

CRIME AWARENESS AND CAMPUS SECURITY



Welcome to Southwestern College. The safety and well being of our students, faculty, and staff is important. Although the campus is a safe place, crimes do occur. The purpose of this publication is to heighten community awareness about campus crime. A truly safe campus can be achieved through the cooperation of everyone. Please take time to read this information and stop by the Southwestern College Police office located in Building 100, Room 105 D for more informational material.

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Superintendent/President
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COLLEGE POLICE AND SAFETY

Southwestern College Chula Vista Campus:

It is the policy of the Southwestern Community College District to protect the college community and to protect the property of the District under the administrative direction of the Vice President of Student Services.

The Department of Police and Safety is directed by the Chief of Police and provides around the clock police and patrol protection on the Chula Vista Campus. The community college police officers are sworn armed officers in compliance with the California Education Code and California Penal Code and possess the same authority under the law as municipal police officers. The Southwestern College Police Department is vested by the Governing Board of the District with the authority and responsibility to enforce on District property or at official District events, all applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Southwestern College Police Officers have the authority and duty to conduct criminal investigations, arrest violators, and suppress campus crime. The College Police Department is linked with the Chula Vista Police Department to share criminal records, information on wanted persons, as well as stolen vehicle and property information. The Chula Vista Police may also enforce laws on District property.

Public safety assistants are employed by the College Police Department to assist in the Southwestern College crime prevention program. They are student workers whose primary duties are parking enforcement, escort service, and vehicle assistance.

Higher Education Center, San Ysidro (HEC, SY):

At the HEC, San Ysidro, police services are provided by the San Diego Police Department. There are no college police officers assigned full-time on the premises. Public safety assistants are assigned to provide escort service, parking control, and vehicle assistance.

Higher Education Center, Otay Mesa (HEC, Otay Mesa)

At the HEC, Otay Mesa, police services are provided by the San Diego Police Department. There are no college police officers assigned full-time on the premises. Public safety assistants are assigned to provide escort service, parking control, and vehicle assistance.

Higher Education Center, National City (HEC, NC):

At the HEC, NC, police services are provided by the National City Police Department. There are no college police officers assigned full-time on the premises. Public safety assistants are assigned to provide escort service, parking control, and vehicle assistance.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

There are no residential facilities for Southwestern College staff or students. Most campus buildings are open from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. when the college is in session. All students and staff have been issued identification cards that they may be asked to produce if there is a question about authorization to be in a specific area.

When staff or students need to be on campus other than during regularly scheduled work or class hours, they must have written permission from the administrative supervisor of their area and a copy must be sent to the College Police Department. Many campus areas are protected by intrusion alarms. Contact the College Police Department before entering such areas.

Campus buildings are regularly locked at midnight on Saturdays and opened again on Monday mornings. Campus entrances are gated and are closed Monday through Friday from midnight to 5:00 a.m., and from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The College Police Department provides access to authorized individuals when the gates are closed.

INCIDENT REPORTING

It is important that all crimes occurring on campus be reported immediately so that appropriate action can be taken. Southwestern College endorses a vigorous reporting policy and encourages victims to report all incidents, regardless of their nature, to the College Police Department. Incidents can be reported in person at the College Police/Information Booth at the entrance to the Chula Vista Campus, or by calling the College Police at 619-482-6380.

Parking lot incidents can be reported from call boxes at various locations within the parking lots.

Emergencies requiring police, fire, or medical services can be reported in the same way, or by dialing 911 from a campus telephone, or *91 from any campus pay phone to contact the College Police Department.

Southwestern College Chula Vista Campus:

Requests for police services should be made to the College Police Department at 619-482-6380, or by dialing *91 from any campus pay phone, or directly to the Chula Vista Police Department by dialing 911.

Higher Education Center, San Ysidro (HEC, SY):

The San Diego Police Department investigates crimes and provides police services to **HEC, San Ysidro**. Dial 911 for emergency services. Please alert the Center Administrator at 619-216-6793 or the College Police Department on the Chula Vista Campus at 619-482-6380 of all incidents and reports.

Higher Education Center Otay Mesa (HEC, Otay Mesa):

The San Diego Police Department investigates crimes and provides police services to **HEC, Otay Mesa**. Dial 911 for emergency services. Please alert the Center Administrator at 619-216-6750 or the College Police Department on the Chula Vista Campus at 619-482-6380 of all incidents and reports.

Higher Education Center, National City (HEC, NC):

The National City Police Department investigates crimes and provides police services to the **HEC, NC**. Dial 911 for emergency services. Please alert the Center Administrator at 619-216-6665 or the College Police Department on the Chula Vista Campus at 619-482-6380 of all incidents and reports.

IN ANY EMERGENCY ANYWHERE, DIAL 911

CRIME PREVENTION

Preventing crime is the best measure of protection. Southwestern College supports a proactive crime prevention policy, keeping the campus a safe place to work and learn.

You can learn more about crime prevention. The College Police Department, in conjunction with the Chula Vista Police Department, provides presentations on personal safety, vehicle and residential safety, office and equipment security, and rape prevention.

If you park on campus, remember to **LOCK** your vehicle, as the college is not responsible for any theft or damage in the parking lots. Consider investing in additional vehicle security products.

Take advantage of all safety services. Escort services are available. HEC, Otay Mesa and HEC, NC students may

arrange for an escort at the respective center office. Learn the location of the public telephones on the Chula Vista Campus to call *91 for emergency assistance.

Read your campus newspaper. Students and staff are alerted to incidents of criminal activity through the *Southwestern Sun*.

Timely Warnings

An incident, occurring on or off campus, that constitutes a threat to any District property will result in the issuance of a campus wide “timely warning”. The necessity and content of the “timely warning” will be approved by the District Chief of Police in conjunction with the Superintendent / President’s office. The warning will be issued to students, faculty and staff through the District e-mail system and the College Police web site at: <http://www.swccd.edu/3rdLevel/index.asp?L2=305>. Printed materials may also be posted at prominent campus locations and provided to the college student newspaper.

Report activities that appear to be suspicious or dangerous. The College Police Department also welcomes the reporting of physical hazards in order that they may be corrected to avoid personal injury.

REMEMBER!!! Call if you need help! College Police Department--Ext. 6380.

Emergency and Campus Assistance	
Southwestern College Chula Vista Campus	
Emergency:	
College Police	619-482-6380
	*91(Any Campus Payphone)
	Ext. 6380 (Campus Phones)
Chula Vista Police	911 (CVPD)
Non- Emergency	
Counseling Center	
	619-482-6317
Health Services	
	619-482-6354
Chula Vista Police	(Non Emergency)
	619-691-5151
Higher Education Center, San Ysidro	
Emergency:	
College Police	619-482-6380
	*91 (Any Campus Payphone)

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Student Population and Crime Statistics			
Year:	2006	2007	2008
Enrollment for Fall:	18,492	19,600	20,003
Type of Incident:			
Homicide:	0	0	
Manslaughter:	0	0	
Sex Offense:			
Forcible	2	0	
Non- Forcible	2	0	
Robbery	0	1	1
Battery	9	7	10
Burglary	27	25	20 . **1
Arson		0	
Vehicle Theft:	12, **1	12	5
Weapons Offense:	1	3	6
Alcohol Offenses:	6	2	8
Drug Offenses:	4	6	6
* HEC, NC ** HEC, OM ***HEC, SY			

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICES

Southwestern Community College District has been designated drug and alcohol free. Consumption of drugs and/or alcohol is strictly prohibited. The sale, manufacture, distribution, or possession of most controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. All violators, whether students or employees, are subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine, and/or imprisonment. The Education Code and other state laws restrict the sale, possession, consumption, and furnishing of alcohol on the college campus. The College Police Department enforces all alcohol and drug laws on campus.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Southwestern Community College District is committed to providing a safe environment, free from victimization or fear of victimization, from all sexual offenses or sex crimes and free from all forms of sexual harassment.

The Dean of Student Activities and the Director of Human Resources are committed to protecting and assisting those individuals who believe they have been sexually harassed, abused, and/or assaulted.

If a sex offense occurs, victims and witnesses are urged to contact College Police immediately if the offense occurs on the Chula Vista Campus, the San Diego Police if at the Southwestern College Education Center, San Ysidro, Otay Mesa or National City Police if at the Higher Education Center, National City. Victims may also contact Health Services or the Dean of Student Activities for assistance, who shall then notify College Police. If sexual harassment occurs, victims are urged to contact the Director of Human Resources.

Crisis counseling for victims is available from college counselors. The Chula Vista, San Diego, and National City Police Departments have trained personnel assigned to assist victims of sex offenses and may arrange for appropriate transportation for medical attention. Health Services provides students with various types of literature dealing with rape and acquaintance rape. Health Services also presents awareness workshops on these topics throughout the school year. During the annual Social Services Fair, various community agencies are invited to provide information regarding services available to rape victims.

Those who are arrested for sex offense crimes on campus are subject to criminal prosecution, in addition to

disciplinary action under District policies. The accuser and the accused may be entitled to information regarding the status of the complaint in accordance with California state law and the District’s sex offense procedures.

The District’s Sexual Harassment Policy provides that the District is committed to providing all employees, applicants for employment, students, or any other person in a business, service, or professional relationship with the District, an environment free from sexual harassment and that the District will not tolerate such conduct.

Sexual harassment is unlawful conduct, a violation of District policy, and will not be tolerated. Those who violate the policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and/or immediate termination of employment or suspension or expulsion from academic programs, as is appropriate. Severity of the disciplinary action will be based upon the circumstances.