

Campus Police Community E-News

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Message from Chief Collins

Welcome to the Office of Campus Police Services. The College of New Jersey operates its own full-service police department, dedicated to serving the needs of our campus community and improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and study here, as well as those who visit our campus. I am pleased to have the opportunity to tell you a little about our department, the services we provide, and some of the changes we are implementing. I invite you to explore our new website and especially our newly revised mission statement for a look at the changes within our department. Since my arrival here in January, we have taken a number of steps to change the way we police this campus so as to improve our services and the quality of our interactions with the public.

These changes include expanding foot and bicycle patrols, improving officers' training, instituting a code of behavior and a civilian complaint policy, and redirecting officers' focus from traffic enforcement to community-oriented policing.

As I begin my first full academic year as Chief, I am excited about the upcoming changes in the Office of Campus Police Services. We are making great strides in becoming more proactively engaged members of the Campus Community and are taking a service-oriented approach to policing and securing this community. As the fall semester progresses, several changes will become more and more noticeable:

- We are refocusing the evening security patrols to provide greater attention to residence facilities and have recently increased our complement of Security Officers to allow us to present a more visible presence.

**IN CASE OF A FIRE, POLICE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY
PRESS 911 FROM ANY CAMPUS PHONE**

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Important Phone Numbers:



- Call 911 for all emergencies from any campus phone
- Call (609)771-2345 to reach Campus Police
- Call (609)771-2171 to reach our Administrative Offices
- Call (609)771-2345 to request a Campus Escort

Visit Campus Police on-line:
<http://www.tcnj.edu/~tcnjpg/>

- Sign up for text alerts at www.tcnj.edu Click on Text Alerts located at the bottom right side of the webpage.

- Security patrol hours are being expanded and modified to better utilize our resources.
- Security officers will also be working closely with Residence Education staff to identify areas for improvement and prevent problems.
- In particular, the residence halls with high concentrations of freshmen will receive special attention, to help ease the transition to college life.
- Security patrols also will be augmented by the assignment of one full-time police officer who will be the primary liaison between Residence Education and our department's Community Policing Sergeant. This officer will be conducting foot and bicycle patrols, and will maintain open lines of communication so that we can proactively identify and address issues before they become problems.
- As the fall progresses, we will also be expanding the existing foot patrols by our police officers to increase positive interaction with our community.
- We are not limiting ourselves to patrol tactics, and are maintaining an ongoing dialog with Residence Education and other departments to explore other, longer-term potential enhancements to safety on campus, including physical alterations, technology solutions, and alternative vehicles.

As we move forward, we will be working with our student, faculty, and staff partners to identify opportunities to improve the services we provide to our community. We also will be working with the TACT (Township And College Together) committee to sponsor programs that can bring us and our neighbors closer together. The changes have just begun at the Office of Campus Police Services, and I am looking forward to providing a level of service to our community that matches the quality of the education here at TCNJ.

John M. Collins
Chief of Police/Director of Campus Security

Campus Safety Tips

- Report all suspicious persons or activities, safety hazards or unsafe lighting to Campus Police.
- Try not to walk, jog or run on campus alone after dark. If you are walking on campus at night always choose a well-lit and well-populated walking route.
- Call Campus Police at (609) 771-2345 for a Safety Escort when needed.
- Limit or restrict access to your living area. Keep your doors locked at all times.
- Never leave your book bag, purse, laptop or other valuables unattended.
- Develop a relationship with your neighbors; encourage checking in with each other.
- Call 911 from any campus or pay phone to report an emergency.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

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Leading The Way

Chief Collins Lions TV Interview

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEVT04SGgT0>

Unexpected Guest Arrives on Campus!
Lions, Tigers and Bears-(Oh My!)

