



BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE Crime Prevention News

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Department of Public Safety
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718.289.5390 General
718.289.5911 Emergencies
www.bcc.cuny.edu/public-safety

ID Room
Colston Hall, Main Level
Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Every other Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
718.289.5458

Lost and Found
Loew Hall, 5th Floor
718.289.5390

Parking Information
Loew Hall, Room 505
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Domestic Violence
Crime Prevention Officer
Sgt. Alexandria Torres
Loew Hall, Room 512
718.289.5100, ext. 3730

Written by Sgt. Alexandria Torres

BCC ID Policy

In order to help protect all members of the college community and their property, the College's ID policy is methodically enforced by the officers of the Department of Public Safety at all times. All students, faculty and staff are required to carry their validated Bronx Community College ID card whenever they are on campus, and the ID card must be validated for the current semester.



In addition, all college members are expected, when asked by a public safety officer, to show their BCC ID cards upon entering the College at any of the campus entryways: the University Avenue entrance, the Hall of Fame main gate and the Osborne Place gate. Anyone who wishes to enter the campus to conduct official business and does not have a BCC ID card will be required to sign in with the officer by providing another current form of identification, such as a driver's license or other photo ID.

Workshop: Defensive Tactics for Women On The Go

SHARP -- Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention course content includes: use of force/human factors; principles of avoidance; passive releases and escapes (hip checks, wrist releases, finger locks); defensive counterstrikes (front thrust kick, knee strikes, disarming techniques); prevention psychology (which teaches participants mental awareness and offers tips on preventing certain situations from occurring); control techniques (which covers low-level physical responses that can avert unwanted physical advances); and sexual assault countermeasures (teaching participants to utilize their hands, legs and feet to escape a physical or sexual assault).

To attend this free course, please e-mail Sergeant Mary Faison at mary.faison@bcc.cuny.edu or Sergeant Alexandria Torres at alexandria.torres@bcc.cuny.edu. Indicate the date and time you are interested in, along with your contact information. Please note that, on some days, two sessions will be conducted.

All training will take place in the Dojo in the Alumni Gym.

Fall 2013 session dates and times being offered are as follows:

Day/Date	Session One	Session Two
Friday, November 8	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 9	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 15	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 16	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 22	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 23	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 1	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 8	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend one of the above sessions. Remember, this course not only teaches self-defense and preventive techniques, it also allows participants to gain confidence and raises their awareness.

Protect Your Electronic Devices

Don't be a victim—cell phones are favorite targets of thieves. In order to reduce the chances of being a victim of cell phone theft, Bronx Community College Department of Public Safety offers the following safety tips:

- ▼ Always be aware of your surroundings. Thieves may be watching you. Wearing headphones while walking or running will eliminate one of your greatest safety assets – listening.
- ▼ Use your cell phone security lock.
- ▼ Be wise about where you choose to use your cell phone. Avoid becoming distracted by your cell phone conversation when walking on the street.
- ▼ Keep your cell phone out of sight. Wear your electronic device inside your clothing so that it cannot be easily snatched by a thief.
- ▼ If your phone is lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to your cell phone service provider and the Department of Public Safety.
- ▼ Register any electronic device you may have with public safety's Operation ID.
- ▼ Download tracking Apps for your cell phone.
- ▼ Program the public safety emergency number (718.289.5911) into your phone's speed dial.
- ▼ Do not leave electronic devices unattended in public places.
- ▼ Do not leave electronic devices on or in your desk at work.
- ▼ Always add a password to your device.
- ▼ Please check the Department of Public Safety website for Apps to help protect your cell phone



Most of all, trust your instincts. If you feel like something is wrong, it probably is.



Safe Haven Program

The Department of Public Safety has partnered with several businesses on Burnside Avenue to provide safe locations for members of the BCC community. If any

member of the college community feels threatened, he or she can enter any of the businesses and seek help. For more information on the program and the participating locations, please go to the public safety website: www.bcc.cuny.edu/publicsafety.

Orders of Protection

The Department of Public Safety would like to remind everyone who holds an active order of protection to file the order with the department should enforcement action on campus ever be required. Pertinent information on the offender is required to be given to the public safety department along with a photo. All information is kept confidential and is only shared with campus law enforcement on a need-to-know basis.

Domestic Violence/Stalking

Unfortunately, domestic violence and stalking are among the most unreported crimes, possibly due to apprehension or embarrassment on the part of the victim. Also, there are common misconceptions about stalking and harassment. Stalking is the intent to cause fear or terrorize the victim, and harassment is the intent to cause annoyance or alarm to the victim. If there is any member of the college community who is currently, or has been, a victim of domestic violence/stalking, please contact the Department of Public Safety for assistance. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

BCC Shuttle Bus

BCC offers a free evening shuttle bus to students, funded by student activity fees.

The shuttle stops at the following No. 4 subway stations:

- ▼ Burnside Avenue
- ▼ 183rd Street
- ▼ Fordham Road

The shuttle bus runs every 20 minutes – to and from campus—Monday through Thursday evenings (when classes are in session).

Fall semester:

4:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Spring semester:

5:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Pick up location:

In front of Meister Hall

Operation Car Watch

The Department of Public Safety invites you to participate in the "Operation Car Watch" program. The program uses proactive policing and a no-cost sticker to discourage car break-ins on local streets. The sticker alerts patrolling officers to pay particular attention to vehicles known to belong to members of the BCC community. Each sticker has a unique identification number and is registered to only one person. In the event that a registered vehicle has been tampered with, Public Safety will be able to immediately contact the owner. The sticker will be issued to all interested parties. Please note that the sticker is NOT a parking decal and does not give the sticker holder the right to park on college property.