



Becoming a Campus Watcher

The first step in becoming a Campus Watcher is training. In this training, you will learn the theories of crime prevention. You will learn how to best protect yourself while on campus. You will learn to assess the physical risk in your work and living area. Vehicle crime is a chronic problem at community colleges and universities across the nation, and the College of Lake County is no exception. You will be given strategies to keep your unattended vehicle safe. You will learn how the criminal mind works, and how a victim is chosen. Then, strategies will be given to assist you in protecting yourself, both on campus and in your daily life.

Your responsibility will be to take this knowledge back to your campus club, division, work area, family and friends, practice these strategies for crime prevention regularly, and encourage others to do so. These techniques are designed to reduce your chances of criminal victimization.

Another responsibility will be to report suspicious persons or activity to the Campus Safety Department. This will be accomplished, in part, by monitoring parking areas. By doing this, you will assist the Campus Safety Department in working to prevent crime, establish patterns of activity and identify suspects

Every college experiences a certain amount of turnover. You should provide safety information to new students, faculty and staff members.

Campus Watch is the people of the College of Lake County looking out for one another. Our community can no longer afford to pay the staggering price of crime. You, the Campus Watcher, have the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the community. Through your active involvement in this program, each and every one of you helps make our community not only a safer place, but also a better place. Together, we will make a difference. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Contact the Campus Safety Office for the location, as this may vary each semester.



For More Information

Contact the Campus Safety Office directly at:

- Grayslake Campus: Room A151 (847) 543-2081 or extension 2081 from any campus phone
- Lakeshore Campus: Room S126a (847) 543-2155 or extension 2155 from any campus phone



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Campus Watch Program

Campus Watch is a community based crime prevention

program and organization for the students, faculty and staff of the College of Lake County. The Campus Watch Program is an innovative application of the highly successful block watch program, specifically tailored to meet the needs of our community college. Members of the campus community actively participate in this program through training sessions, practicing strategies for prevention of crime and encouraging others to do the same, monitoring of parking areas, monthly and/or quarterly meetings and an emergency telephone network. The Campus Watch is organized under the auspices of the Campus Safety Department and the Student Senate.

In a nutshell, the Campus Watch Program is the people of the College of Lake County looking out for each other. This is accomplished in a number of ways:

- Each member is required to attend a one-hour intensive training session on crime prevention theory and practical application. This session is augmented with a training manual that will allow the volunteer to educate him or herself on the topics not covered in the session.

- Once trained, the volunteer is invited to assist the Campus Safety Department in crime prevention by establishing a visible presence to deter criminal activity. Faculty and staff volunteers will also be invited to assist the Campus Safety Department with a security and safety survey of their office, classroom and/or lab areas.
- Monthly and/or quarterly meetings are held for the entire membership. Crime prevention information on pertinent topics is presented at each meeting by either a member of Campus Safety or a guest speaker.
- Each Campus Watch member is a link in the emergency phone network. When a serious crime is committed on campus, the Campus Safety Department will initiate a call to a Watch Captain. He or she will in turn notify the watch members under his or her responsibility. Within a very short period of time, all available volunteers will have the facts rather than the rumors that inevitably spread when a serious crime occurs.

The goals of the Campus Watch are:

1. To encourage extensive community involvement in the reduction of crime and criminal activity.
2. To provide a forum for the exchange and coordination on ideas, concepts and strategies to prevent or reduce crime.
3. To educate members of the College of Lake County community in all matters relating to crime prevention.

4. To focus attention on issues relating to crime prevention.
5. To share with all segments of the campus community and the campus watch organization matters relating to the continued development of a comprehensive plan for the prevention of crime at the College of Lake County.
6. To encourage the education of all members of the College of Lake County community in matters which increase personal and community safety.
7. To encourage maximum cooperation and communication between all segments of the College of Lake County community in addition to improving communications between all community members and the Campus Safety Department toward the goal of crime prevention.

As a Campus Watcher, you will become a vital link between the campus community, your club, division or work area and the Campus Safety Department. Many people complain among themselves about criminal activity. They never do anything about it. Because of your personal commitment to the Campus Watch Program, you will no longer be one of those people. You will now become a person who does something about it.

