

West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2024-11-01
**AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION TO ENCOURAGE CAMPUS
COMMUNITY TO COMPLETE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

Short Title: Active Shooter Training For Campus Community

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Presidential Signature: 

Whereas, the West Virginia University mission statement reads, “As a land-grant institution, the faculty, staff and students at West Virginia University commit to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity;”¹ and,

¹ [WVU Mission Statement](#)

Whereas, the West Virginia University Student Government Association (SGA) vision statement reads, “To be a Student Government Association that serves the students, West Virginia University, and the state of West Virginia by;

... creating a campus that can accommodate everyone... fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders.”;² and,

Whereas, the Student Government Association aims to foster a safe campus and community for students, faculty and staff; and,

Whereas, the West Virginia legislature passed Senate Bill 10, the Campus Self-Defense Act, in 2023, taking effect in July of 2024; and,

Whereas, “...the Campus Self-Defense Act allows for a person to carry a concealed pistol or revolver on the grounds of an institution of higher education, with some exceptions, if that person has a current and valid license to carry a concealed deadly weapon.”;³ and,

Whereas, the West Virginia University Police’s Crime Prevention Sections offers resources and “... develops and delivers educational programs that educate all members of the University to help them to understand and know what they can and should do to prevent themselves from becoming victims.”;⁴ and,

Whereas, an in-person Active Shooter Training is offered by West Virginia University Police where officers will teach students, faculty and staff how to respond to an active shooter scenario; and,

Whereas, the training is, “... available for free at the request of any WVU student or employee group... trainings can be tailored to specific groups, areas of campus or buildings... a minimum number of participants is not needed to request this type of training.”;⁵ and,

²[SGA Vision Statement](#)

³[WVU SB 10](#)

⁴[WVU Research Center on Violence](#)

⁵[Active Shooter Training](#)

Whereas, the Student Government Association should encourage other leaders and student organizations on campus to complete Active Shooter training to ensure preparedness in case of an active shooter threat; and,

Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section 1: That the Student Government Association promotes and prioritizes campus safety and the safety of members of West Virginia University's campus community, and;

Section 2: That the Student Government Association encourages students, faculty, and staff of West Virginia University to take part in the University Police Department's Active Shooter training to learn about how to stay safe in the threat of an active shooter on campus, and;

Section 3: Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

Mandates:

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)
University President Gordon E. Gee
Daily Athenaeum
Charlie Long, Student Body President
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