

The Blackhawk Technical College District is committed to providing a safe learning environment for our students, faculty, and staff. The Office of Campus Security exists to promote and support this commitment. Campus security utilizes multiple levels of staffing to accomplish its mission.

Student Guard - a BTC student enrolled in criminal justice or corrections program who works under the direction of a security officer and provides basic security services (door lock/unlock, patrols, disabled vehicle assist, basic life support, etc.)

Security Officer – an individual, experienced in public safety or criminal justice, employed by the District to provide general security duties, assist with District wide safety initiatives, and coordinate programs to proactively reduce/suppress crime.

Armed Security Officer – an individual, experienced in public safety or criminal justice who meets qualification for arming, employed by the District to provide general security duties, assist with District wide safety initiatives, coordinate programs to proactively reduce/suppress crime, and engage with an active threat to reduce harm to the college community.

A Security Officer must meet one (1) of the following qualifications in order to serve as an Armed Security Officer:

- Is a qualified active law enforcement officer that has sworn authority as defined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Training and Standards Bureau or the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice;
- Is a “qualified retired law enforcement officer” who is supported by their home department to meet the requirements under the Federal Standard of HR218 the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act”; or
- Is a certified and credentialed firearms instructor under the State of Wisconsin, Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB).

The District will comply with all local, state, and federal laws concerning weapons and/or potentially dangerous devices.

The District will provide security officers with the appropriate equipment necessary to perform their duties. Security officers will deploy the “use of force continuum” as defined in the Security Department’s regulation.

The Manager of Campus Safety and Preparedness is responsible for development, implementation, and maintenance of Security Department regulations regarding officer training in the use of force and firearms, and ensuring officer compliance with these regulations.

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