

# Emergency call boxes

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Call boxes are some of the most important items any large campus can have. However, for a campus as small as Brevard College's, many students either do not know what a "call box" is or do not know the necessary importance of them.

There are four call boxes located on different parts of the campus: near Gil Coan Baseball Field, near Boshamer Gymnasium, the academic quad near Moore Science building, and on the residential quad, near Stamey and Jones Hall.

Many students do not think the boxes are necessary. "I don't think I would need it," John Burton said. "I could see where women could need it if you don't feel comfortable at night."

Some students believe that the college is safe enough to where something would be done even if the call boxes were not around. "I feel so safe on this campus that it doesn't bother me," Lucas Gomez said. "I can see the safety concern, but I

have full confidence in the students of Brevard to take action if action is needed."

Even though some students do not feel that they would ever need to use something as important as the call box, Stanley Jacobsen still feels that it is extremely important for students to know how to use them.

"When you push the button, the officer on duty sees the alert," Jacobsen said. The different call boxes all have numbers, and when a button is pressed at one of them, a security guard will be alerted. The boxes give them a chance to talk through the box to whoever has pressed the button, and to know exactly where it came from.

Another important factor of the boxes is that they can be used 24/7, and run even when the power is out. This is important for any student to know when they are walking about campus and may not feel safe. However, it is important to stress that these are not toys.

Whenever a button is pressed, it is seen as an important situation. Using these boxes as a joke or simply pressing them to waste someone's time is never funny.

Even though many students may not know about the call boxes entirely, they are still aware of the importance of having some on campus. "Someone will be able to do something and help if anything does happen," Lexi King said.

Jacobsen also feels strongly about having these call boxes on campus and ready for any student who may need them. "I would rather have them than not have them," Jacobsen said. "You only have to use it once to save a life. It's worth it."

Even if the call boxes are never needed, it is still extremely important for students to know about them and their uses.

## Campus groups take a stand against domestic violence



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and two groups on campus are currently working on a project to help educate the campus community on the topic of domestic violence.

In an email to students on Tuesday afternoon, Social Science Division Chair Laura Vance wrote,

"Psi Chi and Alpha Phi Sigma, our Brevard College psychology and criminal justice honor societies, will host an exhibit featuring silhouettes from the Still Standing campaign. Each silhouette features the story of a survivor of domestic violence, some from Transylvania County. Silhouettes will be on display throughout MG when we return from Fall Break.

Please join the Criminal Justice and Psychology Programs for a reception and exhibit opening on Tuesday, October 23 from 3-4 p.m. in the Lobby of MG.

Read Still Standing Stories, hear a local story about family violence, and learn about local domestic violence resources and what you can do to help prevent family violence."

More information about the Still Standing campaign can be found on BuncombeCounty.org. All of the stories featured in the program are true accounts from survivors of domestic violence and the website warns that some of the content may not be suitable for younger audiences.

"Survivors of domestic and sexual violence are sharing their stories of hope and strength to help inspire our community to stand up against domestic and sexual violence and give victims the courage they may need to come forward," the website states.

— Mary Lewe

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