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SU considers arming campus safety officers

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By Nancy Buczek Staff writer

As Syracuse University officials consider arming their public safety officers, they can look to their closest neighbors for examples of those who have already taken that step - and those who haven't.

The State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry, which is across the street from SU's Carrier Dome, just finished its first semester with "situationally" armed police officers. The officers carry guns when performing duties such as vehicle and traffic checks and bank escorts, but not when on routine campus patrols.

SUNY Upstate Medical University, just blocks from SU's main campus, has opted to have its officers carry guns whenever on duty. It already has three armed police officers, and five more completed police training last month.

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