A Holiday Message from the Boston Police Department

Dear Students,

Congratulations on completing your first semester of 2017. I know at this time many of you will be departing for winter break, so I would like to take this opportunity, as I often do, to reiterate a few safety tips and reminders so that you do not fall victim to a crime while away on holiday.

As always, please make sure you secure your on and off campus housing units when you leave and lock all doors and windows. If you have air conditioners, please remove them from the windows especially those where there is access to a fire escape. If they cannot be removed, make sure they are securely fastened. Please take precautions in advance and if need be, contact your management company or landlord to make sure that the locks are in working order. Take any and all items of value with you since these are often attractive targets. i.e.: iPads, laptops game systems, jewelry, and currency.

If possible, ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on things during your time away. Conversely, if you are going to be staying home, keep an eye on your neighborhood and call 9-1-1 if you see anything suspicious. In the weeks leading up to winter break, consider installing motion censored or timed lighting in and outside of your residence. This will create the illusion that someone is home.

Additionally, should you choose to stay in the city for any holiday or New Year’s celebrations, please keep in mind that the Boston Police Department will be monitoring the neighborhoods for loud and underage parties. Don’t forget that your homes are in neighborhoods where people live and work.

I hope this information is helpful. Please visit www.BPDNews.com for more information and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

On behalf of the Boston Police Department relax and enjoy your break. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

William B. Evans
Police Commissioner