Our Mission

“As members of the SGSC Police Department we are committed to excellence. We take pride in providing a safe and secure learning environment and assisting those in need with honor and integrity. Conducting ourselves in a manner that is above reproach by advocating unquestionable ethical standards, professionalism, and honor.”

Many people ask...

WHERE ARE YOU LOCATED?

DOUGLAS CAMPUS
The SGSC Campus Police Department is located on the Douglas Campus, in Tiger Village I, 1st floor, West wing.

HOW CAN I CONTACT YOU?

In emergencies, officers can be dispatched to your location by simply dialing 911. In non-emergency situations, call 912.384.7675. The office number is 912.260.4401.

WAYCROSS CAMPUS
The Waycross Campus provides private security personnel to ensure safety on the campus. For law enforcement assistance, on the Waycross Campus, call 911 in the event of an emergency or 912.287.4335 for non-emergencies.

“ARE YOU REAL POLICE OFFICERS?”
The SGSC Campus Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency on the Douglas Campus. The SGSC Campus Police Department is recognized by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Council as a police agency. Armed officers are certified peace officers of the State of Georgia. In addition, security officers and video technicians are also on campus to help prevent crime and ensure safety for the college community.

The Campus Police Department is responsible for traffic control and crime prevention on campus and, by Georgia law, has the authority to arrest violators of criminal and traffic laws on any campus property as well as within 500 yards adjacent to the campus.

Officers routinely patrol the campus to ensure safety of the campus community, and to enforce violations of law, and the student code of conduct.

CRIME PREVENTION & REPORTING
Involvement from the campus community is essential to prevent crime on campus. Crime prevention rests not only with law enforcement but also with each member of the SGSC community. Students, staff, faculty, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the SGSC Police Department in a timely manner.

Remember that by not reporting crimes, you allow the perpetrators to commit additional and perhaps more serious crimes.

ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT
The SGSC Police Department prepares an Annual Security Report which reflects polices and services designed to provide a safe environment and establish a standard of conduct.

More Information can be located at: http://www.sgsc.edu/departments/homepage.cms
LiveSafe Mobile App

LiveSafe is a mobile safety system built with smartphone technology. This app is beneficial to the Campus community as it encourages discreet bystander intervention by facilitating information sharing with safety officials while enhancing security through awareness of safety issues.

Emergency Notification Systems

There are several methods of disseminating communications that may be utilized to notify the campus community of events that may impact SGSC students, staff, and faculty.

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Messages will be delivered via text, email, and/or phone. In order to receive messages, your contact information must be current.

OUTDOOR ALARM SYSTEM

LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS

SGSC DIGITAL SIGNS

The nature of the situation will determine dissemination method(s).
Consent
Consent is an agreement or permission to do or allow something. **NO** means **NO**! Being unconscious means **NO**! **MAYBE** means **NO**! When someone says **NO** or they are unsure, **STOP**!
- Consent signifies active participation; this cannot be inferred or assumed!
- Being asleep or passed out does not infer consent.
- Being forced or held down does not infer consent!

One out of five college women are raped each year.
- One out of thirty-three men are sexually assaulted.

**Definitions**

**Sexual Coercion**
Using any type of pressure, force, alcohol or drugs to have sexual contact with a male or female against his or her will.

*Examples*
- “You owe me sex cause I bought you dinner”
- “If you want to keep me around you better put out”
- “You’ve done it before so you can do it now with me.”

**Sexual Assault**
Sexual Assault refers to any sexual, physical, verbal, or visual act that forces a person against their will to join in forced or unwanted sexual contact or attention. Sexual assault is any sexual contact without consent!

**Acquaintance rape**
Rape that involves people who know or who are familiar with each other. Examples of acquaintances include a significant other, a classmate, co-worker, employer, etc.

**Sodomy**
Is performing or submitting to any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another.

**Aggravated Sodomy**
When an individual commits sodomy with force against the will of the other person or when he or she commits sodomy with a person who is less than ten years of age.

**Sexual Battery**
When an individual intentionally makes physical contact with the intimate parts of the body of another person without the consent of that person. The term "intimate parts" means the primary genital area, anus, groin, inner thighs, or buttocks of a male or female or the breasts of a female.

**Sexual Harassment**
Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature can constitute sexual harassment and should be reported to the SGSC Campus Police or Title IX Coordinator.

**Medical Attention**
If you have been sexually assaulted, in any way, seek medical attention immediately. Even with no physical injuries, it is important to determine the risks of STDs and pregnancy.

**Counseling Services Available**
Counseling services are available for your needs. Contact the SGSC Counselor at (912) 260-4438.
DOMESTIC AND DATING VIOLENCE

An ongoing pattern of controlling and abusive behaviors that individuals use against spouses, intimate partners, or those they are currently dating or have dated in the past.

This violence can take a number of forms including physical, emotional, verbal, economic, or sexual abuse, which can range from subtle, coercive forms to rape and to violent physical abuse that results in disfigurement or death.

STALKING

Stalking is engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that will cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others. Stalking can cause a person to suffer substantial emotional distress.

Stalking may occur in a variety of forms including repeated, unwanted communications or gifts, following, threatening, property damage, harassing, spreading rumors, obtaining personal information, etc.

BULLYING

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, or excluding someone from a group on purpose.

Bullying can cause a victim to feel upset, afraid, ashamed, embarrassed, and anxious. Bullying behavior is frequently repeated unless there is intervention.

SUICIDE

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people, resulting in about 4,400 deaths per year, according to the CDC. For every suicide, there are at least 100 suicide attempts. Signs may include:

• Showing signs of depression, like ongoing sadness, withdrawal from others, losing interest in favorite activities, or trouble sleeping or eating
• Talking about or showing an interest in death or dying
• Engaging in dangerous or harmful activities, including reckless behavior, substance abuse, or self-injury
• Giving away favorite possessions and saying goodbye to people
• Saying or expressing that they can't handle things anymore
• Making comments that things would be better without them
CAMPUS POLICE

SAFETY TIPS

Use common sense and do not place yourself in a location or situation to become a victim of crime. Don’t rely on others for your safety. Disinterest and complacency are the prime contributors to the success of crime. You are ultimately responsible for your safety. The Campus Police team cannot be everywhere at once, and are therefore dependent upon others to recognize and report incidents of suspicious and criminal activity. Cooperation from others greatly influences our effectiveness in combating crime. More safety information can be found on the SGSC Campus Police webpage.

Doing your part means:

- Being aware of your vulnerability
- Being alert for suspicious or criminal activity and conditions that may represent a hazard to the community
- Getting involved by becoming more security conscious and by reporting all incidents of suspicious or criminal activity to Campus Police immediately

WALKING ON CAMPUS

- Stay in well-lit, well-populated areas. Take the safest route, not the fastest route.
- Be aware of your environment. Don’t be afraid to look over your shoulders. It’s not rude to maintain a safe distance between yourself and others.
- Avoid blind corners. Take wide turns so that you have room to react to what’s ahead.
- Have keys readily available for easy access. They may be used as a weapon if necessary.
- Plan ahead. Know where the restrooms, food, and water are located. Do not wander around campus aimlessly. Carry a small whistle, flashlight, and your cell phone.
- If you think you are being followed, cross the street and, if necessary, keep crossing back and forth. If you are pursued, call for help and run to a campus building, enlist the aid of a passerby, or flag down a passing motorist. Do anything that might attract attention or summon assistance. If possible, avoid walking alone, but if you are and someone passes you, check to be sure that person has continued walking in the other direction. Make eye contact with people you pass.
- DO NOT enter vehicles with strangers.
- ALWAYS be aware of your surroundings.

IN PARKING AREAS

- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas of the parking structure or lot.
- Carry your keys in your hands. You’ll be able to get into your car faster and the keys may be used as a weapon if necessary.
- Walk in the center of the aisles when safe to do so. You’ll have more reaction time if someone leaps out from behind a car.
- Walk with confidence. Criminals can often sense when you feel vulnerable, and this may entice them.
- Always check underneath your car upon approach and in the rear seat for intruders before entering your automobile.
- Do not keep valuables in your car. If you must, keep them in the trunk where they are out of sight. If you have an internal trunk lock, use it.
- Lock your doors and keep windows rolled up whenever possible.
- Limit distractions such as cell phones.
SAFETY ESCORTS

Your Live Safe mobile app allows friends to watch you walk.

Also, you can call for an escort from Campus Police on the Douglas Campus or notify any personnel on the Waycross Campus if you feel unsafe. We will gladly escort you to your vehicle/class. Please call several minutes before you need to leave.

TORNADO/SEVERE WEATHER

A tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued by the National Weather Service when tornados or severe weather are possible in the area.

A tornado or severe thunderstorm warning is issued when a tornado or severe thunderstorm has been sighted or has been indicated by radar in the area.

- Monitor local TV, radio stations, NOAA weather radio, weather related websites. Listen for Connect-ED warnings also.
- Be prepared to take shelter on the lowest level of your building or residence hall in an interior area with no windows if a warning is given.
- Check SGSC website, social media, and student e-mail accounts for weather updates and school cancellations.

FIRE

- Pull the Fire Alarm.
- Evacuate the building ASAP!! (Evacuation is mandatory if fire alarm is activated)
- Call 911.
- If the fire can be controlled with an extinguisher and you are familiar with how to properly operate one, use the extinguisher to douse the fire.
- Notify others as you leave.
- If on upper floors do not use the elevators, always use the stairs if smoke is present. Stay low to the floor to be able to breathe.
- Take your belongings only if they do not hinder your ability to exit the building quickly.
- Follow directions given by staff, emergency notification methods, and/or Police and Fire Department.
- Give assistance to those who need help getting to safety.
- Gather at your building’s predetermined rally point.
- If you cannot reach the stairwell, and you have access to a phone, call 911. Then seal the cracks around the doors with wet rags or clothing and also tie a wet cloth over your face in order to aid breathing. Stay low as the smoke rises. Signal rescuers by waving a sheet or other material out of the window, or call for help.
- Do not re-enter building until the all clear is given.
**OTHER TIPS**

- Always report any suspicious activity to the Police. For emergencies on the Douglas or Waycross Campus, call 911. For non-emergencies, call (912) 384-7675 in Douglas and 912.287.4335 in Waycross. Keep this number in your cell phone.
- Send tips to Campus Police via your Live Safe App.
- When running/walking alone, do not wear earphones. You can’t hear what is happening around you.
- Advise someone of your whereabouts and how long you expect to be out. Inform that person if you end up staying longer than expected. Do not post your whereabouts on social networking sites.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended. It only takes a few seconds for a thief to take everything.
- Consider carrying a whistle.
- If you see someone being victimized, get involved. Notify the police.
- Always let someone know where you’re going and when you’ll return.
- Protect your books. Do not leave them in public places.
- Keep valuable possessions out of sight. Do not openly display money or valuables in public.
- Carry your purse or book bags close to your body.
- Participate in fire drills and adhere to guidelines for evacuation when a fire alarm sounds.
- Put the word acronym **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) into your phone with the name of and number of

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**WEAPONS ON CAMPUS**

Weapons come in many forms, and simply possessing one these objects can be considered a violation of the law. Unless an exception is expressly granted in the law, the following are prohibited on campus:

- Pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed to propel (i.e. air soft, paintball, BB or pellet guns, and potato guns)
- Knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor or razor blade
- Spring stick
- Bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon
- Nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku,
- Throwing star or oriental dart
- Stun gun or Taser

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**REPORTING A CRIME**

If you are a victim of a crime you should notify Campus Police immediately!

911 Emergency

912-384-7675
Non-emergency
ACTIVE SHOOTER

What do I do?

You always have a number of choices, every situation is different. Remember no matter what you need to Plan, Prepare, and React. FIRST THINGS FIRST. Someone needs to call 911! Give them as much information as you possibly can.

Happening Now

Hearing gun fire or screaming may be your first indication that something is wrong. Assess your situation as best you can and take action.

In general, the more distance you can put between yourself and the situation the better. Do not go towards the sounds of gunfire to investigate and/or try to help. Get away from the area. Try to be a moving target rather than a non-moving target.

Lock Down

If you cannot get out of the area but are somewhat distant from the shooting, consider locking down as an option. You may choose to try and secure the room you are in or go to a near-by room that can be secured. Close blinds, turn off all radios, silence phones, etc., and keep quiet. Take cover. Your goal is to keep the individual from entering your room.

If the shooter enters your area, fight back!!!

It must be an individual decision whether it is best to try to flee the area or lock down. There are risks and benefits to both decisions and your decision will need to be based on your individual situation.

Do not set off the fire alarm. People may become targets by orderly leaving the buildings and gathering outside. If a fire alarm goes off while you are in lock down assess the situation before leaving your shelter. The alarm may have been set off by the shooter(s). If you smell smoke or see fire you need to exit.

In an active shooter situation the first priority of the police will be to neutralize the shooter(s). Consider carefully before doing anything that may cause you to be confused with the suspects – like showing a personal weapon, running toward police, etc. Cooperate with all instructions from law enforcement.

Have a plan to survive!!
South Georgia State College recognizes the importance of safety for our on-campus living community.
Officers routinely monitor the Residence Halls for safety issues.

**SAFETY TIPS**

- Always lock your door behind you whenever you leave your room.
- Do not loan out your key. Never compromise your safety for a roommate or friend who wants the door left unlocked. Close and lock your windows whenever you leave your room.
- Be careful of whom you invite into your room.
  - Don’t put yourself into a position that may put you or others in jeopardy.
  - Thieves are often acquaintances.
- Do not tape over or put any objects in your door jamb to prevent the door from shutting properly. Doing so leaves your room vulnerable to theft.
- Do not sign in people you do not know. Do not allow strangers to enter the premises.
- If you have expensive equipment (computers, stereos, etc.) engrave them with your state ID or driver’s license number.
- Check your peephole before opening your door. Don’t open for strangers.
- Report any building safety problems to the R.A. or the front desk.
- Never dress/undress in front of windows. Close blinds or curtains after dark.
- If you find that your room has been entered, DO NOT GO INSIDE. If you are already inside, DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING. Contact Campus Police Immediately.
- Report all lost keys/SGSC ID to your Residence Life Coordinator immediately.

**GENERAL RULES**

- Demonstrate respectful behavior. Respect other students, staff, faculty, and visitors of the campus. Just as importantly, respect yourself.
  - Treat others as you wish for them to treat you.
  - Follow instructions.
  - Set goals for yourself. Follow through.
  - Express feelings appropriately.
  - Do not crowd at desk areas.
  - Follow the SGSC Student Code Of Conduct.
  - Have integrity and faith in yourself.
  - Clean up after yourselves.
- Obey quiet hours.
- Adhere to visitation rules and regulations including signing in visitors, staying with your visitor, and having him/her check out in a timely manner.
- Do not bring cigarettes, alcohol, and/or drugs. SGSC is a tobacco, drug, and alcohol free campus.
- Don’t loiter in the parking lots.
MISSING PERSON POLICY FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS

A residential student will be considered a “missing person” if the person’s absence is contrary to his or her usual pattern of behavior and if unusual circumstances may have caused the absence, and/or if a roommate, class mate, faculty member, or other person has not seen the person in a reasonable amount of time. A reasonable amount of time may vary with the time of day and information regarding the missing person's daily schedule, habits, punctuality, and reliability.

Residential students should designate both an emergency contact and a missing person’s contact.

Any individual on campus who has information that a residential student may be a missing person must notify Campus Police, the Director of Campus Life, and/or the Dean of Students immediately either in person or by phone. All possible efforts will be made to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being through the collaboration of the Campus Police Department and the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Important Information to Remember

When you have any issues that are not law-enforcement related, your DA and RA should be notified first. It is the responsibility of the RA to respond to issues prior to contacting the Police Department. For example, they should unlock your room door if you are locked out, respond to noise complaints, and attempt to resolve disagreements.

When leaving your residence hall room, secure your door so your belongings are protected. Leaving your door propped open invites anyone into your room.

Maxient Reports (or conduct reports) will be written for those that do not comply with SGSC housing or college policies. Additionally, violations of law result in a conduct report as well as legal action both on and off campus.
Hotline Numbers
Coffee County

**Coffee County E 911**
224 West Bryan Street
Douglas, GA 31533
Non-Emergency Line 912-384-7675

**SGSC Police Department**
100 West College Park Drive
Douglas, GA 31533
912-260-4401

**Coffee County Department of Family and Children Services**
1300 West Baker Highway
P.O. Box 1119
Douglas, GA 31534-1119
912-389-4286

**Coffee County AA**
Douglas Coffee County Group
2076 West Green/ Hwy 221 N.

Douglas, GA 31567

**Douglas Police Department**
225 West Bryan Street
Douglas, GA 31533
912-384-2222

**Coffee County Sheriff’s Office**
Thompson Drive
Douglas, GA 31533
912-384-4227

**Child Advocacy Center of Coffee County**
617 E. Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31535
912-260-1492

**Satilla Community Services**
1003 Shirley Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533
912-389-4586 or 912-389-4430

Hotline Numbers
Ware County

**MAYO Medical Center**
410 Darling Avenue
Waycross, GA 31501
912-283-3030

**Satilla Rape Crisis Center**
Serving the Waycross Area
912-283-0987

**Ware County DFCS**
1200 Plant Avenue
912-285-6266 or 912-285-6040

**Ware County Sheriff’s Office**
3487 Harris Road
Waycross, GA
(912) 287-4327

**Waycross Police Dept.**
512 Oak Street
P.O. Box 176
Waycross, GA 31501
912-287-2921

**Ware County Drug Action Counsel**
1200 Colley Street
Waycross, GA 31501
National Resources and Hotline Information

Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-33-HAVEN (1-800-334-2836)

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  1-800-787-3224 (TTY)
www.thehotline.org

National Network to End Domestic Violence
1-202-543-5566

Georgia Addiction and Drug Alcohol Treatment
1-800-559-9503
www.addictionrecovery.net/georgia/

Drug Treatment Alternatives
1-800-424-2626
http://drug-treatment-alternative.com/

Georgia Poison Center
1-800-222-1222  1-800-282-5846 (Region)

Georgia Crisis Line
1-800-715-4225

Helpline Georgia
1-800-338-6745

Dept. of Behavioral Health
Phone: 404-657-5964
http://mhddad.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site

Georgia Advocacy Office, Inc.
Phone: 404-885-1234  Toll-free: 800-537-2329
http://www.thegao.org

Mental Health America of Georgia
Phone: 404-527-7175  Toll-Free: 800-933-9896
http://www.mhageorgia.org

National Alliance on Mental Illness Georgia
Phone: 770-234-0855  Toll-free: 800-728-1052
http://www.namiga.org

National Violence Against Women Prevention
www.musc.edu/vawpreventon/

The National Stalking Resource Center
Stalking Hotline - 1-800-394-2255
www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center

National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline
1-866-331-9474  1-866-331-8453 (TTY)
http://www.loveisrespect.org/

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
https://ohl.rainn.org/online/

National Sexual Violence Resource Center
1-877-739-3895 (toll free) www.nsvrc.org

Domestic Abuse Hotline for Men and Women
1-888-7HELPLINE
http://dahmw.org/

GLBTQ Domestic Violence Project
1.800.832.1901
http://www.glbtqdvp.org/

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255  1-800-799-4889 Deaf Hotline
http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/

Veterans Peer Support Line
1-877-Vet2Vet (877-838-2838)

Spanish Speaking Suicide Hotline
1-800-SUICIDA (800-784-2432)

Trevor Project (hotline for LGBTQ youth)
1-866-488-7386
http://www.thetrevorproject.org/

Trans Lifeline
866-488-7386  http://www.translifeline.org/

Violence Against Women Network (VAWnet)
www.vawnet.org
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