Securing the Stables and Locking the Gates

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Mercer University was founded in 1833 in Penfield, Georgia by Georgia Baptists. The school, under the leadership of Baptist minister Adiel Sherwood, was named for Jesse Mercer, a prominent Baptist leader who provided a founding endowment and who served as the first chairman of the school's Board of Trustees. Mercer moved to Macon in 1871.
From its humble beginnings in Penfield

Mercer today is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University has over 8,800 students; 12 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing and continuing and professional studies.

Major campuses in Macon, Atlanta, and Savannah along with Regional Centers around the state of Georgia.
Campus Security

- **Deterrence**
  - Signage
  - Lighting
  - Landscaping

- **Detection**
  - Duress
  - Sensors

- **CCTV**

- **Access Control**
  - Delay
  - Facilities
  - Response

- **Our Approach at Mercer**
Deterrence is any preemptive action, reaction, administrative capability, or design, which moderates a threat or act. It reduces the motivation of adversaries, i.e., discourages, hinders, impedes, restrains (discouraging unauthorized actions).
Signage

- Exterior – signs outside the buildings at doors or entrances to campus.
- Interior – signs inside the buildings on campus etc.
- Contraband warning, no trespassing, etc.
Good lighting is one of the most effective crime deterents. When used properly, light discourages criminal activity, enhances natural surveillance opportunities, and reduces fear.

A constant level of light providing reasonably good visibility should be maintained at night. Bright spots and shadows should be avoided. Highly vulnerable areas and those that could conceal a potential attacker should be illuminated more brightly than areas designed for normal activity.
Lighting

- The object is to light up the criminal without spotlighting the victim.
Landscaping design, like architectural design, plays a significant role. Landscaping is versatile and can be used to perform a variety of design functions.

As a symbolic barrier, landscaping can mark the transition between zones. Features such as decorative fencing, flower beds, ground cover, and varied patterns in cement work can clearly show separation between zones. If more substantial barriers are needed, shrubbery such as evergreen hedges can be used to create more formidable obstacles.
Landscaping

- From a surveillance standpoint, landscaping can be critical. Such factors as growth characteristics of plants and their placement in relation to potentially vulnerable areas are extremely important.
- Visual corridors must be maintained in open, park-like areas as well as in densely planted areas. As a rule, visual surveillance corridors can be maintained by limiting shrubbery to a maximum height of three feet and trees to a minimum height of six feet at the lowest branches. This approach ensures that visibility between three and six feet from the ground will always be relatively unimpaired.
Detection is sensing and assessing unauthorized acts in a timely manner. Unauthorized acts may use either force or deceit tactics. Detection may be accomplished by personnel or hardware such as alarm sensors, access control systems / devices, and assessment (recognizing unauthorized actions).
Duress

- Panic Alarms –
- Manual holdup alarms
- Bill traps
- Employees should be trained not to use if they are directly confronted by the attacker.
Sensors

- Alarms / Motion Detectors
Access Control

- Card Access
  - Perimeter
    - Doors
    - Parking gates
    - Pedestrian gates
  - Interior
    - Doors
Delay is a physical barrier that slows and impedes an unauthorized act after it has been detected (Slowing unauthorized actions).
Facilities

- Exterior Lock Down Abilities
- Classroom Lock Down Abilities
- Office and Administrative Lock Down Abilities
- Gathering Areas – Commons, Cafeteria, etc.
- Utility Room Maintenance Areas
- Miscellaneous – Campus Gates etc.
CCTV/Video Surveillance
90% have video surveillance deployed on campus

Satisfaction with camera coverage & quality
- 44% rate coverage as good to excellent
- 59% rate quality as good to excellent

(Campus Safety Magazine 2016 Survey of 1200 Schools)
Response

- Response is the ability of responsible personnel to arrive at the scene of an unauthorized act (incident) in time to thwart the person(s) attempting the violence or damage (reacting to unauthorized actions)
- Operating Times
- Emergency Supplies
- Evacuation Maps
Urban Campuses With a Variety of Stakeholders.
Lot's of Opportunity!
“Safety and Security – How can I minimize the risks to my campus community?”

One of the Biggest problems is knowing who has keys to your facilities – Have they been lost, duplicated or stolen?

One missing key can cost $$$$  

Your Transaction System can help to minimize the risks.
Mercer’s Path Towards Keyless
Card Access

- **Perimeter**
  - Doors, Parking Gates, Pedestrian Gates

- **Interior Doors**
  - Offices, Residential Living Spaces, Labs, Classrooms, Restrooms, Elevators
How do you go Keyless when you can’t get a physical wire to every door?
THANK YOU!

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