



Bevill State Community College

SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Compliance Certification

Physical Resources

Comprehensive Standard 3.11.2

The institution takes reasonable steps to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the campus community. (**Institutional environment**)

Judgment of Compliance:

Compliance **Partial Compliance** **Non-Compliance**

Rationale for Judgment of Compliance:

Bevill State Community College is committed to providing a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the college community. As indicated in the College [Strategic Plan](#), Bevill State Community College has established eleven goals that support the institutional mission. Goal E of this document indicates an emphasis on safety and security.

Policies concerning campus safety and security issues are outlined in the several areas of the [College Catalog](#), including the [Student Handbook](#) section. These policies address a variety of safety and security issues including traffic violations, tornadoes and fires, bomb threats, violent crimes, drugs, and other health-related threats. Crime statistics for Bevill State Community College can be found in the [Campus Crime and Security Report](#), which is housed in hardcopy form in the Office of Student Services on each campus. This information is made available to all members of the college community.

In accordance with Alabama State Board [Policy 808.01](#), “Each institution is required to have a campus safety committee which will assure appropriate health and safety standards are maintained and that the appropriate federal and state statues are observed. Periodic review is required.” The College’s Security and Safety Committee reviews and updates procedures, acts as consultants when required, and helps disseminate College safety rules, procedures, and programs. The Bevill State Community College *Critical Incident Management Plan (CIMP)* is maintained by this committee. The *CIMP* outlines specific procedures for emergency situations, including fire, tornado or other inclement weather, violent or criminal behavior hazards, and bomb threats. The President of the College alerts the senior administrators as to the nature of the emergency and protocol corresponding to the specific emergency is followed. A critical component of the *CIMP* is the School Cast [Bear Alert](#) system. Through this emergency notification system, the President can authorize the communication of a specific emergency situation to the entire

college community simultaneously via multiple media formats (email, text message, and voice-mail).

College security is under the purview of the Bevill State Police Department, which in turn is under the supervision of the College-wide Chief of Police, who reports to the Vice-President of Finance. The office is currently staffed by twenty-three part-time security officers and three dispatchers. The officers proactively patrol and work special events on each of the four main campuses and the Pickens County Educational Center. All personnel are instructed to immediately contact the dispatcher's extension in case of an emergency during patrol hours. This office is an important component of the educational environment at the College, which includes handling bank deposit services on a daily basis. The College Police Department provides educational programs on campus safety, preventative patrols, incident investigation and reporting, fire safety and prevention, and crime prevention. In addition, the office is responsible for assisting in monitoring, maintaining, and/or enforcing College alarm systems, parking services, property/evidence collection, officer training, and crime reporting. Officers receive continuing education in security and emergency issues as required by the Alabama Peace Officer Standards of Training. All Bevill State Community College security officers are uniformed and qualified by the Peace Officers Standards of Training to carry a weapon.

References and Supporting Documentation:

| Keyword(s) | Reference |
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| <i>Strategic Plan</i> | <i>Strategic Plan 2007-2010 Volume II, page 7, Goal E</i> |
| <i>College Catalog</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bevill State Community College 2008-2009 Catalog, Parking and Traffic Regulations, page 119</i> • <i>Bevill State Community College 2008-2009 Catalog, Campus Safety/Security, page 125</i> |
| Student Handbook | <i>Bevill State Community College 2008-2009 Catalog, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policy, pages 132-135</i> |
| Campus Crime and Security Report | Campus Crime and Security Report |
| Policy 808.01 | State Board Policy: 808.01 Student Safety |
| <i>CIMP</i> | <i>Bevill State Community College Critical Incident Management Plan</i> |
| Bear Alert | <i>Bevill State Community College Critical Incident Management Plan, page 21</i> |