

CP 1-12 A: Timely Warnings Policy

COLLEGE POLICY: CP 1-12 A

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This policy is established by Dawson Community College in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, (the Clery Act) to provide emergency response and notification guidelines for our campuses. The policy applies to all College faculty, staff, students, and visitors. DCC is not required to issue a timely warning with respect to crimes exclusively reported to a Pastoral or Professional Counselor.

DCC Title IX Coordinator issues timely warnings as soon as the pertinent information is available. Timely warnings are issued to aid in preventing similar crimes, enable people to protect themselves, and may seek information that may lead to an arrest or conviction of an offender.

DCC Title IX Coordinator is responsible for determining if a timely warning will be issued once notified that a Clery Act crime has been reported to a campus security authority, or local law enforcement.

The Title IX Coordinator or his/her designee is authorized to make any final judgment call in cases where this policy does not clearly apply or in cases when the protocol changes as the emergency situation unfolds.

Timely Warnings are disseminated using a variety of methods to include, but not limited to:

- Mass email notifications

When deciding whether to issue a Timely Warning, the primary considerations are

(1) the nature of the crime and

(2) whether there is a continuing danger that members of the campus community may become victims of a similar or related crime.

These warnings advise the community about violent crimes against persons, a series of crimes against property, or threats to persons or property in an effort to inform the community about potential risks and allow individuals to protect themselves against such risks. Timely Warnings may also provide details of the crime or threat, a description of the suspect (if known), information on who to contact about the investigation, and crime prevention tips.

A Timely Warning Notice will typically include the following, unless issuing any of this information would risk compromising law enforcement efforts:

- Date and time or timeframe of the incident

- Location
- Nature of the crime

Information that will promote safety and potentially aid in the prevention of similar crimes (crime prevention or safety tips)

- Suspect description(s)
- Police agency contact information
- Other information as deemed appropriate by the President or his/her designee

The description of subjects in a case will only be included in the notice if there is a sufficient amount of detail to describe the individual. If the only known descriptors are sex and race, then this information will not be included in the notice. DCC Title IX Coordinator works closely with individuals reporting serious crimes to ensure the victim's privacy, while also ensuring the community has adequate information regarding potential risks. The names and identifying information of victims will not be released in a Timely Warning.

SCOPE These procedures apply to Dawson Community College.

PROCEDURES The College President shall promulgate such procedures as may be needed to implement this policy.

History: