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Quick Facts

▪ Operation Computer or Laptop Anti-Theft Watch (C.L.A.W.) is a free program available to Winthrop students, faculty and staff.

Chief Frank Zebedis

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Winthrop University Police Department** is fighting campus laptop theft with **Operation C.L.A.W.**, a new laptop theft recovery program now available to students, faculty and staff.

Operation C.L.A.W., a free program, allows the **WUPD** to track and gather pertinent information from a participating laptop computer once it is reported stolen. Faculty, staff and students interested in taking part in **Operation C.L.A.W.** must download and install the Prey laptop tracking software to their computers. Once police are notified that a laptop is stolen, the software can be activated in order to track the computer's location.

To enter the **Operation C.L.A.W.** website, view the instructions, download the program and complete the installation process, participants should log in here.

The new program, developed over the summer, increases participants' chances of recovering their stolen computers or laptops, said Frank Zebedis, chief of police. He explained that laptop theft tends to be a problem at the end of the academic year when students are moving, schedules are hectic and computers/laptops may be left unattended.

Zebedis added that he hopes **Operation C.L.A.W.** will act as a deterrent to potential thieves.

"Our main objective is to deter theft from the get-go," said Zebedis, adding that he encourages students, faculty and staff to take advantage of this new program.

To find out more information about Operation C.L.A.W., visit the Campus Police website.

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