# General Information

# **Campus Safety Tips**

As Georgia Military College Campus Police officers, we enforce the state laws as well as local ordinances. We issue citations, make arrests and work vehicle accidents. Our other duties include assisting motorists and patrolling the campus on foot, golf carts, or in marked vehicles.

Georgia Military College Campus Police is a member of the Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Middle Georgia Law Enforcement Council, Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

You can play an important role in the safety of our campus. You should always be aware of your environment, especially when walking alone or at night. If you are ever uncomfortable or uneasy concerning your safety or you observe suspicious individuals or activities, you should feel free to contact Campus Police 24 hours a day, either in person or by telephone at 478-288-0489.

Personal safety and property security at Georgia Military College are everyone's responsibility. The Campus Police Department urges all Georgia Military College community members to participate in making our campuses as safe as possible.

By developing good habits, you can assist us in safeguarding both your property and the college's property. In case of suspicious or criminal activity in Milledgeville, promptly call Campus Police. At other GMC Campuses and Extension Centers, call local law enforcement.

To develop good safety habits, follow these security tips:

#### **Safety in Your Car:**

- Always lock your car.
- Check the back seat before you get in.
- Have your keys in hand so you do not have to linger before getting in, especially at night.

## Safety Outside and at Night:

- Walk confidently, directly, and at a steady pace. Walk on the street facing traffic.
- Stay in well-lit areas as much as possible.
- Never work alone in an office or classroom on campus at night. Arrange a buddy system with someone with whom you work or study.
- When you feel you are in danger, attract attention in any way you can. Do not be reluctant to scream and run.

### **Residence Hall Safety:**

- Lock your door when you leave the room, even if you will be gone only a few minutes. It takes about 8 seconds for someone to enter an open room and remove an item.
- Notify a Tactical Officer and Campus Police of any suspicious loiterer in your room, hall, or building.
- Never leave purses, wallets, jewelry, or other valuables unattended. Keep them locked in your footlocker or closet.

- Make a list of your valuables with a description and serial number and keep it on file in your room.
- Never prop open any exterior entry door to your room, suite, or dorm. This compromises everyone's safety.
- Never let a stranger into your building.

The Georgia Military College Departments of Health Services and Campus Police offer many public health and safety educational programs to serve the college community. These programs are designed to promote communication and education about safety issues important to the students, staff, and faculty. These departments regularly present programs using pamphlets, videos, and other media to resident students and other campus groups. These programs include:

**DUI/Alcohol (Drug Awareness):** An overview of the liabilities and dangers involving the consumption of alcohol or drugs and the added dangers of driving while under the influence.

**Residence Hall Security:** Deals with security and preventative measures in the barracks.

**Personal Safety for Women:** Teaches women how to defend themselves through alertness, prevention, precaution, and preparation using the SAFETY method.

**Date Rape Prevention Program:** Addresses the current view on this subject. It teaches women to be more aware of their surroundings and reviews the known date rape drugs.

**Workplace Violence Prevention:** Addresses the problems and characteristics associated with workplace violence and preventative measures.

**Operation Identification:** Provides a means for students to have valuables marked to be readily identified.