

The Department of Public Safety



Protecting the Academic Community



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Objectives for Tonight's Presentation

- ▶ Who are we and what Services do we Provide?
- ▶ What did we Learn from Virginia Tech and recent shootings? How have we Responded?
- ▶ Challenges and Opportunities



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Who are we and what Services do we Provide?

<http://www.pcc.edu/about/public-safety/>



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Services Provided

- ▶ Respond to Emergency Incidents
- ▶ Investigate Crimes/ Incidents of Concern
- ▶ Assist Staff and Students
- ▶ Conduct Visible Patrols
- ▶ Sex Offender Compliance Program
- ▶ Behavior Intervention Teams (BIT)
- ▶ Mass Notification, Access Control & Cameras
- ▶ Serve as liaison with law enforcement

Central Communications Center @ Sylvania

Hours of Operation

- ➔ Monday-Friday 5:30am to 11pm
- ➔ Saturday 6:30am to 10:30pm
- ➔ Sunday 7am to 7pm

<http://www.pcc.edu/about/public-safety/communications.html>

Calls for Service Statistics

[CALLSFORSERVICETOTALS WITH TRENDLINE
June2012.xls](#)

Training and Qualifications Dispatcher

- ▶ Our communications officers attend a two-week public safety telecommunicator academy at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST)
- ▶ Training Course is the same that all 911 Dispatchers receive.

CAMPUS STAFFING

- ▶ CAS - 1 Sgt and 7 Officers
- ▶ SYL - 1 Sgt and 7 Officers
- ▶ RC - 1 Sgt and 7 Officers
- ▶ SEC - 1 Sgt and 4 Officers
- ▶ WCC - 2 Officers
- ▶ CLIMB, DC, Hillsboro, Newberg and PMWTC (not staffed)

Training and Qualifications Officer

- ▶ Officers complete a reserve academy
- ▶ Trained in 1st Aid, AED/CPR
- ▶ Officers equipped with 800Mhz radio, handcuffs, pepper spray and baton.
- ▶ DPS Officers not Peace Officers as defined under ORS 133.005
- ▶ DPS can not make arrests for probable cause as outlined in OR 133.310.

Legal Authority

- ▶ Public Safety Officers utilize citizen's arrest powers granted by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 133.225 and are supported by the college in the enforcement of all college regulations and rules and applicable federal, state, city and county laws and ordinances on college property.
- ▶ Officers are granted limited peace officer authority pertaining to traffic and parking enforcement as stated by ORS 341.300. The officers do not carry firearms and their authority is limited to the geographical boundaries of PCC's properties (including land, structures, streets, roadways, parking facilities, and lots).

What did we Learn from Virginia Tech and how have we Responded?



PCC's Response to Violence and Shootings 2007- Present

Reviewed Recommendations from

- ▶ Convened a Task Force led by Randy McEwen to implement recommendations
- ▶ Report to Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine - August 2007
- ▶ Report to President Bush - June 2007
- ▶ The IACLEA Blueprint for Safer Campuses

Summary of Recommendations

- ▶ Institutions should use an array of means and methods to disseminate information to the campus community during emergencies
- ▶ Institutions should regularly review physical security infrastructure, including locking mechanisms on all doors
- ▶ Institutions of higher education should have a behavioral threat assessment team

Summary of Recommendations

- ▶ Faculty, staff and students should be trained on how to respond to various emergencies and about the notification systems that will be used.
- ▶ Implement security technologies, such as automated card access systems, intrusion detection systems, and security cameras. Technology can serve as force multipliers on a college or university campus.

Steps PCC Has Taken 2007–Present

- ▶ Installed Thumb Locks on most Classroom Doors 2007-2008
- ▶ Installed Window Shades where appropriate
- ▶ Installed an Emergency Alert System to provide Audible Tones and Verbal Messages to All Campus Buildings and outside areas (Including Parking Lots) Completed 2010

Steps PCC Has Taken

2007-Present

- ▶ Security Cameras and Access Control Have Been Established as Security Standards in All New Construction.
- ▶ Installed Additional Security Cameras in Existing Buildings. (Current Cascade Project)
- ▶ Multi-Discipline BIT Have Been Established on Sylvania, Rock Creek, Cascade and SEC. Major Campuses support all other Centers.

Steps PCC Has Taken 2007–Present

- ▶ Conducted Lockdown Drills at All Campuses
- ▶ Conducted Two Tabletop Exercises with Active Shooter Scenarios involving the PCC Emergency Operations Group. (2012 Most Recent)
- ▶ Provided Training for Staff, Faculty and Campus Emergency Teams on Response to Active Shooter Scenarios.

Steps PCC Has Taken 2007–Present

- ▶ Formed the Albina Killingsworth Safe Neighborhood Coalition (AKSNC) at Cascade in Response to Gang Shootings that has led to a significant decrease in Violent Crime.
- ▶ Allowed Local Law Enforcement Agencies (LLEA) to Use Our Facilities to Train
- ▶ Cooperation with LLEA to enhance safety at PCC. (example at CA with Contact Office PPB, interoperability to improve response time)

Steps PCC Has Taken 2007–Present

- ▶ DPS Participated in Active Shooter Exercises with PPB this Month.(School & Movie Theater)
- ▶ Increased Staffing in Dispatch from one Dispatcher to Two Monday–Friday

Challenges

- ▶ Complexity has increased requiring new skill sets (e.g. threat assessment, dealing with students of concerns, emergency preparedness and changing technology).
- ▶ Increasing workload, expectations and demands for public safety services.
- ▶ Addition of new square footage and sites create increased demand on existing staffing. (Some additional staffing is planned for the bond build-out)

Challenges

- ▶ **Unfunded Legal Mandates (e.g Sex Offender Compliance, Reporting Requirements Clery)**
- ▶ **Meeting Expanding Expectations for Public Safety Services in the Post Virginia Tech Environment**

Opportunities For Future Improvement

- ▶ Review Staffing needs based on local lessons learned at PCC - Post Virginia Tech
- ▶ Align skill sets to maximize effectiveness of new technologies
- ▶ Promote Mindset that “Safety is Everybody’s Responsibility” through Enhanced Education And Awareness
- ▶ Monitor legislative development at Federal & State levels regarding gun control