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## Campus Safety Bolstered at University of Saint Mary

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary is bolstering its security at the main campus in Leavenworth by adding more surveillance cameras, an emergency alert system, 24/7 security, and hiring a director of campus safety and compliance. The emergency alert system will ensure that students living in the dorms will be instantly alerted about emergency situations. The university is also beefing up security from mainly off-business hours to 24/7 security.

“The safety of our students is a central concern,” said University of Saint Mary President Diane Steele. “These new campus safety measures have been implemented with the best interest of our students, faculty, and staff in mind.”

“Saint Mary has always been a safe place. But violent incidents at other campuses led us to take these additional precautions,” she added.

USM has hired Matt Boos as its director of campus safety and compliance, a newly-created position at the university. He begins his new post on July 28. Boos has 12 years of experience in law enforcement and compliance in both the private and public sector. He is a graduate of UMKC and the Law Enforcement Training Institute of Columbia, Mo. He also has further training and certifications from the United States Department of Homeland Security. He is a certified peace officer in both Kansas and Missouri.

“I know that safety and security is extremely important to college students and their parents,” said Boos. “I’m looking forward to working with the faculty and staff at USM to maintain a secure environment.”

Boos comes to USM from Oldcastle-Miller Materials where he served as environmental health safety and quality director. He also served as a police officer for six years in Oakview, Mo.

*The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The main campus is located at 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan. Saint Mary offers accelerated graduate and degree-completion programs at three additional locations in Overland Park, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit [www.stmary.edu](http://www.stmary.edu) for more information.*

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