

# Prairie State College

## ANNUAL SAFETY AND SECURITY LETTER

### PSC Police Department:

The Prairie State College (PSC) campus is a great place to study and learn. To enhance the learning atmosphere, the college attempts to provide a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and visitors. Safety and security are only possible when every student, faculty, and staff member takes an active role in maintaining a safe and secure environment. Please review the [Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#).

Upon your request and for your convenience, you may obtain a paper copy of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report at the PSC police department. A limited supply of paper copies will also be distributed to the Dean of Students Office, the Office of Student Affairs, and the Office of Human Resources.

The purpose of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is:

- To inform students and staff of the college policies and programs that promote safety and security
- To increase awareness by summarizing recent crime data
- To suggest ways students, faculty and staff can deter criminal behavior and promote the safety of persons and property
- To satisfy the Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Jeanne Clery Act requirements

Learn more about the PSC Police and our efforts in crime prevention and our campus safety effort:

- Foot Patrols
- Bicycle Patrols
- Patrols by All-Terrain Vehicles
- Property Registration
- Escorts

### **Personal Safety| Confidential Reporting| Weather Safety**

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes steps you can take to prevent crime; how to report a crime confidentially; instructions on what to do in the event you become a victim of a crime; contact information or where to go for safety information;

protocol in case of a tornado, earthquake or hazardous materials emergency while on campus; how to sign up for the emergency notification system; and how to a complaint or file a report.

### Emergency Preparedness:

The PSC Police Department is responsible for the emergency preparedness and planning activities on the college. The department is tasked with the oversight of the Colleges Emergency Operations Plan, which will be used in the event of emergencies.

In the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, learn about the [PSC Alert](#) emergency notification system designed to provide timely warning and emergency notifications to faculty, staff, students, and the PSC campus visitors. PSC will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate layer(s) of PSC Alert unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. Everyone should develop individual plans on how to respond to emergency incidents. The [PSC Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#) and the Emergency Preparedness website and Guides are useful resources to help you get started.

### **There you will find:**

- Crime Statistics on and around PSC
- Emergency Evacuation
- Read the Annual Security Report and learn about Campus security and safety measures
- Learn about exterior Emergency Phone locations

Visit [prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu) to obtain valuable information through "Quick Links" to connect you to information about services provided by the college.

### **You will also find:**

- Contact Information for giving to PSC
- Access to PSC Online
- Human Resources and Job Openings
- Emergency Community Services
- Emergency Closings
- PSC Foundation
- Ordering Transcripts
- Annual Safety and Security Report