State of the College Report
Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety provides safety and security for five campuses where students obtain their education while attending Bakersfield College. The Panorama Campus, Weill Institute Campus, Delano Timmins Campus, RFK High School in Delano and the newly established Southwest Campus in Bakersfield. There are (8) other sites across Kern County where Bakersfield College rents facilities for our outreach students in Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, McFarland, Shafter and Wasco that the department is responsible to respond to in the event of an emergency.

The department provides free trainings for the college community in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD), Active Shooter Response Training, Emergency Responder Training, and First Aid/CPR/AED certifications.

Public Safety Officers and Cadets patrol the campus via foot patrol, bicycle, and patrols vehicles to enhance the overall safety and security of the campus.

Public Safety Office Services Provided

Phone Calls Received: 10,000 +
Walk-in Traffic: 10,000 +
DSPS Mobility Cart Rides: 4,012
Officer Calls for Service: 4,408
Background Checks Other Agencies: 256

Accomplishments

Replaced our aging patrol vehicle fleet with (4) brand new vehicles. Each new vehicle has a tough pad windows based computer and key board which allows the officers to update their logs and write reports in the field. With the officers staying out in the field to complete these tasks, they pose a deterrent instead of spending additional time in the office to complete these tasks on a desktop computer.

The (1) day parking permit machines were all replaced this past year. The machines were hard wired so they are not reliant on batteries. This allows the machines to remain up and running instead going down when the batteries run out saving the students and visitors from looking for a permit machine that is working.

Expanded out outreach to the new Southwest Campus. We were able to hire two additional officers to staff the new campus to provide safety and security for the new students, staff and visitors.
Established a new Cadet Program. The department now employs 15 student cadets. The cadet’s foot patrol the campus and via radio call in suspicious persons or situations and provide additional eyes and ears for the officers.

Improved communication with Student Code of Conduct by integrating our report writing system with the Maxient System in use on campus. Secure information between the two systems allows for a more efficient processing system and better communication.

Brochures were developed for the college community to share information on the Clery Act, Title IX, Active Shooter, Safety on Campus, Safety Tips, Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence, and Stalking.

Two of our female officers were certified as advocates for sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The department was honored with the “President’s Leadership Award” and “DSPS Allies Award”.

**Goals**

I would like to hire a Department Assistant III position to assist with front office duties to allow the Executive Secretary to assist me with special projects. Our front office is extremely busy with phone calls, walk in counter traffic, dispatching Officers, parking enforcement officers and cart drivers for the DSPS service that we provide. This does not take in to account for general office work that is required to maintain the operations of the department.

Hire a fulltime and part-time dispatcher positions. This is a critical position within the department.

Create a new management position of Assistant Director to assist me with the day to day operations and create a new management Sergeant position to run the evening shifts on all five sites the department is responsible for.

Implement an app which will allow the community to use to notify the Public Safety Department of suspicious persons or situations, if they need assistance, etc. This will also enhance commination between the department and the college community.

Increase the number of Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes, Active Shooter Response Classes, First AID/AED/CPR Classes, and Emergency Responder Classes that we present to the community free of charge.

Create (4) new officer positions to enhance the safety and security of the campus.

Replace aging DSPS Mobility Carts with new ones.

Obtain new carts to start providing cart service to outlying parking lots for our students.

Place a department booth at each event on campus to promote Public Safety and the services and trainings that we offer.