



SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Public Safety Compact

This Public Safety Compact is publicized to establish standards for the South Orange County Community College District's delivery of public-safety related services. This compact is to ensure the application of community and evidence-based policing models, and effective faculty, classified professional, and student participation in the governance of public safety services, including campus policing and security. Public safety services must adhere to principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility, and advance access to education, educational equity, and opportunities for student success by creating safe, secure, peaceful, and inclusive campus environments in which all persons may fully develop their individual potential without fear or undue risk of physical or emotional harm.

In advancing the transparency of the delivery of public safety related services on all campuses, the roles and responsibilities of the members comprising Public Safety Personnel are as follows:

- Law Enforcement – Campus Police will adhere to community policing principles and evidence-based policing practices. Campus police officers will conduct patrols on campus to ensure the safety of students and employees and the security of buildings. Campus Police will also respond to requests for assistance and emergencies. They will enforce vehicle and traffic regulations, investigate crimes, conduct educational activities related to safety and crime prevention, post crime statistics on each college's website, and promptly notify the campus community of emergencies and concerning situations. Overall, by embracing this approach, Campus Police can actively contribute to maintaining a safe and inclusive campus environment that supports effective learning, teaching, and working for all members of the community.
- Emergency Response – Management Team members in consultation with all constituent groups (including faculty and classified professionals) will assist in the development and implementation of the emergency operations plans.
- Mental Health Services – Licensed Psychologists and/or Therapists as well as interns provide psychological services, crisis counseling, and intervention services to currently enrolled students.
- Social Services – The Basic Needs Coordinator and assigned classified professionals will address basic needs of currently enrolled students including those with housing insecurities, food insecurities, transportation difficulties, and financial difficulties among other similar services.
- Medical Services – Licensed Medical Doctors and/or Nurse Practitioners provide medical services to currently enrolled students.
- Community Non-Profits – A variety of off-campus resources that students can be referred to for health, mental health, and basic needs services.

By implementing this Public Safety Compact, we pledge our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment where all members of the community can thrive. We understand that public safety is a collective responsibility and believe that, through collaboration, education, and action, we can make our community a secure and inclusive place for everyone.