcohol Awareness Month Organizer's Guide is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to addressing underage drinking.
4/12/17	Sexual Violence	Free Customizable Online Training in Sexual Violence Prevention and Response	The Universities of New York launched an online training system to assist colleges and universities in training students and staff in the prevention of sexual, interpersonal, and related violence. Rather than a static video with one-size-fits-all content, this system allows and even demands customization and personalization by colleges, enabling students, faculty, staff, and institutional leaders to train each other.
4/12/17	Mental Health	IACP's One Mind Campaign	IACP's One Mind Campaign was developed to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness. Law enforcement agencies can join this campaign by taking the pledge and accepting the One Mind Challenge.
4/19/17	Campus Safety	Diversity in Campus Safety	The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing identified increasing the diversity of the nation's law enforcement agencies as an important aspect in developing trust. Their final report includes many ways this can be accomplished.
4/19/17	Victim Services	Vicarious Trauma Toolkit	The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit was developed with the understanding that those who respond to victims of sexual abuse, assist survivors of acts of terrorism and mass violence, fight fires that may have taken people's lives, or respond to shootings and other crime scenes face vicarious trauma from these situations. After four years of research, development, and pilot testing, this first-of-its-kind online toolkit is now available.
4/26/17	Averted Violence	Averted School Violence Reporting System	The Police Foundation, with funding from the COPS Office, launched the Averted School Violence Near Miss Reporting System (ASV) for law enforcement officials, school officials, and mental health professionals. The mission of the ASV system is to share information about averted school violence incidents and lessons learned in order to "improve school safety and help prevent future tragedies."

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5/3/17	Mental Health	Get Involved in Mental Health Month	Mental Health Awareness Month, has been observed in May since 1949, when it was started by Mental Health America, a community-based nonprofit founded in 1909. Since then, many other organizations and affiliates have joined the effort to promote MHM through local events, screenings, and the media. Each year, organizations release resources to use during MHM that include graphics, messaging, facts and stats, ways to get involved locally, and more.
5/3/17	Suicide	Suicide Prevention Resources	The CDC reported suicide was the second leading cause of death in 2015 for those aged 15-34. This data offers perspective on the prevalence of suicide and demonstrate the need for prevention efforts to save lives and stop the pain and loss suffered by communities across the country. New suicide prevention resources are available.
5/10/17	Suicide	13 Reasons Why: Suicide Contagion	It is well known that suicide can be a contagious occurrence. The newly released Netflix series, 13 Reasons Why, reflects on the incidents leading up to a teenage high school student's suicide through a series of tapes she leaves behind. The popular series highlights the need for suicide prevention education in school and campus communities, yet many public safety and health care professionals have valid concerns the show will lead to an increase in suicidal behaviors in their communities. New suicide prevention resources are available.
5/10/17	Sexual Assault	Association of American Universities Releases New Report	In 2015, the Association of American Universities conducted the largest survey of undergraduate and graduate students regarding the prevalence of sexual assault and misconduct on campuses and student attitudes on these issues, the Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct. As a follow up, the AAU released a new report, AAU Campus Activities Report: Combating Sexual Assault and Misconduct, which provides data and examples of how universities have taken action since 2015 to "improve efforts to reduce the incidence of sexual misconduct and to address its consequences."
5/17/17	Law Enforcement	National Police Week 2017	May 14-20, 2017, is National Police Week, which pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. National Police Week is an emotional time of recognition and remembrance for new survivors and for those who are returning for the events. You can access relevant data from the FBI and NLEOMF.
5/17/17	Substance Abuse	Making Each Day Count: Highlighting the Important Role of Substance Use Prevention	National Prevention Week (NPW) is a SAMHSA-sponsored annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues. NPW is held each year during the third week of May, an important time for campus and community professionals to re-focus on prevention. Additional information and resources are available.

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5/24/17	School Crime	Indicators of School Crime and Safety Report Released	The Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics released their annual report, Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2016. This report provides data on crime and safety at schools from the perspectives of students, teachers, and principals collected by various surveys from 2009 through 2015.
5/24/17	Officer Safety	VALOR's Spotlight on Safety: Defusing Difficult Encounters	BJA's VALOR Program provides tools to help prevent violence against law enforcement and to enhance officer safety, wellness, and resiliency. VALOR's Spotlight on Safety: Defusing Difficult Encounters web page offers information and resources, including printable materials, on basic defusing tactics.
5/31/17	Lightning Safety	Lightning Safety	A NWS analysis of lightning deaths in the U.S. between 2006 and 2016 show that more than 70% of these deaths occurred in the months of June, July, and August, with slightly more deaths occurring on Saturdays and Sundays. A total of 352 people were struck and killed by lightning during this 11-year period. There are several resources available to help keep yourself and others safe from this low probability/high consequence threat.
5/31/17	Safety	National Safety Month: Keep Each Other Safe	National Safety Month is observed annually in June and focuses on reducing the leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road, and in our homes and communities. The National Safety Council (NSC) is joining with thousands of organizations across the U.S. to raise awareness around this year's theme, Keep Each Other Safe. The NSC provides additional safety related resources online.
6/7/17	Immigration	Immigration Scheme Alert	Various communities across the nation, including college and university campuses, have recently encountered incidents in which criminals impersonate U.S. ICE deportation officers to obtain personal information or money. More information about immigration schemes and what to do is available.
6/7/17	Trauma	June is PTSD Awareness Month	In 2010, Congress declared June 27th PTSD Awareness Day. This continued until 2013, when the U.S. Senate designated the entire month of June to PTSD Awareness. Since then, the National Center for PTSD has worked tirelessly to raise public awareness of PTSD and effective treatments. Find multiple resources and information related to PTSD.
6/15/17	Drug Enforcement	U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Issues New Warnings on Fentanyl	In June 2017, the DEA issued new guidance and warnings for first responders working with those affected by the opioid crisis across the country. Access the new guidelines and other resources.

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6/21/17	Youth Violence	CDC Publishes Technical Package to Help Prevent Youth Violence	The CDC issued a new resource, A Comprehensive Technical Package for the Prevention of Youth Violence and Associated Risk Behaviors, to assist states and communities in preventing youth violence. The package uses evidence-based strategies to help prevent or reduce public health problems, particularly youth violence, among 10 to 24-year olds, and supports the CDC's STRYVE Initiative for preventing youth violence.
6/28/17	Hazing	HazingPrevention.Org™ Publishes 2017 Resource and Planning Guide	HazingPrevention.Org, a national organization dedicated to empowering people to prevent hazing, released their annual resource and planning guides for colleges and high schools. The resources may be used all year long.
6/28/17	Domestic & Sexual Violence	Safe Housing Partnerships: Ending Homelessness for Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors	There are people experiencing domestic violence and homelessness around the world, including on college and university campuses. A 2010 study found that nearly half (43%) of dating college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors. Results from a 2016 study of basic needs insecurity in higher education, which surveyed more than 33,000 students at 70 community colleges in 24 states, showed that 14 percent were homeless. More information and resources on these topics is available for your use.
7/5/17	Trauma-Informed Community	SAMHSA Introduces Series on Trauma-Informed Communities	Earlier this year, SAMHSA released a free publication highlighting different approaches to building trauma-informed, resilient communities. The introductory issue outlines SAMHSA's six principles of a trauma-informed approach and summarizes SAMHSA's community trauma initiative. More information regarding trauma-informed communities is available.
7/5/17	Risk Management	Safety and Risk Management Resources for Camp Programs on Campus	College and university campuses are now bustling with summer students as well as non-students and minors participating in summer camp programs. Summer camp programs carry a certain amount of risk exposure and colleges and universities are ultimately responsible for the safety of program participants and employees. Watch archived webinars regarding risk management at camps as well as find other resources on the topic.
7/12/17	Hate Crimes	Hate Crime Victimization Report Issued by BJS	The BJS published the annual report, Hate Crime Victimization, 2004-2015. Findings come primarily from the National Crime Victimization Survey, which began hate crime data collection in 2003, coupled with information from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Statistics Program. Access the report and other hate crime resources.

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7/19/17	Substance Abuse	New DEA Website Targeting College Drug Use	The DEA launched a new website in an effort to support drug abuse prevention programs on college and university campuses and in surrounding communities. The website provides data, news updates, federal drug scheduling and penalties, publications, research, national and statewide conferences and events, state and local prevention contacts, and resources available from DEA's partners, and more. Access the website for more information and to receive updates on campus drug prevention efforts and resources.
7/19/17	Event Planning	Total Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017	For the first time since 1918, a total solar eclipse will cross the country, coast-to-coast, on Monday, August 21, 2017. Information on the solar eclipse as well as resources on how to prepare for an influx of visitors in your community are available.
7/26/17	Domestic Violence	New Resource: Serving Male-Identified Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence	In the U.S. nearly 1 in 3 men have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in his lifetime. The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence has released guidance to support build capacity to recognize and respond to survivors of domestic violence across the gender spectrum. Learn more about challenges to serving male-identified survivors, defining male identity, men's experience of intimate partner violence, gender inclusive service provision, building collaborations to improve support services to males, and enhancing organizational policies.
8/2/17	Sexual Assault	New Case File Review Guidebook for SARTs Available	The Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) published a step-by-step guide that provides Sexual Assault Response Team coordinators with an effective process for identifying areas for improvement and areas of success in their approach to working with and supporting victims. Access the new guide for details.
8/9/17	Domestic & Sexual Violence	New IACP Resource for Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities	The IACP released a report, Responding to Sexual Violence in LGBTQ+ Communities: Law Enforcement Strategies and Considerations, to help strengthen law enforcement's understanding of and response to sexual violence in LGBTQ+ communities. The foundational information presented in this document is of particular importance to building trust and relationships with LGBTQ+ communities through agency mission, procedures, policy, and training. The document and additional resources are now available.
8/16/17	Campus Safety and Law Enforcement	DHS Increases HSIN Access for Campus Public Safety	HSIN is DHS's primary mechanism for sharing sensitive but unclassified information, and will often be the sole vehicle for campus police departments to access DHS intelligence products. Campus safety and police officers are strongly encouraged to apply for HSIN access and membership to the appropriate HSIN community. Learn more about HSIN and how to request access to a HSIN community.

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8/16/17	Sexual Assault	Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits	The NIJ issued a report, National Best Practices for Sexual Assault Kits: A Multidisciplinary Approach, that describes a victim-centered response to sexual assault cases and positively impacts sexual assault response and the experiences of victims. Read the report for recommendations that provide a roadmap for effectively collecting, transferring, preserving, storing, and analyzing sexual assault kits.
8/16/17	Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs	Planning for Students and Staff with Disabilities or AFN	Over the past several years, increased attention has been given to how IHEs plan, train, and provide guidance to populations with disabilities or access and functional needs after it was realized that this population needed additional attention in emergency situations. Several resources are available.
8/23/17	Concealed Carry	NCCPS Issues Campus Carry Report	As a result of expanded state legislation across the nation that permits the carrying of concealed handguns on college and university campuses, many institutions have been required to develop concealed carry policies that meet the mandates of state laws. NCCPS convened a forum of campus public safety executives, federal officials, and subject matter experts on the issue. The forum findings, including eight critical factors in the development of a campus concealed carry policy, are available in the report.
8/23/17	Protests and Demonstrations	Managing Campus Protests and Demonstrations	Student activism has long existed as a part of higher education culture. The right to join with fellow citizens in protest or peaceful assembly is protected under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and individuals have been increasingly exercising this right in their campus communities. Access resources for managing campus protests and demonstrations while protecting First Amendment rights.
8/23/17	Study Abroad	Study Abroad Safety Preparation for Students and Staff	Students studying abroad face risks such as terrorism, identity theft, hacking, and assaults. Access resources on study abroad safety and security to help ensure a safe environment for your students.
8/31/17	Campus Safety	National Campus Safety Awareness Month	September is National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM), a national observance that first launched in 2008 with unanimous support from Congress. This year's campaign theme focuses on providing guidance or "first steps" to addressing many common campus safety issues and how to approach these challenges.
8/31/17	Law Enforcement	Ambush Attacks Against Law Enforcement	The U.S. DOJ, COPS Office report, Ambushes of Police: Environment, Incident Dynamics, and the Aftermath of Surprise Attacks Against Law Enforcement, provides a comprehensive look at the nature of ambush attacks perpetrated against law enforcement officers in the U.S. since 1990. This report and additional resources pertaining to ambushes on law enforcement are available.

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9/6/17	Emergency Preparedness	National Preparedness Month	September is National Preparedness Month. This is an opportune time to review knowledge about preparedness and learn about actions and plans to complete in advance of disasters. Videos, toolkits, and other resorces are available to help you prepare.
9/6/17	Suicide	Suicide Prevention Resources	Each year more than 44,000 Americans die by suicide. In 2015, suicide was the second leading cause of death for those aged 15-24, the age group making up the majority of those enrolled in degree-granting postsecondary institutions. Access resources and learn about steps you can take to prevent suicide.
9/13/17	Fire Safety	Campus Fire Safety Month	September is Campus Fire Safety Month, a nationwide effort that began in 2005 to raise awareness and educate students about campus-related housing fires. Many campus fire safety resources are available.
9/13/17	Title IX	ED Calls for Changes to Title IX Enforcement	On September 7, 2017, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced the Title IX system "established by the prior administration has failed too many students" and that the "current approach isn't working." Read the full announcement from DeVos.
9/20/17	Sexual Assault	New Tool to Assist Campuses in Selecting Sexual Assault Prevention Programs	RAINN developed the Prevention Navigator to help colleges and universities learn more about sexual assault prevention programs in use today and allow students and administrators to anonymously review prevention programs in which they have participated. Access this free tool.
9/20/17	Campus Safety and Law Enforcement	National Security Officer Appreciation Week	September 17-23, 2017 is the third annual observance of National Security Officer Appreciation Week. This week was created as an opportunity to say thank you to security professionals and recognize their many contributions to our daily lives. Learn ways you can show your appreciation to security professionals.
9/27/17	Emergency Management	IAEM-USA Universities & Colleges Caucus (UCC)	The purpose of the International Association of Emergency Managers-USA Universities & Colleges Caucus (UCC) is to represent emergency management issues surrounding college and university campuses. The UCC provides those who have a role in emergency management at their IHEs a voice on a national and international scale to ensure government and industry officials are addressing their needs. Information regarding the organization and their current initiatives is included.
9/27/17	Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is observed nationally each October. Domestic violence affects men and women of all ages, races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and religions, and happens regardless of sexual orientation. Your campus may support DVAM by raising awareness on the issue and focusing on prevention.

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10/04/17	Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity is Our Shared Responsibility	October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), a time to raise awareness about the importance of individual cyber hygiene and our shared responsibility to promote and practice cybersecurity. Toolkits, resources, events, and suggestions on ways to get involved with cybersecurity education and practice are available.
10/04/17	Mental Health	JED Campus	JED Campus, a nationwide initiative launched by The JED Foundation, guides colleges and universities through a collaborative process of comprehensive systems and program and policy development that includes customized support and technical assistance to build upon existing student mental health, substance abuse, and suicide prevention efforts. More information on the JED Foundation can be found online.
10/11/17	Bullying	Bullying and Cyberbullying	October is National Bullying Prevention Month, a nationwide campaign founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. Stopbullying.gov defines bullying as "unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Information and resources relating to bullying and cyberbullying are available.
10/18/17	Drug Prevention	Red Ribbon Campaign	Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program and is officially celebrated from October 23-31, with some schools and communities holding events throughout the month. More information about the Red Ribbon Campaign can be found online.
10/18/17	Spectator Sports Safety and Security	The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security	NCS 4 serves institutions of higher education, high schools, professional sports, marathon events, and corporations. In addition to permanent staff, NCS 4 has a national advisory board with stakeholders representing members such as MetLife Stadium, USA Track and Field, Penn State University, University of Kentucky, Securitas Security Services, NCAA, and the FBI. Further information regarding all that NCS 4 provides is available on their website.
10/25/17	Substance Abuse	New Prescription Opioid Campaign	The CDC has launched its first prescription opioid prevention campaign, Rx Awareness, to increase recognition of prescription opioid abuse and overdose. Information regarding the campaign is available.
10/25/17	Public Safety	Pedestrian and Bike Safety	Campuses are bustling with pedestrians and bicyclists, regardless of weather conditions or time of year. According to the NHTSA, approximately 5,376 pedestrians and 818 bicyclists were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2015. More materials on Pedestrian and Bike Safety can be found online.

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11/01/17	Cyber Crime	Department of Education Cyber Advisory	Earlier this month, the FSA office, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, released an alert on a new type of cyber extortion/threat.
11/01/17	Campus Safety	Campus Safety: Lessons Learned from Richard Spencer's UF Event	IHEs were on high alert following the Charlottesville tragedy this August when white supremacists marched on the UVA and made their way into the city, where protests resulted in the death of 32-year old Heather Heyer.
11/08/17	Safety and Security	NCS4 Best Practices Report on Vehicle Ramming Incidents	In August, the NCS 4 issued a brief best practices report , Vehicle Ramming Incidents and Perimeter Protections, following tragic incidents in Charlottesville, VA and Barcelona, Spain.
11/08/17	Substance Abuse	Fentanyl and Synthetic Opioid Safety Recommendations for First Responders	The increased prevalence of fentanyl and other synthetic opioids continue to cause devastating effects across the nation. Fentanyl is a drug that alleviates pain without causing loss of consciousness, and exposure to it can be fatal. It can be absorbed into the body via inhalation, oral exposure or ingestion, or skin contact.
11/15/17	Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Training Program for International Students	Earlier this month, ISI partnered with the RAINN to announce the release of a free multi-media sexual assault training program designed to educate international students on sexual assault, consent, and bystander intervention.
11/15/17	Substance Abuse	Department of Justice Announces New Tool to Prosecute Opioid Traffickers	On November 9, 2017, the U.S. DOJ announced that the DEA will enforce a new order to help stem the flow of illicit fentanyl analogues into the U.S. due to the disturbing increase in overdose deaths linked to synthetic opioids.
11/22/17	Terrorism	Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Information for Colleges and Universities	Colleges and universities in the U.S. conduct some of the world's most important research in chemistry, medicine, agriculture, and other fields. They are also home to sports complexes and training facilities. While COI may have benign uses, such as medical research or facility maintenance, they also have the potential to be deliberately diverted, released, or otherwise misused by terrorists.
11/29/17	Sexual and Domestic Violence	Raliance Launches Sport + Prevention Center	Raliance, a collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation, announced the launch of the Sport + Prevention Center , a one-stop-shop to support the sport community in ending sexual and domestic violence.
11/29/17	Hate Crime	FBI Releases 2016 Hate Crime Report	Earlier this month, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program released its annual Hate Crime Statistics report, a compilation of bias-motivated incidents reported throughout the U.S. The report as well as more information relating to hate crime is available.

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12/06/17	Active Shooter Training	Active Shooter Training Resource	Over the past year, the emergency managers of The Boston Consortium for Higher Education collaborated to produce a new active shooter training video that would address the specific needs of higher education. At the beginning of the project, The Boston Consortium members agreed to make the video available for free to any institution of higher education that would be interested in using it for their community.
12/06/17	Impaired Driving	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month	National Impaired Driving Prevention Month is observed each year in December. Unfortunately, impaired driving is a preventable tragedy that claims nearly 29 lives daily, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
12/13/17	Crime Victimization	BJS Issues 2016 Crime Victimization Data	The Bureau of Justiice Statistics (BJS) released its annual report on criminal victimization in 2016. The report includes data on violent crimes (rape or sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault) and property crimes (household burglary, motor vehicle theft, and theft). It also includes statistics on domestic violence, intimate partneer violence, injury to victims, and weapon use.
12/20/17	Sexual Assault	EVAWI Launches Redesigned Start by Believing Website	End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) launched their redesigned, multi-media Start by Believing website. The new homepage allows visitors to choose their path and enter Start b Believing or Seek Then Speak, an avenue for survivors to learn about and access immediate services, reporting options, and resources.
12/20/17	Critical Incident Review	Critical Incident Review Report	Last year, the Pulse nightclub shooting attack claimed the lives of 49 individuals and injured 58 more. Released this week, the report on the incident review, RESCUE, RESPONSE, AND RESILIENCE: A critical incident review of the Orlando public safety response to the attack on the Pulse nightclub, details multiple aspects of the attack and response, including leadership, collaboration, tactics, equipment, training, emergency medical care, officer safety, public information, and community relationships.
12/27/17	Mental Health	Mental Health Framework to Support College Students of Color	The Jed Foundation, a nonprofit that exists to protect emotional health and prevent suicide for teens and young adults, and the Steve Fund, a nonprofit created to support the mental health and emotional well-being of young people of color, partnered to create the Equity in Mental Health Framework (EMH Framework). The EMH Framework provides 10 actionable recommendations and key implementation strategies for colleges and universities to help assess and strengthen support for the mental health and emotional well-being of students of color.
12/27/17	Human Trafficking	National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month	January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery and it occurs when a trafficker exploits an individual with force, fraud, or coercion to make them perform commercial sex or work.

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01/03/18	Winter Weather	Winter Weather Preparedness	Planning and taking actions for before, during, and after a storm can have a positive impact on personal safety and resiliency after a winter storm.
01/03/18	Stalking	Stalking Resources	The most recent National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey states 7.5 million people are stalked each year in the U.S., including those on college and university campuses. For the past 17 years, the Stalking Resource Center, a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime, has enhanced the ability of professionals, organizations, and systems to effectively respond to stalking by offering resources, training, and technical assistance on this topic.
01/10/18	Intelligence	HSIN Access for Campus Public Safety	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is committed to sharing timely, relevant, and accurate information with its campus safety and law enforcement partners. To help meet this need, the Office of Partnership and Engagement/Office for State and Local Law Enforcement, with assistance from the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, is facilitating requests for Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) membership for interested campus safety/police departments.
01/17/18	Campus Safety	NASPA and VTV Partnership for 32 NCSI	NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and VTV-Family Outreach Foundationshare a commitment to creating and sustaining safe and healthy college and university environments that nurture student success. Recently, these two organizations have partnered to advance the 32 National Campus Safety Initiative (32 NCSI).
01/17/18	Travel Safety	U.S. Department of State Improves Safety and Seccurity Messaging for U.S. Citizens	In December 2017, the Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) re-designed this website, travel.state.gov, making it more mobile-friendly and easier to navigate, and made other product improvements as well. Travel administrators, risk professionals, individual travelers and others may benefit from familiarizing themselves with this new information to help inform their travel planning and decisions.
01/24/18	Mental Health	24/7 Mental Health Support for Law Enforcement Officers	Law enforcement is considered a stressful occupation and many officers are exposed to trauma, violence, and death during their careers. Those stressors can profoundly impact officer health and well-being. Copline is a national non-profit organization that provides confidential mental health support to law enforcement officers, including college and university police, and their families for free.
01/24/18	Dating Violence	February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month	Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) is a national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it. Multiple organizations recognize TDVAM and provide resources such as training, information and statistics, and ways to take action and help spread awareness and prevent dating violence.

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01/31/18	Alcohol	Public Safety and Policing in Nightlife Districts	Policing nighttime districts is a constantly evolving operational responsibility for law enforcement globally and requires elected officials, police leaders, business owners, and community members to work together to create and sustain safe, vibrant, and economically prosperous social spaces.
01/31/18	Sexual Violence	A Trauma-Informed Approach to Addressing Sexual and Relationship Violence on Campus	Last week, the American College Health Association, an organization that advances the health of college students and campus communities through advocacy, education, and research, announced the release of its new toolkit, Addressing Sexual and Relationship Violence: A Trauma-Informed Approach.
02/07/18	Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities	On January 30, 2018 the National Council on Disability, an independent federal agency charged with advising the president, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities, releasedthe report: Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities.
02/14/18	School Violence	Averted Acts of School Violence: Your Help is Needed	With support from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Police Foundation initiated the Averted School Violence Near Miss Reporting System for law enforcement officers, school officials, and mental health professionals to share their averted school violence incidents.
02/14/18	Fire Safety	Valentine's Day Fire Safety Tips	To keep the fires burning, safely, we have compiled a few Valentine's Day cooking fire, heating, and candle safety tips courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association.
02/21/18	Trauma	Vicarious Trauma and Self-Care	According to the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), "Vicarious trauma is an occupational challenge for people working and volunteering in the fields of victim services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire services, and other allied professions, due to their continuous exposure to victims of trauma and violence."
02/21/18	Volunteer Management	Managing Donations and Volunteers in Times of Disaster	Planning teams at institutions of higher education, those responsible for developing and revising emergency operations plans (EOPs) for their schools, in collaboration with their community partners, may consider including a donations and volunteer management annex for their EOPs.
02/28/18	NCSSLE	National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments	The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSLE) is funded by the Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students. NCSSLE offers information and technical assistance to states, districts, schools, institutions of higher education, and communities focused on improving student supports and academic enrichment.

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02/28/18	Emergency Management	Emergency Management: Federal Agencies Could Improve Dissemination of Resources to Colleges	Working with 18 colleges and universities, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reviewed how some institutions of higher education prepare for emergencies and how federal agencies currently support preparedness efforts. GAO also reviewed federal emergency preparedness resources, agency written responses, applicable federal laws, and federal internal control standards, and interviewed federal officials and representatives from several associations recommended by agency officials.
03/07/18	Carbon Monoxide	Carbon Monoxide Safety	According to data published in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine, carbon monoxide poisoning was the second most common non-medicinal poisonings death between 1999-2012. Carbon monoxide incidents affect campus communities with reports of illness and deaths happening both on and off campus.
03/07/18	Street Harassment	Street Harassment	Because street harassment is often dismissed as harmless, it is important to acknowledge it for what it is: a human rights violation and a form of gender violence. Street harassment also often connects with sexual and domestic violence, racism, homophobia, sexism, ableism, transphobia, reproductive injustice, Islamophobia, and other forms of oppressions.
03/14/18	Hazardous Weather	Be Prepared for Hazardous Weather Year-Round	The National Weather Service wants you to be prepared for hazardous weather year-round and they've replaced their national safety awareness weeks with a year-round approach because bad weather can happen anytime - winter, spring, summer, or fall!
03/14/18	Sexual Violence	LIVERESPECT on Campus	A Call to Men launched LIVERESPECT on Campus, an "on-campus movement for college students who want to promote healthy, respectful manhood and prevent dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, bullying and all forms of violence and discrimination."
03/21/18	Community Relations	Furthering Police-Community Relations	Relationships of mutual trust between police agencies and the communities they serve, on and off campus, are critical to maintaining public safety and effective policing. Police officials rely on the cooperation of community members to provide information about crime in their neighborhoods and to work collaboratively to devise solutions. Similarly, community members' willingness to trust the police depends on whether they believe that police actions reflect community values.
03/21/18	Sexual Assault	2018 Resources for Sexual Assault Awareness Month	April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) has new materials to support your campuses' 2018 campaign.

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03/21/18	Autism	Recognizing the Signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder	April is National Autism Awareness Month. Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, speech and nonverbal communication, repetitive behaviors, as well as by unique strengths and differences. We now know that there is not one autism but many types, caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences.
03/28/18	Distracted Driving	Distracted Driving Awareness Month	April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration defines distracted driving as "any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system - anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving."
03/28/18	Crime Victims	National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)	NCVRW creates an opportunity to learn about victimization; the effect victimization has on individuals, families, friends, and the communities; and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime. This year NCVRW will be commemorated April 8-14, 2018 and the theme, Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims, emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services.
04/04/18	Campus Resilience	DHS Launches New Campus Resilience Program Resource Library	The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Academic Engagement launched the Campus Resilience Program Resource Library. This free, online repository offers resources to empower practitioners and campus leaders to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from various threats and hazards relevant to the academic community.
04/04/18	Mass Attacks	U.S. Secret Service Releases Report on Mass Attacks in Public Spaces	The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center released a comprehensive study on mass attacks entitled Mass Attacks in Public Spaces - 2017. This report provides an overview of 28 acts of intentional violence that occurred in public or semi-public spaces in 2017 during which significant harm was caused to three or more persons.
04/11/18	International Students	Criminal Victimization of International Students: Findings From a Critical Issues Forum	On May 23, 2017, the NCCPS convened a daylong forum at Wichita State University to facilitate thoughtful conversations about preventing criminal victimization of international students attending U.S. institutions of higher education.
04/11/18	Alcohol	April is Alcohol Awareness Month	Each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month to increase public awareness and understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage local communities to focus on alcoholism and alcohol-related issues.

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04/18/18	Mental Health	May is Mental Health Month	Conversations about health often focus on heart, liver, and brain health, or other aspects of our physical wellbeing rather than our whole health. It's important that we see the whole person and make use of the tools and resources that benefit the mind and body together.
04/18/18	Homeland Security	DHS Office of Academic Engagement Launches Recruitment Listserv	The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Academic Engagement launched the Recruitment Listserv. The new tool will feature monthly updates aimed at students and recent graduates with job and internship opportunities, interview and resume tips, upcoming webinars, and more.
04/18/18	School Violence	Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2017 Report Published	The National Center for Education Statistics and the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the 20th in a series of publications entitled, Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2017. This report provides data on crime and safety at K-12 schools and instititons of higher education from the perspectives of studetns, teachers, principals, and campus safety and security.
04/25/18	Police	National Police Week 2018	Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.
04/25/18	Suicide	After a Suicide	Suicide postvention efforts address the need for predetermined strategies to effectively and sensitively respond to deaths after they occur and allow for schools and campuses to implement a coordinated response. A good postvention plan can also have a positive impact on prevention.
05/02/18	Homeland Security	Protect Your Every Day: If You See Something, Say Something	In an effort to strengthen campuses and community security, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Academic Engagement is inviting your institution of higher education (IHE) to become a "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign partner. Since 2016, more than 300 IHEs have partnered with the campaign.
05/02/18	Hazing	Clery Center and StopHazing Release Hazing Prevention Toolkit for Campus Professionals	The Clery Center and StopHazing "Hazing Prevention Toolkit for Campus Professionals®" is a data-driven Hazing Prevention Framework based on principles of prevention science and findings from the Hazing Prevention Consortium (HPC). The HPC includes member universities dedicated to advancing a comprehensive approach and building an evidence base for hazing prevention through a three-year mentoring process with StopHazing's prevention experts.
05/09/18	Bystander Intervention	Intervene: Cornell University's Award-Winning Bystander Program	Intervene is a bystander intervention program that includes a 20-minute online video and a 60-minute in-person workshop. It was developed by the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives, a unit within Cornell Health at Cornell University, in collaboration with the Cornell Interactive Theater Ensemble.

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05/09/18	Active Shooter	National Fire Protection Agency Releases New Standard for Active Shooter/Hostile Events	On May 1, 2018, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) announced the NFPA 3000™ (PS), Standard for an Active Shooter / Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Program, the result of a 46-member NFPA Technical Committee on Cross Functional Emergency Preparedness and Response that was convened after the Pulse Nightclub mass shooting in 2016.
05/16/18	Mental Health	SAMSHA Launches New Resource Center	In April, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the launch of their new Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center (Resource Center). The Resource Center contains a collection of scientifically-based resources including Treatment Improvement Protocols, toolkits, resource guides, clinical practice guidelines, and other science-based resources for nonprofit organizations, clinicians, policymakers, institutions of higher education, and others in the field.
05/16/18	Homeland Security	2018 Leadership Tabletop Exercise Cybersecurity Overview and Resource Guide	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently released the Leadership Tabletop Exercise (LTTX) Cybersecurity Overview and Resource Guide and photos from the 2018 LTTX. The guide provides members of the academic community with an overview of the format and structure of the pilot LTTX event as a model for initiating critical conversations with campus leadership on their roles in preparedness for, response to, and recovery from campus emergencies.
05/23/18	International Students	Violence Against Women Act Visa and Immigration Resources	The State University of New York (SUNY), in partnership with professionals from across the country, prepared a resource that provides immigration and visa information for victims of sexual and interpersonal violence. SUNY, using expert volunteers and the translation service Language Line, has recently translated this resource into 120 languages and is providing copies at no cost to colleges and universities, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations.
05/23/18	Campus Safety	Who's Hiring in Higher Ed?	The results are in from the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR) 2018 Professionals in Higher Education Survey, and two areas, "other education" and "safety," were the fastest growing segments in the industry. The survey collected data on 219,175 professionals in 358 mid-level professional positions from more than 1,100 institutions of higher education.
05/30/18	LGBTQ	LGBT Pride Month and Misgendering	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month is an annual celebration occurring in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots that took place in Manhattan. The riots are seen as the tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement. Since that time, LGBT Pride Month and the efforts to achieve equal justice and equal opportunities for LGBT Americans has made historic achievements, though continued work is necessary.

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05/30/18	Safety	National Safety Month- Ensure No One Gets Hurt	June is National Safety Month. Injuries are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 40, but there are many things people can do to stay safe and prevent injuries. Help spread the word about ways to reduce the risk of injuries and encourage faculty, staff, students, and others in your family and campus community to identify and report safety hazards.
06/06/18	School Violence	Incidents of School Violence: Lewssons Learned and Discussion From Those Impacted	In June, 2018 U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos held an informational meeting with survivors and family members impacted by the mass shootings at Columbine, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, and Parkland as well as authors of official reports following incidents of school violence. The meeting consisted of two sets of discussions.
06/06/18	Social Media	DHS Science and Technology Directorate Publishes Resource to Help counter False Social Media Information	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate established the Virtual Social Media Working Group in 2010, which was renamed the Social Media Working Group for Emergency Services and Disaster Management (SMWGESDM) in 2015. SMWGESDM published their latest white paper, Countering False Information on Social Media in Disasters and Emergencies, in March 2018.
06/13/18	Campus Resilience	New Exercise Starter Kits for Cybersecurity, Hurricanes, and Active Shooter Scenarios	The Campus Resilience (CR) Program is dedicated to helping colleges, universities, and the K-12 communities build, sustain, and promote resiliency to the threats that confront institutions across the nation. As part of this overall effort, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Academic Engagement recently released three Exercise Starter Kits for the academic community. The CR Program Exercise Starter Kits are a set of tools and resources that will allow institutions of higher education to self-conduct tabletop exercises.
06/13/18	Violence Reduction	Department of Justice Launches Violence Reduction Response Center	On June 5, the U.S. Department of Justice launched the Violence Reduction Response Center (VRRC), a new resource under the Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center. The VRRC serves as a "one-stop shop" to help connect individuals as well as state, local, and tribal justice agencies with violent crime reduction training and technical assistance resources most appropriate for their communities.
06/20/18	Protests and Demonstrations	NCCPS Announces Release of Report on Campus Protests and Demonstrations	What is the role of the emergency management program during the planning process for events likely to result in protests and demonstrations? This was the question driving a forum of campus public safety executives from 23 institutions of higher education (IHEs) gathered in Long Beach, California on November 10, 2017. Coordinated by the National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS), the forum convened as part of the 2017 International Association of Emergency Managers Universities & Colleges Caucus Symposium held that week and aligns with the NCCPS's role as a nationwide resource for addressing critical issues in campus safety.

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06/20/18	Suicide	Suicide Rates Rising Across the U.S.	Depression and other mental health issues affect people of all ages, genders, income levels, races, and ethnicities.
06/27/18	Preparedness	National Pet Preparedness Month	June is National Pet Preparedness Month. In April 2013, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sent notice to its regional offices that public universities are required to comply with the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, which includes allowing emotional support animals into college dormitories and residence halls.
06/27/18	Fire Safety	Fireworks and Independence Day Safety	Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and even death. According to the National Fire Protection Association's Research, Data & Analytics Division, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires.
07/04/18	Technical Assistance	Customized Technical Assistance Available to Campus Communities	The Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center(CRI-TAC), formed through a partnership between the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), provides free, customized technical assistance solutions designed to meet the unique needs of state, local, tribal, and campus communities throughout the United States.
07/04/18	Medical	Network with Campus EMS via the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation	The National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF) was formed in 1993 in response to a recognized need for information exchange amongst campus EMS groups. The group grew quickly, was recognized as a 501(c)(3) in 1997, and today more than 250 known organizations are listed in the NCEMSF database.
07/11/18	Explosives	The Threat of Homemade Explosives	The threat of homemade explosives (HMEs) to the U.S. is not new, and it is a threat that is continually evolving. A total of 439 bombing incidents were reported in 2016, an increase of 10 percent from 2015. Of these, 277 were categorized as non-improvised explosive devices, defined as commercial, military, fireworks, and HMEs. Seemingly innocuous items that are bought and sold every day, such as pool sanitizers, fertilizers, and paint removers, can be used to make powerful explosives.
07/11/18	Head Injuries	Loft Bed Risks on Campus	Some institutions of higher education do not offer students guard or safety rails for loft beds, which may be as high as seven feet off the ground.
07/18/18	Homeland Security	Registration Open for the 2018 NTTX: Threats of Campus Disorder	This year's event, the fifth in the series, will focus on threats of campus disorder during a large event.

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07/18/18	Violence Against Women	IACP's Police Response to Violence Against Women Project	The International Association of Chiefs of Police's (IACP's) Police Response to Violence Against Women Project focuses on the development of a variety of tools, resources, and policies to help law enforcement respond effectively to human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, domestic and sexual violence, and other types of intimate partner violence (IPV).
07/25/18	Police	NCCPS Announces Release of Report on Campus Policing in an Urban Environment	Participants from urban campus police departments identified five areas as challenging in a recent emerging issues forum: campus access, resources, relationships and partnerships, student welfare off campus, and communications. To discuss these challenges, as well as provide potential solutions and recommendations for addressing them, the National Center for Campus Public Safety facilitated a one-day forum.
07/25/18	Homeland Security	Have You Applied for HSIN Access?	The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is committed to sharing timely, relevant, and accurate information with its campus safety and law enforcement partners. The Office of Partnership and Engagement/Office for State and Local Law Enforcement, with assistance from the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis, is facilitating requests for Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) membership for interested campus safety/police departments.
08/01/18	Violence Against Women	AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women	AEquitas has built and continues to develop partnerships with individuals and agencies representing prosecutors, advocates, law enforcement officers, judges, educators, researchers, medical and mental health professionals, forensic scientists, and other allied professionals. AEquitas is currently in the process of scheduling a National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence and a National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence.
08/01/18	Safety	Spectator Sports Safety and Security	The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. reshaped many facets of life in America, including the approach to security planning and management. Prior to 9/11, sports and special event security planning and management primarily focused on traffic, parking, crowd management, and weather-related incidents. This has changed and the environment and threats surrounding sporting events continues to evolve. As a result, guidance on best practices should address emerging challenges, include new resources, and avoid the development of patterns that could result in a security or safety risk.
08/08/18	Safety	New Resources for Campus Health Centers	Campus health centers are one of several first response locations offered to students who may be survivors of sexual or intimate partner violence (IPV) during their years in college or university. Campus health center staff and providers are in a special position to support survivors and educate all patients about sexual assault and IPV. Further, campus health centers can provide information about healthy relationships and how violence can affect health, wellness, and academic performance while in school.

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08/08/18	Drunk Driving	Drunk Driving Prevention and Enforcement	The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over national enforcement campaign goes into effect across the country from August 15 to September 3, 2018. Labor Day is one of the deadliest times of the year due to drunk driving.
08/15/18	Emergency Management	Disasters happen, Be Prepared!	Disasters can and will happen anytime and anywhere. The nation is currently experiencing wildfires in the west and the outlook is that they will continue into November. Hurricane season in the Atlantic Basin peaks for eight weeks beginning in mid-August and continuing through October. The heat we've seen across the nation this summer is setting records in many cities and states. National Preparedness Month (NPM), observed annually in September, is an opportune time for individuals, families, organizations, workplaces, and schools to review, update, and/or create emergency preparedness plans.
08/15/18	Emergency Management	College Veterinary Response Teams	In any disaster, one often under-reported category of victims are animals. In more recent years, animals have started to receive more coverage as mass casualties due to flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires reach national headlines. Nonprofit organizations, such as The Humane Society of the United States, are typically interviewed but there are other important college- and university-based teams providing on-the-ground veterinarian support that have not had their voices heard. Several of these teams exist across the country at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.
08/22/18	Fire Safety	Campus Fire Safety	In any disaster, one often under-reported category of victims are animals. In more recent years, animals have started to receive more coverage as mass casualties due to flooding, hurricanes, and wildfires reach national headlines. Nonprofit organizations, such as The Humane Society of the United States, are typically interviewed but there are other important college- and university-based teams providing on-the-ground veterinarian support that have not had their voices heard. Several of these teams exist across the country at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.
08/22/18	Crime Victims	OVC and IACP Partner to Enhance Response to Victims	Across the nation at institutions of higher education, students have already begun to arrive on campus for the start of this academic year. Established in 2005, and proclaimed annually by several states, September is Campus Fire Safety Month, a time to raise awareness among parents, students, administrators, and legislators about the importance of fire safety. Between 2000 and 2016, 150 college/university-related fire fatalities occurred off-campus: 10 in residence halls, 10 in Greek housing, and 2 in other locations.

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08/29/18	Campus Safety	National Campus Safety Awareness Month	National Campus Safety Awareness Month (NCSAM), a national observance that first launched in 2008 with unanimous support from Congress, begins Saturday, September 1. Led by the Clery Center, this year's campaign theme, What's Your Message?, focuses on providing professional development opportunities to assist campus safety officials communicate why they engage in the work they do.
08/29/18	Drugs	Synthetic Cannabinoids	The New Haven Green in Connecticut, a 16-acre park located less than a mile away from Yale University's campus, was the location of 95 drug overdoses two weeks ago - 76 on Wednesday and 19 more on Thursday. Last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a statement warning about the significant health risks of contaminated illegal synthetic cannabinoid products and several states have issued alerts and warnings on these products.
09/05/18	Suicide	Changing the Conversation from Suicide to Suicide Prevention	In 2016, suicide was the second leading cause of death or those aged 10 - 34 in the U.S. and the tenth leading cause of death for all Americans. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background and, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. September is National Suicide Prevention Month. You and members of your campus community can #BeThe1To ask, keep people safe, be there, help them stay connected, follow up, and learn more.
09/05/18	Campus Safety	2018 Safety and Security Best Practices	The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4) has released four updated safety and security best practices guides for purchase via their secure digital platform partner, Mimeo. The guides are a result of summits with representatives from event management, facilities operations, law enforcement, emergency management, fire, emergency medical services, technology firms, and public safety agencies where discussions took place on current safety and security issues, identifying solutions, and proposing future best practices through professional collaboration.
09/12/18	Protests and Demonstrations	NCCPS Forum Report: Managing Campus Protests and Demonstrations at HBCUs	From the Civil Rights movement of the 50s and 60s to today's Black Lives Matter movement, students and faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have been at the vanguard of social reforms that change America. This powerful and enduring legacy was on the minds of the HBCU participants attending a national forum, and it prompted the following question: Are protests and demonstrations at HBCUs fundamentally different from predominantly white institutions?

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09/12/18	Security	National Security Officer Appreciation Week	This year, the fourth annual observance of National Security Officer Appreciation Week falls the week of September 16-22, 2018. This week honors the incredible efforts of our nation's security officers to create safer and more secure environments. Security officers are hard-working, highly-trained individuals who are part of our country's network of first responders. These people deter crime, lead evacuations, provide information, work closely with local law enforcement, and are vigilant in their efforts to keep us safe in our workplaces, schools and institutions of higher education, and local communities.
09/12/18	Bullying Prevention	National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month	October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and this year marks the 12th annual observance of month since its creation by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children, and even college-aged students, that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both individuals who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.
09/19/18	NCCPS	NCCPS Launches Virtual Professional Development Initiative	We are excited to announce our new Virtual Professional Development (VPD) initiative, which provides flexibility in advancing practitioner knowledge about specific topic areas. Programs offered through our VPD initiative are self-paced to allow individuals to make the best use of their time in order to meet their learning objectives. The first offering is our Physical Security Education Program, a five-module interactive course, designed in conjunction with subject-matter expert Dan Pascale, CPP, Managing Director of Margolis Healy.
09/19/18	Hazing	National Hazing Prevention Week	New 2017 data from YouGov found that one in five Americans experienced hazing during high school and that 35% of Americans still think hazing has its place as a rite of passage. When asked if they had experienced hazing personally or witnessed someone else being hazed at a college/university, 11% of respondents aged 18-34, 7% of respondents aged 35-54, and 9% of respondents aged 55+ replied "yes." With National Hazing Prevention Week approaching, campuses, schools, communities, organizations, and individuals can come together to talk about hazing in their communities, raise awareness about the problem of hazing, educate others about hazing, and promote the prevention of hazing.
09/26/18	Fire Safety	One Mother's Fire: The Gail Minger Story	In 1998, Michael Minger was a 19-year-old sophomore at Murray State University pursuing degrees in broadcast journalism and music/vocal performance. Michael was killed in a residence hall fire on the morning of September 18, 1998. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Michael's death and, in his honor, the award-wining documentary, One Mother's Fire: The Gail Minger Story, has been released to the public.

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09/26/18	Cyber Security	October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month	Technology is a part of our daily lives to varying degrees, and the internet impacts our homes, societal well-being, economic prosperity, and the nation's security. Launched by the National Cyber Security Alliance and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in 2004, National Cybersecurity Awareness Month was created as a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safer and more secure online.
10/03/18	Domestic Violence	October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month	Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a national annual observance, evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Domestic violence affects individuals of all ages, races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and religions, and happens regardless of sexual orientation. This violence occurs in both dating relationships and marriages, and occurs on and off college and university campuses.
10/03/18	Mental Health	Mental Illness Awareness Week	Attitudes that view symptoms of mental health issues as threatening and uncomfortable frequently foster stigma and discrimination towards people affected by these issues. People brave enough to admit they have a mental health problem often face forms of exclusion, discrimination, and bullying. Mental health stigma can be divided into two types: social stigma and perceived stigma or self-stigma. This Mental Illness Awareness Week, join the National Alliance on Mental Illness in educating the public, fighting stigma, and providing support.
10/10/18	Sexual Assault	PERF Releases New Guidebook for Law Enforcement's Response to Sexual Assault	This summer, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) published the Executive Guidebook: Practical Approaches for Strengthening Law Enforcement's Response to Sexual Assault. The Executive Guidebook is the product of six years of work resulting from a 2012 cooperative agreement awarded to PERF and the Women's Law Project of Philadelphia by the Office on Violence Against Women Technical Assistance Program to help law enforcement agencies improve their handling of sexual assault cases through the development of internal guidelines and quality assurance mechanisms.
10/10/18	Disabilities	Invisible Disabilities Week	You may be asking, what is an invisible disability? In simple terms, an invisible disability is a physical, mental or neurological condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities that is invisible to the onlooker. Unfortunately, the fact that a person's symptoms are invisible often leads to misunderstandings, false perceptions, and judgments. Also, an invisible disability does not mean a person is disabled. Many living with these challenges are still fully active in their work, families, sports, or hobbies.

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10/17/18	Drugs	Promote a Drug Free and Healthy Lifestyle with the Red Ribbon Campaign	A national leader in drug prevention, education, and advocacy, the National Family Partnership sponsors the annual National Red Ribbon Campaign®. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23 - 31 each year. Red Ribbon Week is an ideal way for individuals and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs.
10/17/18	Advocacy	NOVA Campus Advocacy Training	The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) is now enrolling for their Winter 2019 NOVA Campus Advocacy Training. Offered in partnership with the Campus Advocacy & Prevention Professionals Association, this 24-hour, live, distance learning academy focuses on building participants' knowledge and skills to respond to sexual assault, stalking, and interpersonal violence in higher education. You must be a campus-based advocate or community-based advocate providing services on a college campus to apply.
10/17/18	Crime Prevention	Crime Prevention Month	For 30 years, the National Crime Prevention Council has spread awareness and education messages during Crime Prevention Month ranging from personal and home safety to community preparedness and identity theft. This year's theme is Keeping Our Communities Safe, with a focus on safe firearms practices.
10/24/18	Mental Health	Beyond Awareness: Student-Led Innovation in Campus Mental Health	Concerns about mental health in higher education have grown and gained attention in recent years. Since the 1990s, university and college counseling centers have been experiencing a shift in the needs of students seeking counseling services from developmental and informational needs to psychological problems. In the 2014 National Survey of College Counseling Centers, respondents reported that 52 percent of their clients had severe psychological problems, an increase from 44 percent in 2013.
10/24/18	Drugs	Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders	Law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services providers, and other first responders are increasingly likely to encounter fentanyl and other synthetic opioids during the course of their daily activities, such as overdose calls, traffic stops, arrests, and searches. To help first responders protect themselves when the presence of fentanyl is suspected or encountered, a federal interagency working group coordinated by the National Security Council developed the one-age resource, Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders, and a companion training video, Fentanyl: The Real Deal.

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10/24/18	Bias Crime	Bias Crime Assessment Tool from the Vera Institute of Justice	This August, with funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Vera Institute of Justice published Bias Crime Assessment: A Tool and Guidelines for Law Enforcement and Concerned Communities. The Bias Crime Assessment Tool (BCAT) was designed to improve the reporting of hate incidents and crimes and is intended to be used in a wide variety of settings including schools/campuses, law enforcement, victim advocacy, community/civil rights advocacy, health care, or other social service agencies that may be responsible for identifying and responding to victims of hate.
10/31/18	Violence Reduction	NCCPS Forum Report on Preventing Violence in Campus Communities	A group of campus safety leaders, with support from the National Center for Campus Public Safety, gathered in Charlotte, North Carolina in July 2018 to discuss the challenges campus safety departments face and uncover promising practices for addressing them. Today, we are pleased to release the resulting report, The Roles and Strategies of Campus Safety Teams for Preventing Violence in College and University Campus Communities.
10/31/18	Mental Health	Behavioral Health Resource Kit Available from SAMHSA	The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) prepared the Behavioral Health Among College Students Information & Resource Kit for college and university prevention practitioners, health center staff, and administrators. SAMHSA encourages campus administrators and staff to share this document with local community partners who may assist with this important work.
11/07/18	Sexual Assault	Toolkit Addresses Alcohol's Role in Campus Sexual Assault	Existing research and guidance from organizations stress the importance of consistency between alcohol use/abuse prevention efforts and sexual assault prevention efforts that use individual, relationship, community, and policy-level strategies. However, there is limited guidance for sexual assault prevention specialists on how to do so. To address this gap, the Campus Advocacy and Prevention Professionals Association released Addressing Alcohol's Role in Campus Sexual Assault: A Toolkit by and for Prevention Specialists.
11/07/18	Emergency Management	Financial Preparedness is Part of Emergency Preparedness	When we discuss emergency preparedness, people most often think about physical safety, particularly after natural disasters or unexpected emergency incidents. However, there is an important aspect of emergency preparedness that is often overlooked, financial preparedness. Helping college students learn financial literacy by using the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit is a way to prepare them for the future.

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11/14/18	Victim Compensation	Law Enforcement and Victim Compensation	In the fall of 2018, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, in partnership with the National Center for Victims of Crime and the Police Foundation, announced a variety of new materials and resources designed to assist law enforcement in providing essential information about victim compensation to crime victims.
11/14/18	Sexual Assault	New EVAWI Training Bulletin Explores the Question of Bias in Sexual Assault Interviews	As professionals and the public become aware of the Start by Believing philosophy, they have asked important questions: Is Start by Believing just another form of bias? Does it replace the historic bias against victims with a new bias against suspects? The new End Violence Against Women International training bulletin, Interviews with Victims vs. Suspects: Start by Believing and the Question of Bias, addresses such questions, with particular focus on criminal justice professionals, especially sexual assault investigators.
11/21/18	Hate Crimes	2017 Hate Crimes Statistics	On November 13, 2018, the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program released its annual Hate Crimes Statistics, which includes hate crime information for 2017, broken down by location, offenders, bias types, and victims. The number of hate crimes increased by 17% between 2016 and 2017, and the number of agencies reporting hate crimes to the FBI continues to grow.
11/21/18	Violence Reduction	Violent Crime Reduction	In October 2018, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Major Cities Chiefs Association released the Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide in an effort to address ways in which law enforcement can successfully combat violent crime. While there is discussion about and research on the increase and/or decrease in crime in the U.S., how violent crime is felt in communities and how policing executives respond is nuanced. Each jurisdiction has its own unique set of challenges, stakeholders, and resources making a singular or static solution unlikely to be effective.
11/28/18	Sexual Assault	New Proposed Title IX Regulations Released	On November 16, 2018 the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released proposed Title IX regulations. Title IX is the federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities that receive federal funding. The draft of the new regulations come more than a year after previous Title IX guidance was rescinded and ED provided temporary guidance by a Dear Colleague Letter and accompanying Questions and Answers. The proposed regulations are publicized after ED undertook research that included gathering input from students, advocates, school administrators, Title IX coordinators, and other stakeholders.
11/28/18	Emergency Management	Assisting People with Disabilities During Evacuations	As awareness surrounding the needs of people with disabilities on college and university campuses continues to increase, it is helpful for campus public safety professionals to maintain their education on proper and effective mechanisms to assist people with disabilities before and during emergency situations.

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12/05/18	Active Shooter	New Exercise Starter Kits Available for Active Shooter Incidents	Last week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of Academic Engagement (OAE) released new exercise starter kits (ESK) for the K-12 academic community as part of the Campus Resilience Program. OAE previously released ESKs for the higher education community in June 2018. The ESKs are self-conducted tabletop exercises that include a set of scalable tools to help K-12 schools and institutions of higher education test existing emergency plans, protocols, and procedures.
12/05/18	Terrorism	Terrorism Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism Research Library	The Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate's (S&T) mission is to enable effective, efficient, and secure operations across all homeland security missions. To counter the continually growing and changing threat of violent extremism, S&T developed a free and publicly accessible research findings dashboard that hosts more than 1,500 catalogued terrorism prevention and countering violent extremism research documents.
12/12/18	Protests and Demonstrations	Managing Controversial Speakers on Campus	In the fall of 2018, Campus Safety released a summary of comments and suggestions related to managing controversial speakers on campus that resulted from all three Campus Safety Conferences (CSC) and the in-depth discussion led by Vivian Marinelli, senior director of crisis management services at FEI, a national behavioral health organization that provides resiliency solutions. During the discussion, CSC attendees shared their challenges and some solutions that have worked for them before and after events.
12/12/18	Underage Drinking	Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Preven Underage Drinking	The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors national town hall meetings to educate communities about underage drinking and to mobilize them around its prevention. Each year, community-based organizations including community and youth-led coalitions as well as colleges and universities host events nationwide. SAMHSA, together with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking and other national partners, will sponsor the seventh round of Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking in 2019.
12/19/18	Verbal De-Escalation	New Verbal De-Escalation Education Program Coming Online in January 2019	The NCCPS is delighted to share that in January 2019, our second Virtual Professional Development offering, the Verbal De-Escalation Education Program, will be available online.
12/19/18	Corrections	Corrections to College California	The Stanford Criminal Justice Center (SCJC) is partnering with the Opportunity Institute to direct a five-year initiative designed to build a network of bridges from corrections to college in California known as Renewing Communities. The SCJC released a 2015 report, Degrees of Freedom: Expanding College Opportunities for Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Californians, making the case for improving access to a high-quality college education "for all students whether they are learning in prison, jail, or the community."

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12/19/18	Federal Resources	Federal Training Providers	As all professionals know, there is a continued need for training to maintain and enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities. There are a multitude of options available to campuses including those offered by the federal government that offer low to no cost training, several of which we cover here.
12/26/18	NCCPS	NCCPS Year in Review	The coming of the new year often makes us think ahead to the future. We may set goals or resolutions, determine what we want to accomplish, or identify areas in our work and personal lives we can improve upon. It's also a time of reflection on the past year, what went well and what didn't, and whether or not we met our goals. At the National Center for Campus Public Safety we have a vision of safer and stronger campus communities. Our mission is to provide useful resources and information to support safer campus communities. In looking back at 2018, and considering our progress in achieving our mission, we'd like to share with you some of our accomplishments that may be most helpful in your campus safety efforts.
12/26/18	Immigrant Communities	PERF Releases New Report on Strengthening Relationships Between Police and Immigrant Communities	On December 10, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) published a new report, Strengthening Relationships between Police and Immigrant Communities in a Complex Political Environment, with support from the Ford Foundation. In the past few years, immigration enforcement has become a complex issue at all levels. It is at the forefront of the nation's political agenda and news coverage of deportations, travel bans, and family separations have strained relationships between local police and the immigrant communities they serve.

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