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QUICK SURVEY RESULTS **Campus Security Practices**

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A total of 17 colleges/districts responded to ICCTA's Quick Survey on CAMPUS SECURITY PRACTICES.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ The majority (70%) of survey respondents do not limit public access to campus buildings in which classes or services are provided.
- ❖ Less than 20% of responding colleges close or lock their classrooms, although many labs are secured even during class.
- ❖ Among the technologies used to secure campus: keyless locks for exterior doors; sliding bolts for interior classrooms; and an access control system that automatically locks doors.

1. During business hours, do you lock exterior doors, have guards, or otherwise limit access to buildings in which classes are held and services are provided?

Yes -- 5

- Danville, Harper, Prairie State, Sauk Valley, Shawnee

No -- 12

- DuPage, Heartland, Highland, Illinois Valley, Kaskaskia, Lake County, Lake Land, Oakton, Richland, Rock Valley, Spoon River, Waubonsee

2. If YES to Question #1, please provide a brief explanation of the process for students and the public to enter buildings

- Danville: Contact security
- Harper: We have a sworn police department
- Shawnee: We do have guards on-site 24/7 and limit the number of unlocked exterior doors. The general public enters through the Main Entrance, Security, Gymnasium, and other designated entrances.
- Sauk Valley: Only major entrances are unlocked; we have a Lee County Sherriff Deputy assigned to the college.
- Prairie State: We have multiple doors to each building. The college limits access to only the most utilized doors for each building to best allocate resources of our Police Department.

3. Do you have security guards stationed in each building in which classes are held or services are provided?

Yes -- 6

- Harper: Police. We do have an "inside" beat
- Illinois Valley
- Oakton
- Prairie State
- Sauk Valley
- Shawnee

No -- 11

- Danville

- DuPage

- Heartland

- Highland: We have one-two sheriff's deputies on campus (total) and they make rounds.

- Kaskaskia: We have a sworn police force augmented with non police safety staff but not fiscally feasible to have one stationed in each building on campus or at our education centers

- Lake County: No stationed security guards, but campus police officers and community resource officers circulate throughout the campuses

- Lake Land

- Richland

- Rock Valley

- Spoon River

- Waubonsee

4. If YES to Question #3, how many security guards are posted per building?

- Harper: Min is 1 officer that is assigned to the inside beat.

- Illinois Valley: 1 for off-site, 2-3 for main depending on volume of day

- Oakton: We have sworn police officers in our buildings when the College is open. We utilize guards when the College is closed or when we have limited campus operations.

Oakton Guards
Full-time - Midnight at Des Plaines (40 hours a week)
Part-time Guard - Afternoon Saturday/Sunday at Skokie (16 hours a week)

Oakton Police-Weekdays
3 officers during the day at Des Plaines
2 Officers during the day at Skokie

We also use contracted guard service: HLSA Contracted Guard Service - 1 guard in each building on Saturday or Sunday

- Prairie State: Minimally one per building. Or if limited services in a building, the Officer will rotate building coverage to ensure some presence is there.

- Sauk Valley: We have one Lee County Sherriff Deputy assigned to the college, which is adequate since most classes / offices are in one large building.

- Shawnee: The number of additional events drives the number of security guards on-site.

5. If YES to Question #3, what are their tasks and responsibilities?

- Harper: Foot patrol
- Illinois Valley: Monitoring front door, walking around
- Oakton: They walk the building, monitor cameras, respond to calls.
- Prairie State: Open and unlock some offices if needed, patrol halls, close building when services completed, etc.
- Sauk Valley: Same as typical for a College Resource Officer
- Shawnee: Monitoring all activities

6. During class times, do you close, lock, and/or otherwise secure classrooms?

Yes -- 3

- Harper, Sauk Valley, Shawnee

No -- 14

- Danville
- DuPage: Many classrooms and labs are locked when not in use. However, not all are.
- Heartland
- Highland
- Illinois Valley: Not consistently. Faculty choice
- Kaskaskia
- Lake County
- Lake Land
- Oakton
- Prairie State
- Richland
- Rock Valley
- Spoon River
- Waubensee: Only labs are secured at all times, even during scheduled class times.

7. If yes to Question #6, please provide a brief explanation of the processes/practices involved.

- Harper: Instructors close their doors
- Shawnee: Classroom doors are closed
- Waubensee: Waubensee Community College is fortunate to have an access control system that automatically locks and unlocks doors on the campus. Lab doors remain secure at all times due to the contents of the rooms. The labs are accessed by faculty members with access cards or codes.

Please share any additional feedback regarding Campus Security Practices:

- Danville: As of a month ago, we've had a keyless lock system for all exterior doors. They're all locked during off-hours.
- Harper: We have a 14-person sworn police department. Our beat structures are an inside officer, an outside patrol officer, and a float patrol officer. The inside officer is responsible for all buildings. We also have a police officer assigned to the satellite campus.
- Highland: Classroom doors are equipped with an interior sliding bolt for use in an emergency.
- Illinois Valley: We have a security company, unarmed, plus an armed school resource officer who is available during the day hours

- Lake County: Police are engaged in event planning and class scheduling to ensure a safe environment. They circulate through the halls and check in with staff in the offices and converse with student to ensure everyone feels safe. It is easy to contact them for specific concerns should they arise.
 - Lake Land: We have a 24/7 Campus Police Department which is comprised of six full-time officers and several part-time officers to help us maintain 24/7 coverage. During peak class times we have three full-time officers on duty to monitor all College buildings and we practice high-visibility, community policing.
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