San Diego Community College District
POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME PREVENTION ALERT

October 17, 2013

On October 15th, a person unknown to staff entered a staff area on the fourth floor of the Learning Resource Center at Mesa College conducting an inspection. The person was not wearing identification and only verbally identified himself as a "State Inspector". The person completed the inspection and left the area. The staff member felt this was suspicious and College Police were notified. Even though this person was later identified as a Gafcon employee and had reason to be in the area, College Police would like to take this opportunity to address how to handle suspicious people and/or circumstances.

VISITOR SAFETY

If a person claiming to be an employee of the District, on District related business, or any outside agency (Fire Marshall, State Inspector, Police Investigator, Federal Agent, etc) unexpectedly arrives at your office for an inspection, service, trying to gather information, etc:

1. Ask for photo identification.
2. Require the person to wait outside of any staff only or secured areas while you verify their said purpose for being there with a supervisor. You or your supervisor may have to call the agency or company they say they are from to verify.
3. When verifying this information, use the phone number you find in the phone book or online, not a number provided by the individual.
4. **If you believe the person is not who they claim to be, call College Police immediately at (619) 388-6405.**
5. If the person does not want or allow you to verify their information or they walk away, call College Police immediately. Make sure you are able to give the Dispatcher a good description of the person (race, height, weight, age range, clothing worn and direction of travel).

Facility and College Police employees of the San Diego Community College District are issued SDCCD identification and should present it upon request. If a campus is under construction you may not always recognize a person as a District employee or agent of the District when they request access to certain areas. ALWAYS call College Police if you have any doubt about a person, their ID or reason for being present.

If you have information about crimes which have occurred, or may occur on or near campus, you may report it by calling College Police at (619) 388-6405, the San Diego Police at (619) 531-2000 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS(8477). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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