A Message from the Department of Public Safety is used to share information about an event that represents no threat to campus, and for sharing general safety information reminders.

Dawg Watch Advisory is used when an event has already occurred, but still represents an ongoing and serious threat to the campus community. The advisory is issued as soon as the pertinent information is available.

Dawg Watch Advisory is meant to fulfill the requirement of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.