

## **Executive Summary**

On March 14, 2016, a student reported hearing a clicking noise and seeing the barrel of a rifle in a men's bathroom stall in Ullsvik Hall. The student pulled the fire alarm pull station, which triggered an evacuation of Ullsvik Hall and informed the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Police Department of an emergency situation at Ullsvik Hall.

Within a few minutes, UW-Platteville Police Department officers were on-scene, along with the City of Platteville Police Department. Ullsvik Hall was evacuated and information was obtained by the individual that pulled the fire alarm station. Rave Alerts and Nixle messages were sent to the campus community and surrounding areas.

Thankfully, no weapons were found in the subsequent searches of campus buildings. No injuries were reported. The campus community was able to quickly return to normal operations.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville should be commended for their efforts. A quick response by UW-Platteville Police Department officers resulted in a controlled evacuation of Ullsvik Hall and the rapid searching of campus buildings. City of Platteville Fire and Police Departments and the Grant County Sheriff's Office assisted in these efforts and directly contributed to the success of the incident.

The University provided continuous updates to the campus community via the Rave Alerts system and the website. Debrief sessions were held to help community members process the incident and find resolutions to questions.

With any incident, areas of improvement can be identified. The University should consider addressing the following areas of improvement.

- The University should continue to improve processes related to the Emergency Operations Center through increased training and additional equipment.
- Emergency messaging will benefit from further coordination between the University and City of Platteville.
- Additional training for students and staff related to active shooter situations will alleviate concerns about such incidents.