



Campus Cops Corner

-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-

Public Safety Bi-Weekly News Newsletter

One of the most important findings after the Virginia Tech tragedy was the need to be able to send a "mass alert" to your campus community. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you. Are you signed up?

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If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Alert You

At PPCC we use the "Connect Ed" mass alert system. It provides the college the opportunity to send automated emergency messages to your e-mail, work phone, home phone, and / or cell phone by both text (SMS) or voice. To date, we have used it to notify you about snow closures and other urgent matters. I recall we used it last fall after an armed kidnapper was reported in the northern part of El Paso County, near our Rampart Range Campus.

Arguably, our ability to contact you by your cell phone is most important. That's what you have with you while you're walking in the hallway, in between classes, and away from your desk. Our Information Technologies Director, Cyrille Parent, tells me that a mere 4132 people are signed up to receive text messages. Only 338 of those are staff or faculty. Please note there are over 900 staff or faculty (APT, Classified, FT & Adjunct Faculty) and our total student headcount is over 12,000.

During our next emergency, you'll be hungry for information, and it's likely we'll be far too busy to answer individual phone calls. Please take a moment to sign-up / opt in for text and voice messages to your cell phone in addition to your other numbers. If you're a faculty member, please take a moment at the beginning of your class and remind your students to do the same.

It's very simple. Just go to: www.ppcc.edu/alert and follow the prompts.



Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: www.ppcc.edu/alert