Welcome back!

We hope everyone has had a great summer. The Department of Public Safety will issue a monthly newsletter to keep the BCC community up to date with department events, as well as give crime prevention tips. Public Safety strives to maintain a safe learning environment, and we believe a well-informed college community will be a safer one. Please enjoy this first Crime Prevention News.

Public Safety Event

Public Safety is hosting a Crime Prevention/Operation ID event, from August 27 to August 30, for all members of the college community. This event will give the BCC community a chance to meet with our public safety officers and learn what services we provide, including:

- Cell phone etching—apps to help locate lost or stolen cell phones
- iPod, iPad/Tablet etching
- Laptop etching/Free tracking software (PC Phone Home)

ID Policy

The ID policy is strongly enforced, and all faculty, staff, and students are required to carry a validated Bronx Community College ID card at all times. All college members are required to show their ID cards upon entering the college at the University Avenue entrance, Hall of Fame entrance, and Osborne gate. Anyone who enters the campus to conduct official business and does not have a BCC ID card will be required to sign in with the officer and will only be allowed to do so with another form of identification, such as a driver's license or another photo ID.

Personal Safety Tips/Safeguarding Personal Property

- Always be cognizant of your surroundings. Trust your instincts.
- Use your cell phone security lock and password protect on electronic devices.
- Avoid becoming distracted by using your cell phone when walking on the street.
- Keep your cell phone out of site. Don't hang it from your purse or jacket.
- If you are a victim of a crime, report it immediately to Public Safety at 718.289.5911 and to the police. The Public Safety department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- If possible, do not walk by yourself to the bus or train. Use well-populated and well-lit streets. If you suspect you are being followed, stay away from deserted blocks and head for a more populated area or to the nearest open store and notify Public Safety, or call 911.
- Do not leave personal property unattended on campus.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle unattended and in plain view.

Shuttle Bus

The shuttle bus is a free service provided to all members of the college community. The shuttle bus picks up in front of Meister Hall, and has drop-off locations at Fordham Road and University Avenue, Jerome Avenue and Fordham Road, 183rd Street and Jerome Avenue, and Burnside and Jerome Avenues. Buses operate between 4:30 PM and 10:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

PC Phone-Home Software

BCC will introduce our PC phone-home software, which makes it easier for law enforcement agencies to locate lost or stolen computers or laptops. This software has a GPS tracker that has been very successful in giving coordinates on where a laptop or computer is located.