



Campus Cops Corner

-Public Safety Tips for the PPCC Community-

Public Safety Newsletter

“I wonder if I should’ve called?”

It’s in our nature to be respectful of others’ business, lives and privacy. Furthermore, none of us wants to be accused of “crying wolf,” so we’re frequently hesitant to “make that call.”

In today’s society, that’s no longer a realistic outlook. In New York City, a place that knows something about emergencies, they’ve adopted the phrase, “If you see something, say something.”

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“If You See Something, Say Something”

That’s the refrain we heard when a New York City hotdog salesman saw smoke coming from a car parked in Times Square. Investigation revealed that the car was laden with explosives. The hotdog salesman saved the day by being alert and having the courage to call. Our partners at “Safe 2 Tell” inform us that in over 80% of school violence, someone other than the bandit KNEW that something bad was going to happen but did not say anything. The reasons that people don’t call are well known to us, but history and headlines tell us that’s no longer realistic. Sir Robert Peel, the father of modern policing, said:

The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

In short, your Campus Police can’t do this alone. We count on all the members of the PPCC Community to assist us in “keeping an eye” on what’s going on. If you’re concerned, we’re concerned. We’re also aware that you don’t necessarily want to “get someone in trouble.” Rest assured, the majority of instances are handled without someone “getting in trouble.”

So, what do you do if you have concerns?

First, call **502-2911**.

Tell us **WHERE** the problem is, and then tell us **WHAT** is happening.

STAY ON THE LINE with us, and help us find the person, place or incident that concerns you.

Give us your **NUMBER** and **NAME**, so we can call you back if we get disconnected.

Anonymous calls can be made to 634-STOP(7867) or Safe2Tell at 1-877-542-7233. Your identity is protected.

Important Numbers & websites:

- 24-7 Emergency Number: 502-2911
- Emergency Alert Sign Up: www.ppcc.edu/alert
- Crime Stoppers
634-STOP (7867)
- Anonymous Reporting
www.SAFE2TELL.org

1-877-542-7233