

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety has the responsibility for the safety and security of students, staff, faculty and visitors. The campus of Dalton State College is a safe and secure environment due to the efforts of a number of departments. The police department, consisting of sworn police officers and dispatchers, is under the direction of Chief Michael Masters. Our police officers, certified by the State of Georgia, are armed and have full arrest powers. All State Certified Officers complete formal training at a police academy for certification by the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council. All officers receive annually at least twenty (20) hours of in-service training including but not limited to: legal updates; crime prevention; firearm instruction and re-qualification; defensive tactics; emergency response; C.P.R.; AED and first aid.

The Public Safety Department is located in the Health Professions Building, Room 300 and an officer can be reached anytime at 706-272-4461.

First Aid Procedures

The following procedures are recommended in case of any accident or emergency situation relating to health on the campus of Dalton State College. In case of minor cuts, scratches, etc., first aid kits are located in all campus buildings. In case of an accident of a more serious nature, faculty, staff, and students are requested to:

1. Not move the patient.
2. Immediately notify the Department of Public Safety at 706-272-4461 or phone 911.

The Public Safety Officer(s) will make a determination of the best course of action regarding the patient's health and safety. An appropriate accident/incident report must be completed and filed with the Department of Public Safety for record keeping and verification. Students requiring medical attention must defray their own expenses. It is recommended that each faculty member at the beginning of each term offer students a chance to inform the faculty member, or Disabilities Access and Student Support Services in confidence, of any medical problem such as seizures, for example, that may affect the student in class.

ROADRUNNER ALERT

Roadrunner Alert is Dalton State College's emergency notification system. It allows College officials to send critical information to the campus community through the use of text messages, voice messages, and emails. Dalton State College urges all students, faculty and staff to update their emergency contact information in the Roadrunner Portal so that Roadrunner Alerts are sent to correct number or addresses.

<https://www.daltonstate.edu/about/alert.cms> (https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus_life/public-safety/emergency-information/roadrunner-alert/)

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

Use your best judgment when driving or when outside during severe weather. All buildings on campus have designated "weather safe" areas on the lowest level of each building which can be utilized during a

tornado warning or during high winds. A Roadrunner Alert will be issued when dangerous conditions exist.

Please update your personal information in Banner and sign up for the Roadrunner Alert emergency notification system to receive critical campus information. In the event of a delay or closing, students should contact their professor(s) immediately.

OTHER INFORMATION

Additional information is contained on our website: emergency procedures, anonymous reporting procedures, campus vehicle reservation information, and others.

https://www.daltonstate.edu/campus_life/public-safety/