State University System Student Safety and Emergency Preparedness 2009-2010 Budget

Total Budget Need: \$14,563,006

In March, the Board of Governors endorsed the recommendations of the Emergency Preparedness and Campus Safety Task Force, including amending the 2008-09 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). This amendment provided an additional \$18,113,879 for enhancing emergency notification systems, supporting additional law enforcement personnel and equipment, and ensuring that each university had at least one position dedicated to emergency management. While the Legislature did not fund the amended request, this initiative is a priority of the universities.

Since March, the universities have completed over \$1.5 M of the original recommendations by using other university resources. After technical adjustments to correct an accounting adjustment, the total request for 2009-10 is \$14,563,006, with \$10,900,423 for non-recurring equipment and infrastructure items and \$3,662,583 for recurring dollars primarily associated with additional law enforcement and emergency management personnel.

The universities continue to aggressively pursue available grant funding in areas related to emergency preparedness and domestic security, and further enhance existing emergency operations procedures through testing, enhancements, and simulations.