
Prairie State College



Crime Awareness Information

For more information on the programs outlined in this booklet, please call the PSC Police Department at (708) 709-3756 or visit prairiestate.edu.

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Prairie State College Police Department

Campus safety and security is coordinated by the Prairie State College Police Department. The department is located in Room 1103 of the main campus building. Satellite offices are also located in the Health Tech building and the Adult Training and Outreach Center of the College (ATOC).

The Department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All full-time Police Department Officers have completed state approved training as provided by the Illinois Police Training Act.

Police Department Officers are empowered by the college (as provided by 110 Illinois Compiled Statutes 805/3-42.1) to enforce both criminal laws and college regulations. The main college campus and its satellite facility are located in areas with highly trained city fire departments.

For more information about the department, contact Chief George Pfothenauer at (708) 709-7834.

Mission

The mission of the Prairie State College (PSC) Police Department is to provide a safe and secure environment on our properties.

PSC is a richly diverse community college dedicated to student-centered instruction that fosters success in adult, transfer, and workforce education. PSC is concerned about the safety and well-being of all staff, faculty, students, and visitors. Since crime has the potential to occur on any college campus, we advocate that the members of our college community exert personal responsibility in an effort to keep themselves aware of their surroundings.

The PSC Police Department is dedicated to the prevention of crime, fire, and injuries. Crime prevention and awareness information is made available to educate our college community so that we may all act proactively in the prevention of campus crime.

The PSC Police Department shall perform all duties in a professional manner with pride, integrity, and compassion and will serve all without prejudice and uphold the Constitutional Rights of people we encounter, as well as enforcing all laws of the State of Illinois and the United States of America.

Evacuation Staging Areas

Evacuation drills are a key element of the Prairie State College Emergency Operations Plan. Planning, training, and drills are the best insurance for protecting everyone on campus, and your safety is one of our highest priorities.

View the description and locations of the emergency evacuation staging areas on our website at

<http://prairiestate.edu/student-life/police-and-campus-safety/emergency-evacuation.aspx>.

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Emergency Evacuation Areas (for assistance with evacuation)

Emergency Evacuation Areas are located in the north/east and south/east towers of the second, third, and fourth floors, and are marked with signs reading, "Emergency Evacuation Area." In the event of an emergency, each Emergency Evacuation Area is equipped with Emergency Evacuation Devices to assist students, faculty, or staff members with mobility concerns.

To Report an On-Campus Crime or Emergency:

The Main Campus:

During regular operating hours:

Switchboard Operator 0

Police Department 7777

Chicago Heights Police 911 (using an on-campus phone)

After hours (9 p.m. - 7 a.m.)

Police Department (708) 709-7777

Chicago Heights Police 911

Campus courtesy telephones are located near the main elevator on each floor of the main building and strategic locations throughout the building. Courtesy telephones are also located at the northwest entrance in the Technical Center and the Conference Center Rotunda.

Download Call Box locations map from our website at <http://prairiestate.edu/security>.

Matteson Area Center:

Matteson Area Center (708) 709-3750

Police Department (708) 709-7777

Matteson Police 911

Preparation and Disclosure of Crime Statistics and Daily Crime Log (Clery # 15)

The PSC Police Department is responsible for the preparation, submission and distribution of the Annual Security Report (ASR) required under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. Specifically, the preparation, submission and distribution of the ASR, is the responsibility of Chief of Police or designee. The full text of this report is located on the PSC website at

prairiestate.edu/security. The Dean, Student Development and Campus Life, and Counseling staff inform their clients of the procedures to report crime to the PSC Police on a voluntary basis, should they feel it is in the best interest of the client.

Each year, prior to October 1, an email notification will be made to all enrolled credit students as well as all current employees providing information regarding the availability and web address for the most recent ASR. Copies of the ASR may also be obtained at the PSC Police Department located in room 1103 or by calling (708) 709-7777. PSCPD also maintains a Daily Crime Log mandated under the Clery Act. This log contains summary reports of all police activity and is available for inspection at the PSCPD

Timely Warnings (Clery # 14)

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chief of Police or designee, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued at a minimum, through the following methods:

- College wide Emergency Notification System: PSC Alert
- PSC employee and student emails accounts
- PSC website prairiestate.edu

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, Prairie State College Police Department (PSCPD) may also issue the “timely warning” and related safety information via the Public Address System at the Main campus. The MAC is not equipped with PA systems, but notification of occupants will be conducted by the on duty PSC Police.

Alcohol, Drugs, Weapons

The college has the obligation to uphold federal, state, and local laws regarding the possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. The college will cooperate with legal authorities in the investigation of the illegal use, sale or distribution of alcohol and /or drugs.

Alcohol: The state of Illinois requires that persons be 21 years of age or older to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages, including wine and beer. Violators are subject to arrest. In addition, the College prohibits the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any student, regardless of age, in any area of the college. Violators are subject to official college disciplinary regulations.

Drugs: The college prohibits the possession, use or distribution of any controlled substance by anyone, in any area of the campus. Any individual possessing, using or distributing such drugs is subject to arrest, imprisonment or fine according to the applicable laws, as well as official college disciplinary regulations.

Weapons: The illegal possession, use or sale of firearms, ammunition, fireworks, major or minor explosives, or any lethal weapon is forbidden and subject to criminal sanctions as well as official disciplinary regulations.

Conduct

The PSC Police Department aims to create a positive atmosphere focused on learning and free of as many distractions as possible. We ask the the community to help by adhering to the college board policies and respecting the rights of each person visiting or working at Prairie State College.

Services

Emergency Call Boxes: Ten emergency call boxes are located in the parking lots of the main campus and in the north campus complex. The Emergency Call Boxes are activated by pushing the button. Each call box is individually identified to its location when activated and will put you in immediate contact with a campus safety officer to assist you.

Mobility Impaired Persons: The PSC Police Department has enhanced its emergency evacuation capability for Mobility Impaired Persons by installing the Garaventa Evacu-Trac CD7 evacuation device. These devices are encased in metal cabinets and marked "Emergency Evacuation Device". They are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors at the southeast and northeast tower stairwell entrances. An additional device is located on the 2nd floor in the northwest stairwell entrance.

Escort Program: The PSC Police Department offers a free escort service providing assistance to students, faculty, and staff, as well as visitors to the campus.

Vehicle Assistance: Vehicle assistance - including jump starts, lockouts and motorist emergency notifications, is available to persons that are properly registered and display the required PSC parking permit/sticker.

Sexual Violence Prevention

To increase your awareness about sexual assault and abusive partner relationships, and what to do if you or someone you know is victimized visit resources on BestColleges.com.

Crime Statistics—2012-2014

Criminal Offenses	Total Criminal Offenses on Campus			Total Criminal Offenses on Non-Campus Property			Total Criminal Offenses on Public Property			Total
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Hate Crimes on Campus				Hate Crimes on Non-Campus Property				Hate Crimes on Public Property				Total
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2012	2013	2014	2014	2012	2013	2014	2014	
Criminal Offenses- Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses-Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Arrests on Campus			Arrests Non-Campus Property			Arrests on Public Property			Total
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	
Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Disciplinary Actions on Campus			Disciplinary Actions Non-Campus Property			Disciplinary Actions on Public Property			Total
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014	
Disciplinary Actions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses On Campus

Crime	2012	2013	2014	Total
Domestic Violence	0	0	1	1
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0

Caveat: Student reported being a victim of domestic battery. The suspect was arrested and charged with domestic battery. At court the victim declined to pursue charges.



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