Enhancements to public safety for the 2015-2016 academic year:

Based on recommendations listed in the final report of the security feedback panel to Pres. Mitch Daniels, several enhancements have been made to public safety on the West Lafayette campus. These enhancements include:

- **Emergency Alert Beacons**: These bright yellow boxes are part of a program implemented over the summer of 2014. There are 30 beacons in large classrooms on campus. These beacons have lights and an alarm, which will activate in the event of an emergency. There is also a screen on these boxes that display the same Purdue ALERT message that the police department sends via text message to campus subscribers. Procedures to request the purchase and installation of an Alert Beacon are located [here](#).

- **More door locks**: Also part of the program mentioned above, these large classrooms with emergency beacons will have door locking mechanisms. These locks will be compliant with ADA requirements and fire codes. New this fall: Inside locking mechanisms have been installed in nearly all campus classrooms.

- **Twitter**: Purdue’s emergency twitter account ([@purdueemergency](https://twitter.com/purdueemergency)) is integrated with the Purdue ALERT text message, so parents, as well as the general public, can receive the emergency messages sent to campus subscribers. If you do not have a twitter account, you can still receive these messages from your mobile phone using Twitter's "Fast Follow" feature.

- **Digital Signs**: Over 120 digital signs around campus will display the same Purdue ALERT message that the police department sends via text message to campus subscribers.

- **Desktop pop-up alerts**: University-owned desktop computers in classrooms and computer labs have the capability to display pop-up windows with the Purdue ALERT message. Over 20,000 campus computers receive these messages.

- **All-hazard awareness training**: The Emergency Preparedness and Planning Office continues to offer training sessions. As of August 2015, more than three thousand five hundred people on campus have attended a session. The training sessions are also online, via Blackboard and WebCert.

- **Emergency call center**: As part of Purdue’s Crisis Communication plan Purdue has engaged an outside vendor to assist with calls to campus after a level 1 emergency. This call center will be available 24/7 and 365 days a year on an as-needed basis. This call center has the ability to take inbound calls and to make outbound calls regarding information about an incident on campus. Translation is available for 140 languages and operators are trained mental health professionals.