

**BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Policing Philosophy Statement**

The Bridgewater State University Police Department (BSUPD) follows an essentially *pragmatic* philosophy for policing. Therefore, the Police Department takes a practical approach, utilizing a variety of proven law enforcement techniques, to respond to the problems of crime and disorder in the community. The Police Department's philosophy is informed by not only one, but several theories of policing, combining the most effective elements of each to form a unified policing strategy:

Problem-Solving Policing

Police service delivery tactics are based upon the identification and solving of crime, disorder, and social problems in the community:

- BSUPD actively identifies key problems in the community as the basis for the on-going proactive delivery of police services.
- BSUPD seeks an in-depth understanding of problems and their causes as the basis for crafting specific tactics.
- BSUPD actively seeks partnerships with other university departments and community agencies as a means of solving crime and disorder problems, as well as providing education and outreach services.
- Solving crime and disorder problems is an important measure of police effectiveness at Bridgewater State University.

"No-Tolerance" Policing

The delivery of police services at Bridgewater State University is based upon a no-tolerance approach to serious criminal activity:

- BSUPD employs a proactive, assertive approach to confronting criminal activity.
- BSUPD utilizes arrest and other active tactics to manage criminal behavior.
- BSUPD utilizes a "highly visible presence" approach to patrol and the delivery of police services.
- BSUPD is respectful of individual rights while aggressively working to maintain a safe and secure community.

Preventive Policing

The delivery of police services is based upon the prevention of crime and disorder:

- Police services and tactics are designed to anticipate and prevent crime and disorder.
- The delivery of police services is not simply a reaction to crime and disorder, but is a proactive attempt to prevent or displace crime and disorder to create and maintain a safe campus environment.