

Communication Tips for Campus Safety and Local Law Enforcement

Division III institutions create a respectful and engaging educational environment through athletics, for everyone. Partnering with campus safety and local law enforcement is critical to ensuring your athletics department's success in this effort. These communication tips will help assist your athletics department in assuring mutual understanding and respect in working with these important partners and stakeholders.

Statement of Safety as a Top Priority

This statement will help ensure that campus safety and local law enforcement understand their important role in the success of conducting Division III athletic events.

With respect to our campus sporting events, safety and providing an environment that provides for the health and wellbeing of our student-athletes and all others is our top priority as a Division III member institution.

Ensure that campus safety and local law enforcement are aware of your staff's gameday goals:

During your preseason conversations with security personnel, here are some points to consider discussing:

- Share your institution's evaluation tool and checklist with campus safety and local law enforcement. Inform these groups what has been discussed with your game administrators and what contact information your staff has.
- Does your staff have the correct contact information?
- Is there a set protocol that local or campus officials must follow and which the event staff needs to be informed about?
- Are there jurisdictional issues to be aware of?
- While it may not be important for the campus security or on-site law enforcement personnel to attend an hour and a half Gameday the DIII Way training session, it will be important that they understand the four prioritized service standards that your staff is trying to utilize and that they are aware of your departments protocols in addressing crowd behavior issues.

Established protocols and venue safety resources:

Take advantage of developed protocol for venue safety that exists in places such as "[National Fire Protection Association Recommended Practice \(NFPA\) in Fire and Emergency Service Organization Risk Management](#)" and "[International Association of Venue Managers \(IAVM\)](#)" resources

