

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT SAFETY & SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE (DSSC)  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 12, 2025**

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>
DiMemmo, Kristie	Taube, Rhonda	Brandi Avila
Arguelles, Rudy	Caringella, Graciela	Wurtz, Kevin
Askar, Majd		Covarrubias, Araceli
Esqueda, Monica		MVC Student Body President
Tu, Beiwei		NC Student Body President
Moore, Frankie		RCC Student Body President
Hicks, Marie		Ferrer, Greg
Heim, Stefanie		Bolanos, Victor
Mark DiMaggio		Collins, Michael
Kazsuk, Tracy		Gonzalez, Evelyn

**i. Approval of May 2, August 25, and September 5, 2025, meeting minutes**

- Rhonda Taube moved to approve all three sets of minutes.
- Marie Hicks seconded the motion.
- The minutes for May, August, and September were approved.

**ii. Feedback and follow-up from DSSC Members for agenda items discussed during the previous meeting**

The committee discussed feedback related to the Blue Emergency Phone strategy proposed at the previous meeting.

- **CSEA (California School Employees Association)** provided official feedback via email. They believe Blue Phones are **outdated**, but recommend keeping them in **high strategic/high-traffic locations**.
- CSEA questioned the district's cell phone ownership rate compared to the 98% national statistic. District data indicated that **97% of district people (employees and students) provide a cell phone number** for the RAVE system.
- Resources such as **California Lifeline** (providing no-cost or reduced-cost service) were noted as options for socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals struggling to afford a cell phone for emergency purposes.
- **Faculty Association (Rhonda Taube)** discussed the strategy, and faculty raised only one concern: whether the district could **provide cell phones to students** who do not have them.
- **Moreno Valley College (Majd Askar)** was supportive of **phasing out** Blue Phones while retaining some in strategic areas, contingent on conducting a strong **911 campaign**.

**iii. RCCD Police Department Update – Mark DiMaggio/Octavio Rojas**

The update was provided by Chief Mark DiMaggio and Officer Julie DeAnda.

- **Staffing Shortages:** The Police Department is currently down **3 officer positions** (one recently transferred) and approximately **8 CSA positions**. The department is also missing 1 records clerk. Overtime is being utilized to fill the gaps. Efforts are underway to fill open positions, including the Chief position.
- **Upcoming Events:** Officer Julie DeAnda is scheduled as the guest speaker for Cancer Awareness at Moreno Valley College (MVC). The department plans to issue safety bulletins for Thanksgiving and Christmas and host a **Toys for Tots** event.
- **Student Support:** Julie DeAnda noted that the **Basic Needs/Wellness Center** departments at the colleges provide extensive support, including an **abundance of clothing donations** (jackets, interview clothes) for students, including those who may be living in their cars.

#### iv. Safety and Security

##### a. Informational Item – Blue Emergency Phone – Beiwei Tu

- **Blue Phone Strategic Locations (Review):**
  - **Riverside City College (RCC):** Police identified **8 locations** to keep, including three in the parking structure, one in the courtyard, and locations near MTSC nursing, aquatic, Tech B, and early childhood. An alternate safety solution is being explored for the cosmetology area due to the construction of a new building.
  - **Moreno Valley College (MVC):** The phone system is newer, meaning more phones are functional and supported by the manufacturer. MVC proposes 7 strategic locations. MVC intends to keep all currently working Blue Phones and **revisit removal in a year**. Efforts are underway to improve cell signal by working with Verizon and other companies.
  - **Norco College (NC):** Police proposed more strategic Blue Phones for Norco than the other two campuses, and the locations appear to be **very well distributed**.
- **Next Steps:** The district needs to find a **contractor** to determine the technical feasibility and most effective way to address the Blue Phones, given challenges related to obsolete systems and analog/digital transitions.

##### RAVE Guardian App Promotion (Related Discussion):

- The adoption rate for the RAVE Guardian app is **very low** (1,000 downloads out of 40,000 RAVE system users).
- Marie Hicks provided a **successful testimony** of using RAVE's 911 function during a medical emergency at MVC, noting the response was "slicker and more seamlessly" than expected.
- Strategies suggested for promotion included: working with Distance Education (DE) to place download information into **Canvas shells**, utilizing **digital signage** and campus televisions, leveraging coordinated student activities social media (Instagram, Facebook), hosting **tabling events** (e.g., Ask Me booths) at the beginning of each semester, and

asking Deans of Admissions and Records to send **blasting push notifications/text messages and emails** to all students.

#### **b. Informational item - 911 campaign – Beiwei Tu**

- The current 911 campaign messaging encourages people to call **911 when in doubt** to counter public hesitation in reporting emergencies on campus.
- The committee found that numerous signs across the district (e.g., in elevators) instruct people to call **8171** to contact police. This number is a county non-emergency line, which routes calls through a different center and may result in **long delays**.
- Facilities and CSAs are actively working to **remove these misleading signs** to enforce the use of 911 for emergencies.

#### **v. Emergency Response**

##### **a. Great California Shake Out – Monica Esqueda**

- October is recognized as Earthquake Preparedness Month.
- The Great California Shakeout drill is scheduled for **October 16th**.
- The drill protocol involves a **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** for one minute.
- **Campus Participation:**
  - District Office: Will send a mass notification, followed by Drop, Cover, Hold On.
  - Moreno Valley College (MVC): Will do Drop, Cover, Hold On and a **volunteer evacuation**.
  - Norco College (NC): Will evacuate, combining it into an earthquake drill/fire drill scenario.
  - Riverside City College (RCC): Following the same protocol; aiming to send concise reminders. RCC is also working to schedule additional fire drills and lockdown drills in collaboration with Faculty Senate, CTA, and CSEA.
- Disaster Service Workers were reminded to be prepared to continue serving students during an emergency.

#### **vi. Training**

##### **a. Informational Item: Training Completion Status – Monica Esqueda**

- Training updates are being distributed to VPs and HBCs.
- The deadline for training completion is **December 31st**.
- Completion rates (as of October 10th) show administrators, classified, and confidential staff are between **22% and 46% complete**.
- **Faculty completion is low**, despite the trainings being **flex credit approved**.
- Managers were encouraged to remind staff, noting that the total training time is short (approximately 1 hour 15 minutes).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.