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Approximately eight years ago the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation and the SC Commission on Higher Education initiated a proactive role in raising awareness about campus safety among the State's colleges and universities. As a part of this initiative, the South Carolina Campus Safety Conference has been held each year since 1999 and has invited public and independent colleges and universities in the State to plan and participate. The purpose of the Conference is to share information, challenge and reenergize every Conference participant, and remind participants of the pivotal role each person plays in ensuring safety on South Carolina's campuses.

In past years, Campus Safety Conferences have been held at the College of Charleston, Clemson University, Winthrop University, Presbyterian College, Coastal Carolina University, and the University of South Carolina Columbia. This year, the 2007 Campus Safety Conference will be hosted by the University of South Carolina Upstate, February 25-27, 2007.

The theme of the 2007 Conference is "Promoting Civility." The conference will feature Dr. Alan Berkowitz, editor and founder of The Report on Social Norms, as the keynote speaker on Monday, and Mr. Brian Lamkin, Special Agent in Charge of the Columbia Division of the FBI, at Tuesday's brunch. Mr. Steve Romano, a private consultant and trainer after more than 33 years in law enforcement and security, will also provide training Tuesday afternoon on how to respond to a hostage/barricade incident.

The conference also includes several interactive sessions, panels, presentations, and speakers who are experts in their area of campus safety issues such as alcohol abuse, online communities, risk management, student behavioral issues, and much more. Professionals involved in all aspects of Campus Life and Safety are encouraged to attend, including but not limited to: Judicial Services, Residence Life, Multicultural Student Services, Health & Wellness, Counseling, Victims Assistance, Student Affairs, Campus Safety Officers, Administrators, Institutional Legal Officers, Event & Facility Managers, Parents and Students. For more information about the conference, including how to register, please visit: www.uscupstate.edu/about_upstate/safetyconference