

CAMPUS POLICE

Trinity Valley Community College Police Department is the primary respondent for campus emergencies and reports of criminal activity on all campus. Officers are fully certified by the State of Texas with full arrest powers. The Trinity Valley Community College employs and commissions campus peace officers for the purpose of protecting the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property of the institution in accordance with state law. Any officer so commissioned is vested with all powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers while the officer is in his or her primary jurisdiction or outside the officer's primary jurisdiction. Officers shall have primary jurisdiction in any county in which the college owns, leases, or rents property.

Trinity Valley Community College Police Department cooperates with federal, state and local police, resulting in the college's awareness of criminal activity perpetrated beyond the campus.

Officers will respond as quickly and safely as possible to any request for assistance. Response time is based on current activity and severity of the call. Crimes in progress, alarms, traffic accidents with injuries, and medical assists have a higher priority than other types of calls. College police officers are eager to be of assistance and may be contacted directly. For off-campus offenses, we encourage prompt reporting to the proper local law enforcement agency.

Reports of criminal activity will be fully investigated, and appropriate referrals made to the appropriate courts, Student Judicial Services, or Human Resources as necessary. Community members are encouraged to report crime concerns to the police department.

Campus members observing criminal activities and other emergencies occurring on campus should contact law enforcement immediately by dialing 6235 or 9-1-1 from any campus telephone, contacting a police officer on patrol, or in person at the campus police department.

1. Athens: 903-675-6235 (Campus phone 6235)
2. Terrell: 972-563-4935 (Campus phone 6235)
3. Palestine: 903-675-6235 (Campus phone 6235)
4. Kaufman: 903-675-6235 (Campus phone 6235)
5. Terrell Health Science Center: 469-614-3836 (Campus phone 6235)

Campus Locations

Athens Campus

Located in the Math/Journalism building room 105 on the Athens campus – Trinity Valley Community College Police Department is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The department consists of professional campus police and telecommunication officers dedicated to providing excellent customer service to the community. Officers patrol the

campus on foot, motorized cart and in vehicles. The Dispatch Center is staffed with trained and certified communication officers who answer calls for service, dispatch officers and other emergency services to incidents, and monitor intrusion detection and fire alarms.

Palestine Campus

Located in the “A” building room A114 on the Palestine Campus – Trinity Valley Community College Police Department is open Monday through Friday during business hours. Officers patrol the campus and the Palestine Work Force Education Center on foot and by vehicle. The officers are dispatched by Trinity Valley Community College and the Anderson County Sheriff’s Department.

Terrell Campus

Located in the “A” building room A102 on the Terrell Campus – Trinity Valley Community College Police Department is open Monday through Friday during business hours. Officers patrol the campus on foot and by vehicle. The officers are dispatched by Trinity Valley Community College and the Terrell Police Department.

Terrell Health Science Center Campus

Located in room 105B on the Health Science Center Campus - Trinity Valley Community College Police Department is open Monday and Tuesday during business hours. Officers patrol the campus on foot. The officers are dispatched by Trinity Valley Community College and the Terrell Police Department.

Campus Parking Permits

All vehicles regularly driven on campus by students, staff, faculty and administration must have a current parking permit and must be parked in authorized areas. It is the responsibility of anyone registering a vehicle for campus use to become familiar with the traffic rules and regulations. A copy of these regulations may be obtained in person from the Campus Police Department or online on the parking website (<https://www.tvcc.edu/Police/category.aspx?z=324>) .

Student Identification Cards

Student identification cards are issued to all students through the campus police department on the Athens campus and the libraries on Palestine and Terrell campuses. Students must carry their ID card on their person at all times and present it at the request of campus police officers or faculty members. This card entitles students to use the library, the Cardinal Success Center, and free admission to athletic contests. A \$20 fee will be charged for replacing a card.

TVCC Police Department Website

Please visit the police department website (<https://www.tvcc.edu/police/?d=199>) to become familiar with emergency procedures and all the services offered by the police department.