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Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) is a United States federal law signed by President Bill Clinton on September 13, 1994. The Act provided $1.6 billion toward investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women, imposed automatic and mandatory restitution on those convicted, and allowed civil redress in cases prosecutors chose to leave un-prosecuted. The Act also established the Office on Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice. The passage of VAWA in 1994 and its reauthorization in 2000, 2005 and 2013, has changed the landscape for victims who once suffered in silence.

One of the greatest successes of VAWA is its emphasis on a coordinated community response to domestic violence, sex dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; courts, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim services, and the private bar currently work together in a coordinated effort that did not exist before at the state and local levels. VAWA also supports the work of community-based organizations that are engaged in work to end domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; particularly those groups that provide culturally and linguistically specific services.

On March 7, 2013, President Obama reauthorized the Violence Against Women Act, with new provisions extending the protection of Native Americans and members of the LGBTQ community. According to President Obama, VAWA 2013:

- Provides law enforcement with better resources to investigate cases of rape
- Gives colleges more tools to educate students about dating violence and sexual assault
- Empowers tribal courts to prosecute those who commit domestic violence on tribal lands, regardless of whether the aggressor is a member of the tribe
- Continues to allow relief for immigrant victims of domestic violence
- Provides for more care and assistance for LGBTQ victims

Interested in learning more? Join us for a free training class on Tuesday, January 15th at 1:00pm, in Towers 112.
Outdoor Winter Safety

It’s always important to remember how to be prepared for Ohio’s unpredictable weather. Winter’s various dangers to people can occur suddenly. Here are some simple tips to help keep you safe while outdoors:

* Snow, sleet and icy roads and walkways can make getting around not only inconvenient, but dangerous. Take your time and walk slowly.

* Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body’s stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. Hypothermia requires immediate medical attention.

* Be aware of the wind chill index and it’s affect on the body (see chart below). Wind chill is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by wind and cold. As the wind increases, it draws heat from the body, driving down skin temperature and eventually the internal body temperature. Therefore, the wind makes it FEEL much colder.

- Dress appropriately, wearing:
  - Layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Trapped air between the layers will insulate the body. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent and hooded.
  - A hat because 40 percent of your body heat can be lost from your head.
  - Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
  - Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

The key to staying warm is to stay dry and out of the wind.

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OPD Around Campus

Officer Derikito assisting an Otterbein student with a lock-out.

Dressing for Cold Weather

CHILLY
- 1-2 layers
- long layer
- outer layer to keep out wind, rain
- warm shoes, water proof

COLD
- 2-3 layers
- gloves
- warm hat
- outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
- boots, water proof

EXTREME COLD
- warm hat
- face mask
- 3+ layers, 1 insulating
- outer layer to keep out wind
- boots, water proof

January Training Classes

The Otterbein Police Department offers educational programs designed to improve and enhance your knowledge of crime and personal safety. Please join us for any of the following courses:

- Self Defense Training 1/8 1:00–2:00pm Rike Fitness Room
- Alcohol Awareness Class 1/11 7:00–8:00pm Towers 112
- VAWA 1/15 1:00-2:00pm Towers 112
- Active Shooter 1/23 2:00-3:00pm Roush 114
- Active Shooter 1/29 12:00-1:00pm Towers 110

If there is something you’d like to learn about but don’t see, let us know. We will work to provide customized programs, as needed.

Snow Emergency Levels

Level I SNOW ALERT: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow.

Level II SNOW ADVISORY: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roadways. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

Level III SNOW EMERGENCY: All Municipal, Township, County, and State roadways are closed to Non-emergency personnel. No one should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel. Those traveling on the roadways may subject themselves to arrest.

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