



## **Imperial Valley College Campus Safety Plan 2024**

Message from Director Valerie Hudson:

On behalf of the IVC Campus Safety & Parking Control Department, I am pleased to present IVC's 2024 Annual Campus Safety Plan Report. This report is prepared in compliance with California Education Code 67380(a)(4) and provides essential information regarding campus safety and the numerous resources available within IVC.

All the best, Valerie Hudson Director of Risk, Security, and Safety

## AVAILABILITY, LOCATION, AND METHODS TO SUMMON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

#### Availability and Location of Security and Law Enforcement Assistance

The IVC Campus Safety and Parking Control Department is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors to learn, work, and grow. Campus Safety Officers (CSOs) patrol the Main Campus during business hours, ensuring the well-being of our campus community. CSO's do not have arrest authority but are empowered by the District to enforce policies. CSOs are trained emergency first responders and non-violent interventionists. The IVC Campus Safety and Parking Control Department is located at 380 E. Aten Road, Office 902, Imperial, CA 92251.

Additionally, Imperial Valley College has partnered with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO), for Law Enforcement Services. They have primary law enforcement jurisdiction for the campus. On-Campus Deputy Sheriffs possess full peace officer powers, including the authority to arrest.

Private security services are provided for the entire campus during after-hours, weekends, and holidays. The private security team conducts foot patrols, but have no arrest authority. The private security service provides property security and reports all suspicious behavior or crimes to the ICSO for follow-up action. Private security can be reached at 442-532-9200 Monday through Friday from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and 24/7 on Saturday and Sunday. In case of an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

#### **Enforcement and Arrest Authority**

The ICSO Campus Deputies on campus have statewide police authority and jurisdiction per Penal Code 830.2.(c) and Education Code 89560-89561. They are vested with law enforcement powers and responsibilities.

#### **Crime Reporting**

The campus community is strongly encouraged to report any suspicious activity taking place on campus to the IVC Campus Safety & Parking Control Department as soon as possible. Any criminal activity observed should be reported to ICSO through 9-1-1. The "See Something, Say Something" crime reporting campaign, introduced during student orientation and reinforced in campus safety presentations, emphasizes the importance of vigilance. This initiative encourages everyone on campus to promptly report any criminal activity they witness or suspect. Remember that safety is a shared responsibility.

When calling always:

- ➢ Give your name, telephone number, and location.
- ➢ Give clear and accurate information.
- > Be prepared to provide suspect description, vehicle description, and direction of travel.
- > DON'T HANG UP! Follow the instructions of the dispatcher.

Contact information for Security and Law Enforcement:

- Emergency: 9-1-1
- IVC Emergency Cellphone: 760-483-7411
- ✤ Campus Safety Office: 760-355-6308 or 760-355-6307 (non-emergency services or security-related assistance)
- Emergency Blue Light Call Stations:

The campus is equipped with 9-1-1 button-activated emergency "blue light" poles that instantly connect the caller to the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) dispatch center. These autodialing phones are available for use in emergencies to summon police, fire, or medical assistance, as well as to report criminal or suspicious activity.

#### In Person Contact:

IVC Campus Safety & Parking Control Department (Office 902) 380 E. Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251.

#### SPECIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR FACILITIES OR ACTIVITIES

#### Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

Campus facilities are primarily intended to meet the educational needs of enrolled students. All campus buildings are secured and accessed through an electronic access control system and are generally open daily for scheduled use by the campus community. Buildings are open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and are closed on weekends unless classes or other authorized activities are taking place.

The campus also employs Campus Safety Officers, Imperial County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Private Security Services to ensure the safety of its facilities, events, and activities. Uniformed security officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing preventative patrols and emergency response services.

#### Security Considerations Used in the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

The College conducts regular inspections and surveys of campus indoor and outdoor lighting. Facilities Management staff, Campus Safety Officers and Private Security Services observe and report any lighting deficiencies which are then repaired by the Maintenance Staff.

Facilities Management is responsible for addressing reports of potential safety and security hazards, such as broken windows, inoperable locks, lighting issues, downed trees, water problems, and broken water lines. To report a potential hazard, please contact Facilities Management during business hours at (760) 355-6448. For after-hours concerns, please call (760) 455-9267.

#### Special Event Safety Planning

Preparation for large-scale events on campus includes the development of an Incident Action Plan in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). This process involves thorough collaboration and planning with mutual law enforcement agencies and contracted security personnel to ensure a coordinated and effective response. The plan mitigates any risk posed by the event to the event venue, parking and surrounding facilities on campus.

#### New Student Orientation

The Imperial Valley College personnel provide presentations to all incoming students and their parents as part of mandatory orientation activities before students begin classes at IVC. The Student Health Center, Campus Safety, and Counseling provide crisis services, education, and outreach to Imperial Valley College students. These educational modules cover a range of important topics, including crime reporting, personal safety programs, healthy relationships, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, bystander intervention, affirmative consent, as well as the dangers associated with alcohol use/abuse and illegal drug use/abuse.

#### New Employee Orientation

Throughout the year, Imperial Valley College personnel, in cooperation with the Human Resources Department, present safety policies and procedures to new employees. These presentations inform employees about safety programs, workplace violence prevention, injury and illness prevention, and crime reporting procedures.

#### ACTIONS IN THE PRECEDING 18 MONTHS TO INCREASE SAFETY

- Facilities Maintenance & Operations conducted a campus-wide assessment of fire alarm systems.
- Installed new locking mechanisms in all buildings. If the need to "lock down" occurs and/or a shelterin-place is needed these locks facilitate the lock-down.
- Upgraded existing lighting in parking lots campus-wide with brighter, more efficient LED fixtures.
- Hired and onboarded a Director of Risk, Security, and Safety to enhance management functions and support a continued focus on advancing community policing programs and initiatives.
- Replacing the fire extinguishers on all campus golf carts.
- Installation of an outdoor security camera by the 400 building to deter crime.
- Replacement of five Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and installation of an additional five AEDs in the following campus locations: Student Health Center (1500), Campus Safety & Parking Control Office (902), Child Development Center (2200), Career Technical Education (3200), Health and PE Office (700), Counseling Center (100), College Center (600), Financial Aid (1700), Health Science (2100), and Science Building (2700).
- Certification of 30 district employees in CPR, First Aid, and AED training.
- Surveyed the campus to ensure the campus complies with earthquake safety measures.
- Installation of a permanent ramp by the Preschool/Daycare Center to facilitate evacuation and enhance safety.
- Increased use of social media for crime prevention and safety messaging to keep the campus community informed.
- Campus Safety collaborated with the IVC Student Health Center during the implementation of the Naloxone Distribution project in compliance with the Campus Opioid Safety Act (SB367). During this project implementation, Campus Safety Officers and employees received training. In addition, the Campus Safety team were equipped with Naloxone sprays. Additional Narcan sprays are available inside the following buildings: 700, 100, 902, 3200, 1000, 1500, 2100, and 1700.
- Hired a new private security team to increase safety and security, prevention of unauthorized individuals, activity or entry access control, theft prevention and detection.

## CHANGES IN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE DURING THE NEXT 24 MONTHS

- Install additional surveillance cameras and implement a License Plate Readers (LPR) program at the ingress and egress locations on campus. This initiative aims to create a visible presence to deter crime and illegal activities, respond to emergencies, and capture evidentiary footage in real-time.
- Enhance our social media mining capabilities to identify potential threats to the college community.
- Installation of five new Emergency Blue call poles that will incorporate 360 video surveillance for added outdoor visibility, providing a sense of security and immediate access to the ICSO Dispatch Center.
- Additional of two non-sworn Campus Safety Officers to provide safety escort services for students, staff, or visitors who may feel unsafe walking alone, increasing visibility and quick response to incidents or calls.
- Expand the Regroup Mass Notification system working in collaboration with the IVC Public Relations & Marketing Department to ensure consistent, clear, and frequent communication across all platforms.
- IVC will create an online report submission option for the community. Online reporting will allow individuals to submit reports for minor crimes.
- Distribution and maintenance of Trauma Kits throughout the campus. Trauma kits will be placed in an easily accessible and recognizable container next to an automated external defibrillator (AED).
- Security guidelines for groups hosting events in IVC managed facilities to align with AB506.
- Continue collaboration with the Student Health Center for the Naloxone Distribution project compliance and to enhance harm reduction practices that increase safety across the campus community.

### **RECORDS OF ON-CAMPUS CRIME** California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A)

California Community Colleges are required by California Education Code 67380(a)(1)(A) to compile records of all occurrences reported to campus police, campus security personnel, or campus safety authorities of, and arrests for, crimes that are committed on campus and that involve violence hate violence, theft, destruction of property, illegal drugs, or alcohol intoxication, and to make this information available within two business days if requested by students, prospective students, employees, or the media. If you wish to request crime information, please contact the Campus Safety & Parking Control Department at 760-355-6436.

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