Safety Message- Spring 2025

January 21, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

In light of recent incidents, including the negligent discharge of a firearm at the RT station and multiple break-ins at the athletic snack bars during the winter break at our baseball/softball and soccer facilities, we want to assure you that Campus Operations, FM, and LRPD are collaborating closely to address these concerns. We are enhancing security measures and continue to work on fortifying all outlying buildings at the athletic facilities to deter unauthorized activity after hours.

**Campus Hours & Access:**

Please be reminded that the campus is considered "Open" from 5:30 am to 11:00 pm and "Closed" from 11:00 pm to 5:30 am. During the "Closed" hours, unauthorized individuals are not allowed on campus and will be asked to leave.

We want to emphasize the ongoing partnership between local agencies, including EGUSD, RT Security, Sacramento PD, Sacramento County, and LRPD, as well as MIB's support in covering the Elk Grove Center's evening shift. Their dedication to campus safety is invaluable, and LRPD's increased staffing has already led to quicker responses and a stronger visual presence on campus. LRPD has hired five police officers this semester and six CSOs. We deeply appreciate their commitment.

As we begin the 2025 spring semester, please keep the following safety tips in mind:

**Safety Tips:**

* Stay aware of your surroundings and keep valuables out of sight.
* Whenever possible, travel with others—there is safety in numbers.
* If traveling at night, use well-lit areas for walking and parking.
* Know your destination, and walk quickly and confidently.
* Avoid carrying unnecessary items.
* Hold bags, briefcases, and packages close to your body.
* Have your keys ready before reaching your car.
* Always check your vehicle's front and back seats before entering. Lock the door immediately after getting in.

**Safety Improvements in 2024:**

* **LRPD Presence in AME and Library:** Increased patrols in the AME and library helped reduce disruptions from afternoon high school students. The addition of security cameras in the library further enhanced safety.
* **Restricted Vehicle Access:** Following the Summer 2021 safety assessment, we’ve installed a bollard system to prevent vehicle access to the campus quad area.
* **Shelter-in-Place:** In the event of a Shelter-in-Place, every room without direct access to a restroom now has a Shelter-in-Place **[restroom kit](https://www.amazon.com/FUN-ESSENTIALS-Portable-Washable-FUN010/dp/B0B5911MC1/ref%3Dsr_1_3?dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.2KfB_HzPOCgLaE7KvAn2I9xMYlbxQByFpyOTU56lUyZNFxupQRMVsLF-GSicBqAW_BWC2hfZurQEtyHPadBBPurZFwzjqEV5yXQKTx6pz7Y26vOUZhO9ty-YpiGhK639HCwMyYpAuqhmVLddOboB0ZlEKO4zGvwwUgpfyi_cDemeM3XSU_8-Hh_lCbhMukiNIQzTwSxHMTo7CiJbYuKElWo_k-Hhn3ZL7xjxBu9o5mk.dJtgTyLxa1_ZiFfy1SIzJXOmTNV_GWMwGA7DWA1mMe8&dib_tag=se&keywords=FUN+ESSENTIALS+Portable+Toilet+Kit+For+Adults%2C+Pop+Up+Privacy+Tent%2C+X+Large+Camping+Folding+Toilet%2C+12+Toilet+bags%2C+12+pack+Liquid+Waste+Gel%2C+Washable+Foldable&qid=1705438457&sr=8-3" \o "https://www.amazon.com/FUN-ESSENTIALS-Portable-Washable-FUN010/dp/B0B5911MC1/ref=sr_1_3?dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.2KfB_HzPOCgLaE7KvAn2I9xMYlbxQByFpyOTU56lUyZNFxupQRMVsLF-GSicBqAW_BWC2hfZurQEtyHPadBBPurZFwzjqEV5yXQKTx6pz7Y26vOUZhO9ty-YpiGhK639HCwMyYpAuqhmVLddOboB0ZlEKO4zGvwwUgpfyi_cDemeM3XSU_8-Hh_lCbhMukiNIQzTwSxHMTo7CiJbYuKElWo_k-Hhn3ZL7xjxBu9o5mk.dJtgTyLxa1_ZiFfy1SIzJXOmTNV_GWMwGA7DWA1mMe8&dib_tag=se&keywords=FUN+ESSENTIALS+Portable+Toilet+Kit+For+Adults%2C+Pop+Up+Privacy+Tent%2C+X+Large+Camping+Folding+Toilet%2C+12+Toilet+bags%2C+12+pack+Liquid+Waste+Gel%2C+Washable+Foldable&qid=1705438457&sr=8-3" \t "_blank)**.
* **Evacuation Chairs:** New evacuation chairs have been installed in all buildings with two or more floors. Staff training on their use has already taken place.

**Crime Reporting:**

[**Reporting crime**](https://police.losrios.edu/) is crucial to maintaining a safe campus. If you witness a crime or become a victim, please report it immediately. While some unfortunate incidents have occurred, our campus remains a generally safe place to work and learn. For more information on campus crime statistics, refer to the latest Clery Report and check the Daily Crime Log on the LRPD website ([**Crime and Reporting | Los Rios Police Department**](https://chatgpt.com/link)).

The LRPD is committed to campus safety, but we need your help. If you see something suspicious, please report it. **Call LRPD** right away at (916) 558-2221 (press “0”) if you notice something concerning or if you’ve been a victim of a crime.

**We All Share Responsibility for Campus Safety:**

Your participation in keeping our campus safe is vital. Attend [**Health & Safety Committee meetings**](https://employees.crc.losrios.edu/governance/participatory-governance-council/resources-committee/health-and-safety) and support our collective effort to create a secure environment.

Thank you for your ongoing care and commitment to our students and each other. We look forward to a successful and safe spring semester!

Please continue to share any improvements you think will help make everyone feel safer while on campus with Capt. Mora or Chris Raines.

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