I hope you all are excited for the warmer weather and have adjusted to your spring schedule. On behalf of the Boston Police Department I want to take this opportunity to offer a few reminders for ensuring that you have a safe and enjoyable spring semester.

In the city of Boston many students live in off campus housing units, making them attractive for entertaining large groups and easy targets for late night parties. This is particularly the case as the weather gets warmer in areas like Allston/Brighton, Mission Hill, the North End and the Fenway areas. We recognize that, while you have a right to socialize within the confines of the law, your neighbors have the right to live in a peaceful and quiet environment.

We often get asked about what anyone should do if the police get called to your residence. The best advice is the most simple; always behave in a respectful manner; do what is asked of you, answer questions accordingly and keep the tenor of your conversation pleasant. Simply put just cooperate so the encounter does not escalate. You are ultimately responsible for what happens in your home and the people who are your guests. Simple things like these will help you interact with your neighbor’s and law enforcement in a positive way. Once again please respect the space and quality of life of your neighbor’s. We all have to coexist with one another so let’s make it as enjoyable as possible.

Another safety issue is students who may fall victim to robbery. We highly recommend that you take your ear buds out while walking, do not walk and talk on your cell phone, be aware of your surroundings, walk in well traveled, well lit locations and, if possible, walk with another person. Should you get approached, comply with the perpetrators demands and do not resist. Your safety is worth more than any item(s) that you have to turn over.

One last item is your safety and security at the multitude of citywide events including, but not limited to, the upcoming BAA Boston Marathon and opening day at Fenway Park. Please keep in mind that your behavior sets the tone for an enjoyable event and also sets the example for the collective student body that call Boston home.

This purpose of this message is to educate and remind you about how to be a respectful neighbor and resident and how to decrease your chances of being a victim of crime. College students comprise a significant percentage of the population in the city of Boston and your safety is a priority.

With Best Regards,

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