

Safety message goes to South Africa

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An effort to improve student safety, presented primarily in the U.S., was carried abroad last month.

On Monday, March 26, South Africa's Deputy Minister of Police Bongani Mkongi thanked Thomson-based Safety Advisors for Educational Campuses, LLC (SAFE) for their contributions to a new campus safety training program launched in Cape Town.

"This important event was also honored by International experts on School and Campus safety to share their experiences," said Mkongi. "Namely, Mr. S. Daniel Carter, President of Safe Campuses 'LLC', Safety Advisers for educational campuses from the United States of America."

SAFE Campuses is a multidisciplinary campus safety consulting company, which has been working with the South African Campus Safety Support Services Agency since last April to help them apply lessons

learned in the United States to their new Campus Safety Training Program, according to Carter, of Thomson.

The new program addresses a wide array of campus safety issues from crime statistics to gender based violence across 18 lessons and will be offered to colleges and universities across South Africa.

Carter, president of SAFE Campuses, LLC, along with Jay Johnson, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, the organization's campus police expert, were in South Africa for two weeks helping to finalize and present the pilot program.

The two also discussed with Mkongi the possibility of bringing America's Jeanne Clery Act crime statistics reporting law to South Africa.

"It is an honor to help South Africa to help increase access to safe educational environments by sharing lessons learned in the United States and applying them in a different culture," said Carter, an internationally recognized cam-

pus safety expert.

"This has been an amazing experience both sharing our experience and learning about the specific culture and challenges of South Africa."

The Clery Act is named in memory of Jeanne Clery who was raped and murdered in her residence hall room by a fel-

low student she did not know on April 5, 1986.

The act requires colleges and universities, both public and private, participating in federal student aid programs to disclose campus safety information and meet certain basic requirements for handling incidents of missing stu-

dents, sexual violence and emergency situations.

Disclosures about crime statistics and summaries of security policies are made once a year in an

Annual Security Report (ASR) and information about specific crimes and emergencies is made publicly available on an ongoing basis throughout the year.



Photo courtesy of S. Daniel Carter
Jay Johnson, left, and S. Daniel Carter, of SAFE Campuses, LLC, are shown with South Africa's Deputy Minister of Police Bongani Mkongi at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, Cape Town, South Africa.



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Jay Johnson, left, and S. Daniel Carter present in Pretoria, South Africa.