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LOUISBURG COLLEGE CAMPUS SAFETY OFFICE NOW A FULLY-SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Louisburg, NC — The Louisburg College Campus Safety and Police Department is pleased to announce the commissioning of Paul Opanesenko and Chase Slinkard as sworn campus police officers. Along with Chief Jeff Linney, Detective Steven Whitfield, and Officers Tony Drake and Anton Edwards, Opanesenko and Slinkard round out a full complement of sworn law enforcement officers for the campus.

Campus police officers are commissioned by the NC Attorney General's Office. They are granted the same authority and subject to the same rigorous training standards as all NC municipal police officers. Officers must successfully complete basic law enforcement training and pass a psychological evaluation, firearms training, and written tests. In addition, campus police officers receive training to deal with campus-specific issues.

In 2006, Louisburg College established its Campus Police Agency to provide better protection and service to the campus and surrounding community. As a commissioned law enforcement agency, campus police officers have full arrest powers and access to ongoing training and resources not available to security guards. This allows them to provide better service and programs to students while responding quickly to real and potential threats to our community. Campus police officers have jurisdiction on the Louisburg College campus as well as all public property immediately adjacent to the campus, including city streets. This jurisdiction includes authority to make traffic stops, especially when traffic violations are particularly threatening to campus pedestrians. The Campus Police Agency works closely with the Louisburg Police Department and Franklin County Sheriff's Department to ensure a safe environment for the campus and surrounding community.

Chief Linney welcomes any questions or comments concerning Campus Safety and Police operations; he can be reached by phone at 497.3400 or by email at jlinney@louisburg.edu.

Related by faith to The United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community in which young men and women mature intellectually, culturally, socially, and spiritually. As a two-year residential institution, we provide a bridge for students to make a successful transition from high school to senior colleges and universities.

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