

Keeping Your Campus Safe and Your Budget Lean Contract Security as an Effective Force Multiplier

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Therefore, when looking for a security services company for your campus, consider this: Are they trained and prepared in the following areas?

- Residential Life Security
- Dealing with Domestic Abuse
- Dealing with Drug and Alcohol Abuse
- Understanding Young Adult Behavior
- Campus Emergency Preparedness
- Evacuation Planning for a Campus
- Fire Safety on Campus
- Campus Escort Services
- Advanced Customer Service
- Appreciating Cultural Diversity
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training
- Bike Patrol on Campus
- Clery Act Awareness
- Knowledge of FERPA

The additional layer of support and protection provided by a contract security team involves a range of services and should be customized to meet the campus' specific needs. Contract security officers can:

Increase patrol density and create a visible deterrent Institutions use contract services to increase foot coverage and improve mobility via bikes and personal motorized vehicles to target critical areas of concern. Combined with the strategic deployment of campus police and/or with municipal law enforcement, contract security officers help to significantly reduce crime and increase the feeling of safety and security on campus.

Provide expanded night support With a goal of curbing youthful misbehavior during the evening, overnight and weekend hours when many incidents occur, contract security can provide mature residence hall access monitors, increase patrols where students frequent and loiter, secure neighboring communities where students, faculty and staff live, and provide support for special events.

Ensure legitimate access Regardless of the time of day, additional security can create another barrier to entry and personally check credentials prior to entrance to residence halls, libraries, academic buildings and research facilities. Security officers can also staff gatehouses and perform patrols using (and respond to incidents discovered through) video surveillance.

Improve customer relationships while keeping campus constituents safe Contract security services provide escorts for students, faculty, staff and visitors. They help guide visitors, and provide parking lot and vehicle assists.

Keep buildings safe Additional security officers monitoring building systems and alarms keep campus property safe and secure.

Manage the security function For many of the smallest campuses, the contract security firm can take on full responsibility for the security and/or public safety function. The company can bring competency in planning and managing a campus safety program. A reputable and experienced security services provider should develop crime prevention programs (training, tips, and registration programs), perform Clery Act reporting, coordinate discipline with the student judicial affairs staff, help define and implement security technology and provide input to facility design to improve safety.

Contract security gives colleges and universities the ability to supplement their campus forces. The end result is a cost effective and well-planned security program dedicated to the safety and security of everyone on campus.