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"Welcome to the Class of 2018 and incoming Graduate Students" A Message from Vice President of Public Safety James F. McShane:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the undergraduate Class of 2018 and our new graduate students at both campuses, and to welcome back our returning students. As incoming first year students, you are about to begin a unique educational experience at a world-class university located in the most exciting city in the world and the safest big city in America. While you will enjoy many new experiences on campus, the city itself also provides a wealth of opportunities for meaningful learning experiences. I urge you to take advantage of those opportunities. New York City is home to countless museums, art galleries, theaters and music venues. And, of course, there are the Yankees, the Mets, the Knicks, the Brooklyn Nets, the Rangers, the Islanders, the Jets, the Giants and even the (New Jersey) Devils. Take advantage of all the opportunities the city has to offer. Travel across the city is facilitated by extensive bus and subway systems. Both are safe and efficient. Of course, as in any large city, a little bit of common sense goes a long way in ensuring that you arrive safely at your destination. The Department of Public Safety is here to help you with any safety or security issues. Stop by and visit with us, even if it is only to ask for directions to Yankee Stadium.

Finally, please be sure to attend a Public Safety orientation lecture to learn more about who we are and how we can work together to make your time here as safe as possible. **Again, welcome to Columbia!**

Campus Emergency Text Messaging System– Register Today

Columbia University maintains an emergency notification (text messaging) system. Students, faculty and staff can register online to receive real-time notifications of emergency events. These messages are only transmitted during emergencies. If you have not enrolled in the Columbia University Campus Emergency Text Message notification system, it's easy to do so: To enroll your cell phone number online, simply add your cell phone number to your personal information. Follow the appropriate link below:

Students: https://ssol.columbia.edu   **Faculty and Staff**: https://my.columbia.edu

Or you can register right from the Public Safety Website www.columbia.edu/cu/publicsafety

Security Awareness Day, Wednesday September 3, 2014 @Morningside Campus & Wednesday, September 10, 2014@ the Medical Center Campus

Be part of one of the biggest events on campus, Public Safety's Security Awareness Day 2014! Rain or Shine, September 3rd, 10am-3pm, Low Plaza and September 10th, in front of 650 West 168 Street. Free electronics "Tattooing," registered with the NYPD & CU Public Safety, FREE Bike Tune Ups, discount locks for bikes and computers. One-on-one discussions on personal safety with the NYPD and CU Public Safety. Meet specialists from the FDNY & CUF on fire safety, representatives from Zip Car, Verizon, AT&T, Sprint & T-mobile and more! Hope to see you there!

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Free Self-Defense Classes for Students, Faculty and Staff
RSVP is a Must!

The Department of Public Safety and The Shotokan Karate Club are teaming up to hold several classes in self defense on the following dates & times: Click here for video: **SELF DEFENSE CLASS**

Mondays, September 8th & 15th, 2014 @ 6pm in the Lerner Hall Party Space.
Thursday, September 18th, 2014 @ 6pm in the Alumni Auditorium, 650 West 168th Street, 1st floor
RSVP to rm29@columbia.edu

CUIT, CUMC IT & Public Safety Team Up to Combat Computer Theft
PC & Mac Phone Home For Students, Faculty and Staff

In an effort to decrease laptop and PC theft, CUIT, CUMC IT, and Public Safety have developed a computer safety initiative. Columbia University purchased a site license for the laptop and PC recovery program "PC Phone Home." Students, faculty and staff can download PC Phone Home and Mac Phone Home onto their desktop or laptop computers for **FREE**. To download PC Phone Home and Mac Phone Home, please go to **http://cuit.columbia.edu/pc-phonehome** This link will bring you directly to CUIT's PC & Mac Phone Home page. Please review instructions and information before installing. For more information on PC & Mac Phone Home, please call the CUIT help desk at **212-854-1919** or Public Safety Crime Prevention at **212-854-8513.**

Note:
If you have downloaded PC or Mac Phone onto your computer over six months ago, you are eligible for the new upgrade! Just go to http://cuit.columbia.edu/pc-phonehome and re-download onto your PC or laptop. The latest version has added additional bells and whistles to assist the NYPD and CU Public Safety in recovering your computer.

Don't Forget Operation ID – Laptop and Property Engraving, FREE!

Smart Phone / Tablet Apps that Can Help
The Police Locate Your Lost / Stolen Device

Companies are now making it easier to locate your phone or tablet in the event of loss or theft. New applications are great investigative tools for law enforcement for the recovery of your smart device. In addition, you can wipe and lock it out at the same time. Some apps even enable your phone to snap a picture of the thief and send it to you via email. Here are some of the popular Apps that have been proven effective: **Click on links below** for more information:

- **Find My iPhone, Find My iPad, Find My Mac (Free)**
- **Look out for Android and ios and Kindle Fire (Free)**
- **Where's My Droid (Free)**
- **Plan B for Android (Free)**
- **GotYa for Android ($1.99) Snaps picture & sends to user email with GPS location**
- **Blackberry Protect (Free)**
- **Find My Phone for Windows (Free)**

Apple users– Always update your device with the latest software (has Added Bells & Whistles)
Note: Always add a PASSWORD to your device to prevent unauthorized app removal.
To view a short NYPD Electronic Device Safety PSA, Click here : Snatching Electronics