

# Campus Alerts

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## Question:

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Why are faculty and staff not apprised of \*all\* alerts sent to students, regardless of the day or time in which they are sent? Many faculty and staff work nights and during the weekend. There have been two such alerts within the past two weeks, one on 9/24 which consisted of an armed robbery, and another one on 10/6 which described men breaking into cars with baseball bats to "smash and grab."

## Rationale:

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All faculty and staff should be properly warned in order to be aware of dangerous, life-threatening, criminal activity. If students are made aware, faculty and staff should be made aware as well.

## Response:

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RFI on October 7th from Leticia McGrath about campus alerts. Response from Georj Lewis.

10/13/2009: Dr.Georj Lewis, Dean of Students has responded to your rfi in the following way:

There are several types of emails or alerts that are sent out to students on campus. Different methods are used based on the type of message desired or required. Some of the messages are proactive and reactive in nature.

Specifically the Dean of Students Office handles the following messages:

1. Messages from the Dean- Prevention (for example: lock your doors, don't drink and drive, walk with a friend, etc.)

2. Eaglegrams- Various types of official messages from the University(for example: financial aid info., road closings, etc. etc.)

3. Campus Alerts- Crime alerts or information that will assist with the campus community being safe. This information communicates potential dangers in our community and is also posted on Public Safety's Website and distributed via email from the Dean of Students Office to students.

These three messages may be sent via email or as a "targeted message" via [my.georgiasouthern.edu](http://my.georgiasouthern.edu). See these websites for information on Campus Alerts, Eaglegrams, and Messages from the Dean.

Campus Alerts Students (then click on the Communication to Students Link) Please note- these messages are NOT EAGLE ALERTS.

EAGLE ALERTS are managed by the Office of Public Safety and will only be used to distribute information regarding emergencies that dictate immediate action. (Examples of alerts include severe weather, building evacuations, dangers requiring lock-down or shelter-in-place, or other emergencies requiring immediate action.) See the website below for more information.

Eagle Alerts All above being said....The major part of the question was- "Why don't faculty get this information."- Answer: •These alerts were originally designed to alert students living on or adjacent to campus where most of this activity occurs. I am sure faculty can be included on the messages. Please note that many of the "Campus Alert" messages are concerning incidents that occur on or in student housing (on and off campus). So the situations may not directly impact faculty. If faculty desire to receive "Campus Alert" emails, I will work with Dr. Heaston to ensure they are forwarded to faculty.

I hope this information helps!