

SUNY Canton

Campus Safety Committee

2024–2025 Annual Report



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Executive Summary

The SUNY Canton Campus Safety Committee is charged with supporting safe and healthy learning and working environments for all members of the college community. This report highlights the committee's membership, activities, compliance responsibilities, and educational initiatives during the 2043-2025 academic year.

The Campus Safety Committee's work during the 2024-2025 academic year centered on strengthening SUNY Canton's overall safety posture while supporting the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The committee reviewed incident trends, monitored existing practices, and examined ways to improve safety across campus through both preventative and responsive measures. This was accomplished in the following ways:

- Campus-wide safety walk-arounds in fall and spring
- Fire safety training for students and staff, including a live burn demonstration
- Expansion of health and wellness programming
- Continued Title IX training and compliance efforts
- More than 25 campus-wide safety alerts and communications

Committee Charge

The Campus Safety Committee was originally formed to address chemical hygiene concerns. Following the enactment of NYS Education Law § 6431 (Article 129-A), the committee expanded its scope to include personal safety.

- Respond to campus safety inquiries and refer issues to appropriate authorities
- Recognize, evaluate, and recommend action on safety and health problems
- Educate the campus community about personal safety and crime prevention
- Recommend prevention strategies for sexual harassment and assault
- Share recommendations with the Title IX Coordinator for implementation

2024-2025 Membership

Membership complies with NYS Education Law § 6431.

Committee Members

- Derek Converse (Chair), Environmental Health & Safety Manager
- Lydia Austin, Student Representative
- Hannah Alkintor, Student Representative
- Tristen Bellinger, Student Representative
- John Kennedy, Director of Residence Life
- Tammy LaPage-Avery, University Police Officer I
- James Roorbach, Lecturer, SHCJ
- Jamie Sovie, Instructional Support Technician, SHCJ
- Nichole Heldt, Professor, SHCJ

Ex Officio Members

- Martin Avery, Director of Physical Plant Operations
- Brad Winters, Facilities & Operations Manager, College Association
- Michael McCormick, Assistant Vice President for Facilities
- James Sheppard, Assistant Director of Counseling
- Timothy Ashley, Chief of University Police
- Tina Flanagan, Assistant Director of HR
- Julie Cruickshank, Associate Director of Health Services
- Brett Furnia, Plant Superintendent

Campus Safety Committee Activity Summary

- Two committee meetings were conducted during the 2024–2025 academic year, and the Campus Safety Committee web page was updated regularly as needed.
- Reviewed mandatory compliance reporting for the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and Title IX policies and reporting procedures.
- Received and responded to two submissions to “*Report a Health and Safety Hazard on Campus*” (8/23/24, 8/27/24).
- Sent more than 24 campus-wide emails and text message notices on health and safety issues, including:
 - Mental Wellness (9/12/24, 9/16/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24)
 - Physical Wellness (9/16/24)
 - Blood Drives (8/21/24, 9/12/24, 1/31/25, 4/4/25)

- Vaccination Clinic (9/27/24)
- Title IX (6/4/25)
- Rave Alerts (1/28/25, 1/29/25, 2/12/25, 2/13/25, 2/16/25)
- Weather/Emergency Alerts (Winter Storm Warnings: 11/29/24, 12/9/24, 1/28/25, 2/5/25, 2/12/25, 2/14/25; Extreme Heat Alert: 7/28/25)
- Winter Safety Tips (12/10/24)
- Conducted RA/RD Fire Safety Training for 24 RA/RDs, including hands-on fire extinguisher training (8/16/24)
- Coordinated with the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) for Fire Safety Days, training 233 Kennedy Hall residents and presenting a live dorm room burn demonstration (9/16–9/17)
- Conducted Fall Campus Safety Walk-Around (11/7/24, 5 participants). Fifteen issues were identified and resolved by Facilities
- Conducted Spring Campus Safety Walk-Around (4/24/25, 10 participants). Seven new issues were identified and resolved by Facilities
- Reviewed and revised sections of the College's *Policies and Procedures Manual* and the *Student Handbook*

Title IX

The Title IX office at SUNY Canton continued to prioritize creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students, faculty, and staff. Title IX efforts focused on preventing sexual misconduct and addressing sex-based discrimination through expanded educational programs, enhanced reporting procedures, and consistent support services. This year, the campus focused on increasing campus-wide awareness through workshops and training sessions while ensuring compliance with updated federal Title IX regulations. With support from new interns, proactive initiatives were designed to foster a community where equity, respect, and safety remain at the forefront.

Key initiatives included:

- Expanded workshops and training sessions
- Enhanced compliance monitoring with federal Title IX regulations
- Increased campus-wide awareness campaigns
- Ongoing collaboration with the Campus Safety Committee

Education & Programming

Counseling Center

- 2,138 personal counseling sessions
- 34 crisis interventions
- 89 tele-counseling sessions
- 196 educational programs and outreach events, reaching 12,873 participants
- Signature programs included:
 - Fresh Check Day
 - Relaxation with Therapy Dog Program
 - World Suicide Awareness Program
 - MLK Day of Service Program
 - Spring Fest: Preparing for Final Stress Info Packets
 - Fearful to Fearless Program
 - Sports Counseling Initiative
 - Renzi Food Pantry filled 483 student food supply requests
 - Dairy Days / Riverview Correctional Facility Produce Donation Program

Diversity and New Student Orientation

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service-1/11/25
- Hispanic Heritage Program Collaboration with CAB-9/24/24
- Facilitated Empower booth at Fresh Check Day-10/24/24
- Black History Month Program Collaboration with CAB- Ken Nwadike Free Hugs Guy Presentation-2/26/25
- Fall 2024 New Student Orientation Session (498 attended)
- Spring 2025 New Student Orientation Session (36 attended)
- Vacation Buses to New York City (3) Thanksgiving, Christmas & Spring Break

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

- 11 CPR Classes-Trained over 70 individuals
- Opioid Overdose Response Training-Over 125 participants
- First Aid & Stop the Bleed Training
- 15 Squad Trainings
- SGA Carnival of Clubs

- EMS Mixer
- Attended National Collegiate EMS Foundation (NCEMSF) Conference

Facilities Management

- Site Improvements and Accessibility Upgrades
 - Smith Hall Replace Elevator
 - Reconstruct Walkways Payson/Rushton/Heritage Walkways
 - CARC Accessibility & Site Improvements
 - Rehabilitate Academic Plaza
 - Newell Vet Tech Center Laboratories
 - Nevaldine North/South Transition
 - Nevaldine South Hall Lab
 - Nevaldine North Lecture Hallway Stairs
 - Cook Hall Laboratories
 - Parking Lot 13 Sidewalk
 - Wicks Hall Lecture Hall
 - Roos House Entrances
 - Roos House Ice Arena and Field House Replace VESDA fire alarm system
 - Replace Chemical Vault Air Conditioner
- Periodic Inspections
 - Fall Arrest Equipment
 - Automobile Lifts
 - Cooling Towers
 - Boilers
 - Eyewashes & Safety Showers
 - Bleachers
 - SPCC Locations
 - Satellite Accumulation Area (SAA) Locations
 - Laboratories
 - Spill Clean Up Kit Inventories
 - Elevators
 - Sprinkler Systems
 - Yard Hydrants
 - Standpipe Systems

- Fire Pumps
- Emergency Power
- Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- Fire Alarm Systems
- Emergency Egress Lighting and Signs
- Fire Doors
- Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems
- AEDs
- Automatic Door Openers
- Training Completed
 - Fork truck
 - Aerial lift,
 - Bloodborne Pathogens,
 - Cooking and Fire Safety Training
 - RCRA
 - DOT
- Waste Pickups Completed
 - Biohazard Waste
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Universal Waste
 - Electronic Waste

Health Services

- 2,172 student visits

Student Activities

- Welcome Weekend
- Family/Homecoming Weekend
- Spring Fest
- Clubs and Organizations
- SGA Carnival of Clubs
- Volunteering in the community – Soup kitchens, Highway Clean Ups, etc.
- Hosting events for Bus Trip Weekend participants who are high school students

- Open Houses & Admitted Student Day Events
- Table and represent SGA, CAB, and Greek Life
- Dual Enrollment Panels

University Police

- Operation ID – this program is a nationwide system that tracks your property in the event it is lost or stolen. A personal number and UPD's agency identifying number are engraved on your property
- Personal Safety/Basic Crime Prevention and Tips – a discussion of the meaning of crime prevention and its importance to the campus community
- Domestic Violence/Dating Violence – a discussion of dating violence, resources available, and the police response to dating violence
- ABC's of the ABC Law – a discussion of local and state law regarding alcohol, as well as University regulations regarding alcohol
- Orientation – an overview of the University Police function and general campus regulations including personal safety and crime prevention
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention – Title IX a discussion of sexual assault including services offered on and off campus and the police and university response
- Quality of Life Issues on and Off Campus – this program looks at common roadblocks to positive interactions in the local community, as well as on campus
- Drug Identification and Awareness – this program targets RA's and is designed to identify drugs commonly used on the college campus along with associated drug paraphernalia
- Drinking and Driving – Beer Goggles – this program is an overview of drinking, driving, and the effects of alcohol on one's ability to operate a motor vehicle
- Alcohol/Drug Abuse Awareness – this program discusses the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body and mind
- Campus Security Authority Training – this training is for those members of the campus community that are designated as CSAs. It outlines reporting requirements and responsibilities
- Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)
- Opiate Awareness Training – this program teaches the student to identify those who may be using opiates and how to respond to opiate emergencies
- Ride-Along Program – all students are welcome to ride-along with a member of the University Police Department to see first-hand how UP responds to a variety of college issues

Wellness Promotions

- 149 health education programs (2,450 direct contacts, 1,292 virtual contacts)
- Distributed 14,224 sexual health products
- Hosted Fresh Check Day, a mental health and suicide prevention event
- Coordinated three on-campus and three virtual blood drives
- Organized Campus & Community Connections Fair with 170 participants

Conclusion

The SUNY Canton Campus Safety Committee continues to play a vital role in promoting a safe, healthy, and inclusive campus environment. Through collaborative initiatives, training programs, and proactive safety measures, the committee remains committed to fostering a culture of awareness, prevention, and care for all members of the college community.