

Campus Safety Services Annual Report 2025

Background:

Brock University Campus Safety Services takes pride in our dedicated team of experienced professionals who provide a safe welcoming environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The safety of our Brock Community is our number one priority along with promoting community – oriented services to all who live, work and learn at Brock University. In 2025, Brock University had a student population of just over 20,000 students and 6000 full and part-time staff.

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA):

The CSPA came into force on April 1, 2024. This legislation created a new process and oversight for the policing world. At Brock University there is a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Service Board. Our authorities as Special Constables are approved through the Board. The legislation has set out new responsibilities and oversight, an increase in the areas of training for our Brock Special Constables. The act includes prescribed training and examinations through the Ontario Police College, along with conduct complaints received and matters affecting the appointments that had not been included in the previous Police Service Act. After a lengthy application process that took us into 2025, we are happy to report the application, and approvals were met in early 2025 and Brock University became a Special Constable employer.

Our Special Constable service supports our student's educational journey, research, crime prevention, customer service through collaboration, joint initiatives and projects dedicated to supporting a culture of safety and wellbeing for students, faculty, staff and visitors to our 3 campuses. We have our main campus situated at the top of the escarpment on both sides of Glenridge Ave, St. Catharines. In the downtown core of St. Catharines, you will find our Marilyn I Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts. This past year we opened our new Brock Campus location in Burlington Ontario which holds a significant amount of our Dept of Education that serves students and the continuing education programs serving the area of the GTA.

Training

Brock Campus Safety Services is committed to continuous professional development through an ongoing training program. Aside from mandatory training required to maintain Use of Force qualifications and annual updates, personnel receive training through internal and external partners, the Niagara Regional Police Service Training Unit and Ontario Police College.

Members receive training in the following areas.

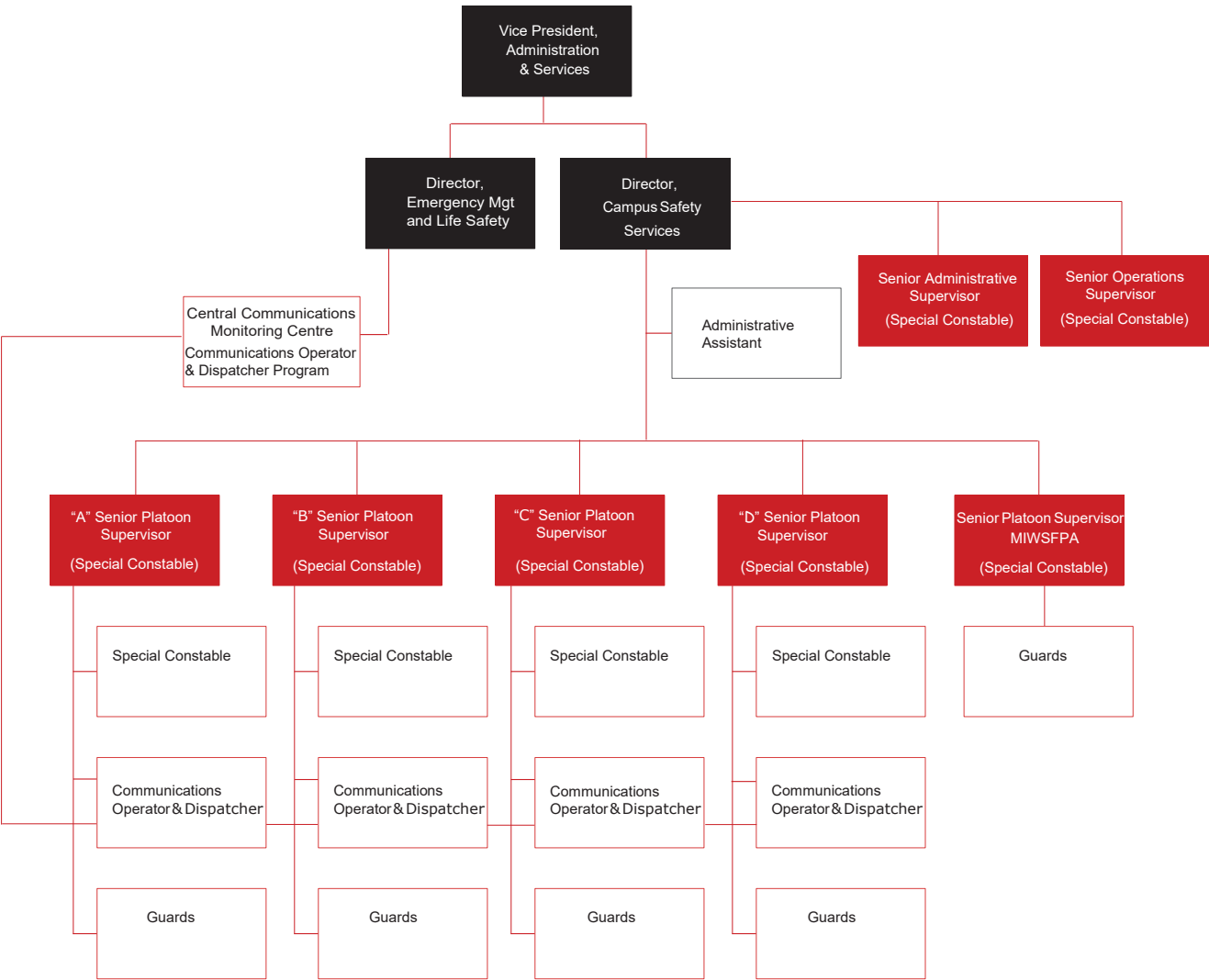
- Ontario Police College – Thematic training
- Mental Health Crisis Response Training (MHCR)
- Indigenous Awareness
- Racially Biased Policing
- Gender violence

- Micro-Aggression and Anti-oppression
- Mental Health First Aid
- Safety Planning
- Open-Source Internet Investigations.

Brock University Campus Safety Services looks forward to strengthening partnerships and expanding training opportunities in 2026 to further enhance Safety, security, and well-being of our students, staff, faculty, and visitors through collaboration, education and continuous improvement

We remain committed to supporting Brock University’s strategic plan 2025-2030 and the University’s action plan, using these guiding frameworks to measure success, drive accountability and ensure we continue to meet the evolving needs of our Brock Campus Community.

Organizational Chart



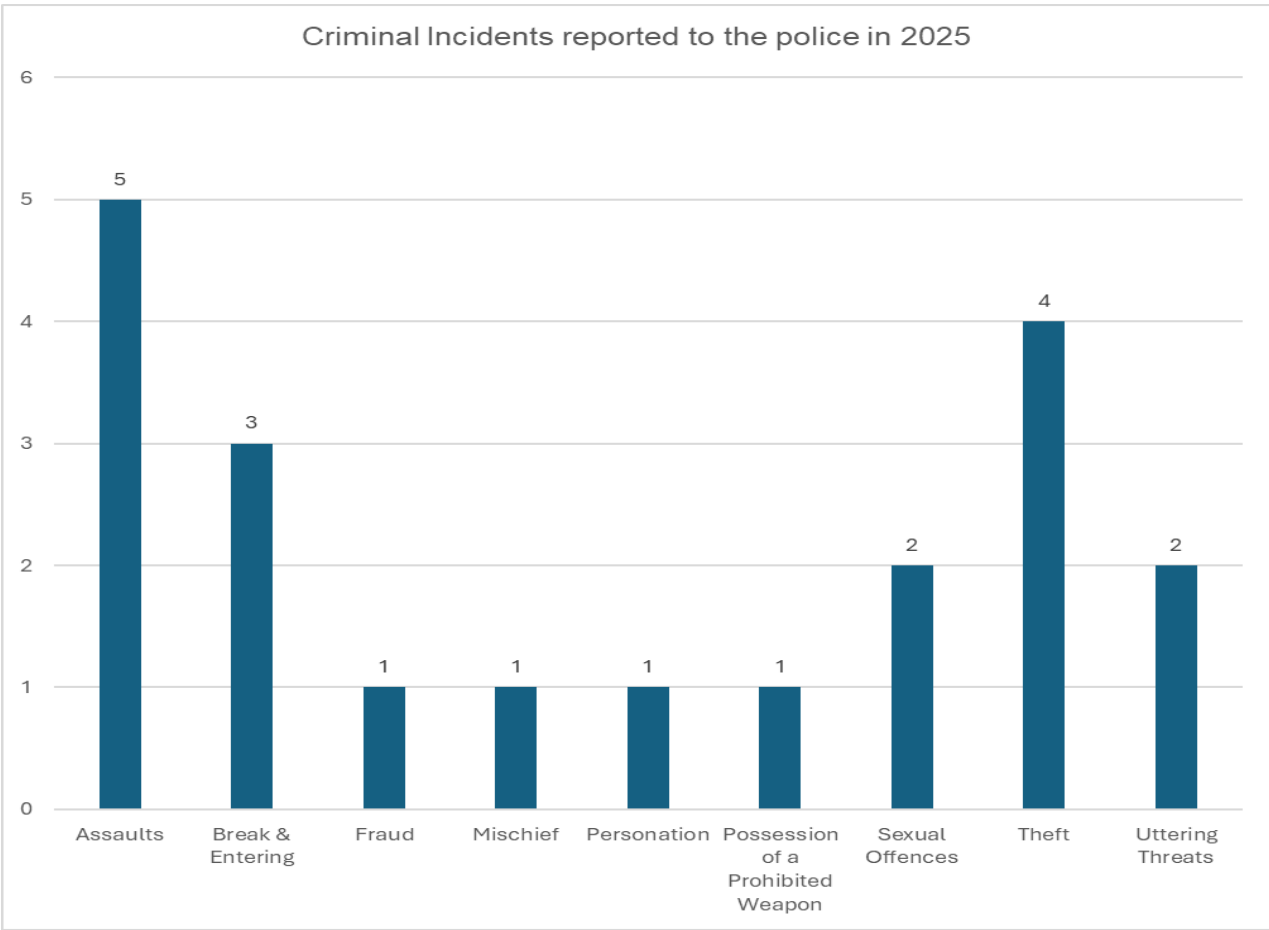
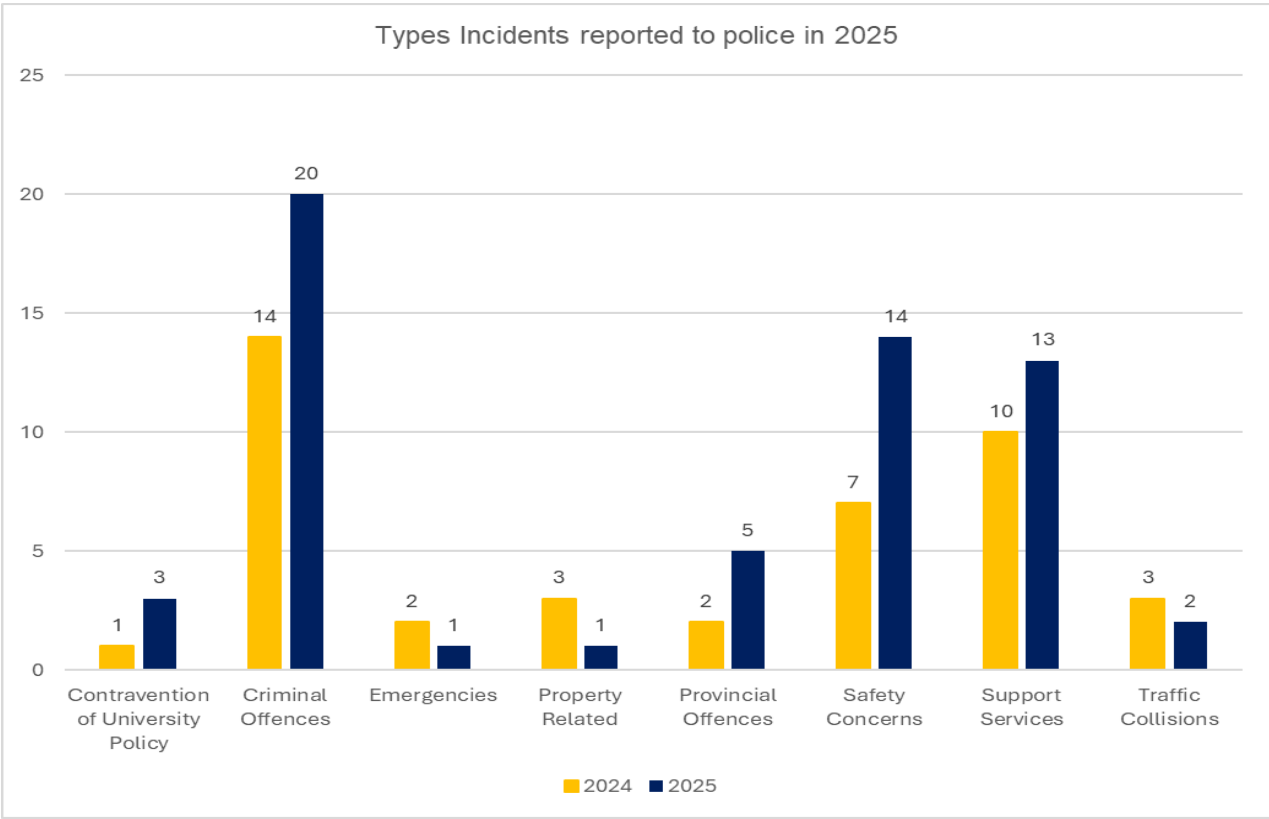
CSS reports directly to the Vice President of Administration and Services. Our Special Constable Service is a hybrid service consisting of Special Constables which are complimented by security guards from Garda World Security. We have a fully functional Central Communications Monitoring Centre dispatch located in our building, with 4 full time civilian dispatchers/communicators. This staff is responsible for the 900 plus cameras, 280 panic buttons and 200 emergency phones across all campuses. This technology compliments our emergency responses campus wide.

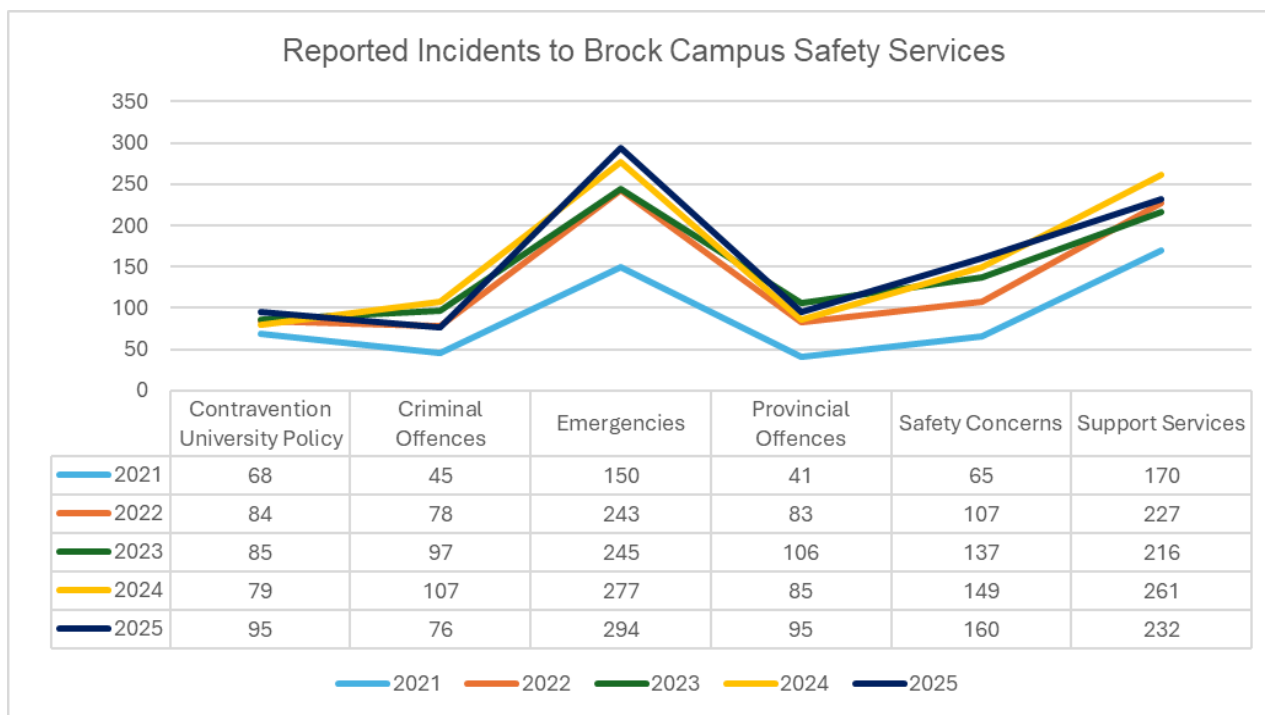
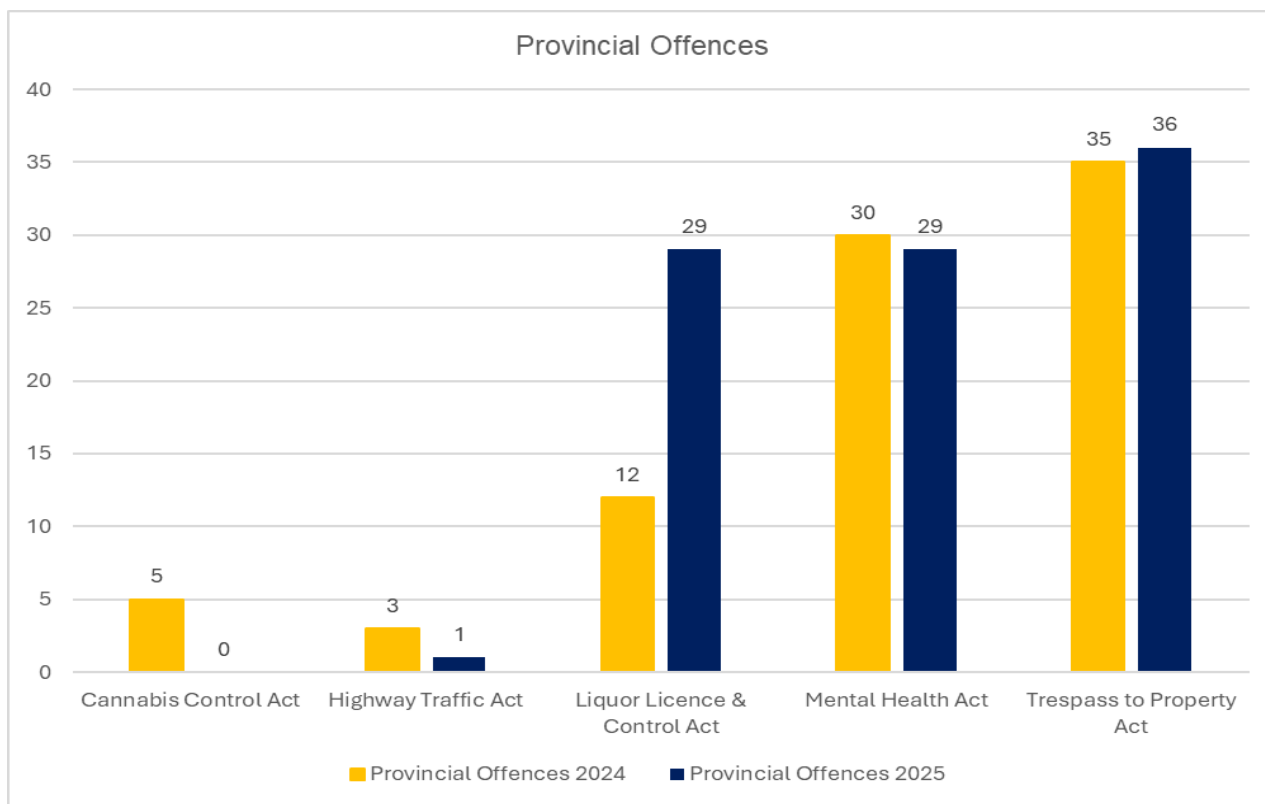
Statistical Information 2025 Compared to 2024

The University shall provide the Board an annual report with statistical and evaluative information including, but not limited to, information regarding enforcement activities (including the type of incidents responded to and investigations undertaken as detailed in paragraph 24 above), training and supervision of its Special Constables, and such further categories of information as may be requested by the Board from time to time.

Reporting Requirements	2024	2025
Contravention of University Policy		
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Criminal Offences		
Assaults (Common, Bodily Harm)	9	15
Breaking and Entering	1	5
Criminal Harassment	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	0
Extortion by Libel	0	1
Fail to Stop at an Accident	1	2
False Alarm of Fire	0	1
Fraud	8	2
Harassment by Telephone	4	1
Hate Propaganda	4	0
Impaired Operation of a Vehicle	1	0
Mischief (over \$5000/under \$5000, University Property/Other)	7	8
Personation	0	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1	0
Possession of a Prohibited Weapon	1	1
Sexual Offences	0	2
Theft/Attempted	60	31
Uttering a Forged Document	2	0
Uttering Threats	3	4

Emergency		
Buildings (Elevator Entrapments, Fire Panels, Floods)	15	30
Fire Alarms	80	79
Medical Calls	179	183
Municipal Offences		
Mark or Apply Graffiti on Any Public or Private Property	1	0
Noise Disturbances	1	2
Urinate/Defecate/Vomit/Spit in a Public Place	0	1
Property		
Property Damage	49	48
Recovered Stolen Property	2	2
Protests/Occupation		
Occupation/Demonstrations	8	1
Provincial Offences		
Cannabis Act	5	0
Highway Traffic Act	3	1
Liquor Licence Act	12	29
Mental Health Act	30	29
Safe Streets Act	0	0
Trespass to Property Act	35	36
Safety Concern		
Missing Person	1	1
Personal Safety Concerns	59	60
Safety Hazard	5	11
Suspicious Person or Vehicle	57	56
Support Services		
Assistance	254	230
Escorts (Person/Currency)	7	2
Vehicle Boosts	37	52
Traffic Accident		
Traffic Accident Parking lot	23	11
Traffic Accident Roadway	6	4





Emergency Management and Preparedness at Brock University

Although emergency management is not a prescribed reporting category within the Special Constable annual reporting framework, it remains closely connected to the work of Campus Safety Services and the broader safety environment at Brock University.

Brock maintains an established emergency management program embedded within Campus Safety Services. The program includes the development, maintenance and ongoing review of the University's Crisis and Emergency Plan, it's supporting annexes, fire safety planning and related preparedness initiatives. Brock's emergency planning framework follows an all-hazards approach and is aligned with the Ontario Incident Management System, supporting a structured, scalable and coordinated response to a wide range of incidents.

When required, the University may activate an Emergency Operations Centre to support major incident response. Depending on the nature and impact of the event, this may involve a partial or full activation, with functions such as command and coordination, operations, planning, logistics, and finance and administration activated as needed.

Training and exercises remain a key part of Brock's preparedness program. In 2025, Brock conducted a large emergency management exercise focused on a severe winter weather event, supported by a Weather Network meteorologist. The exercise allowed the Emergency Control Group to work through operational communications, safety and continuity issues associated with a significant weather-related campus disruption.

Looking ahead, Brock's 2026 annual emergency exercise is expected to focus on a cyber-crime-related scenario, facilitated by a subject matter expert. This will allow the Emergency Control Group to examine decision-making, coordination, communications, continuity of operations, and the intersection between physical security, institutional operations and information technology response.

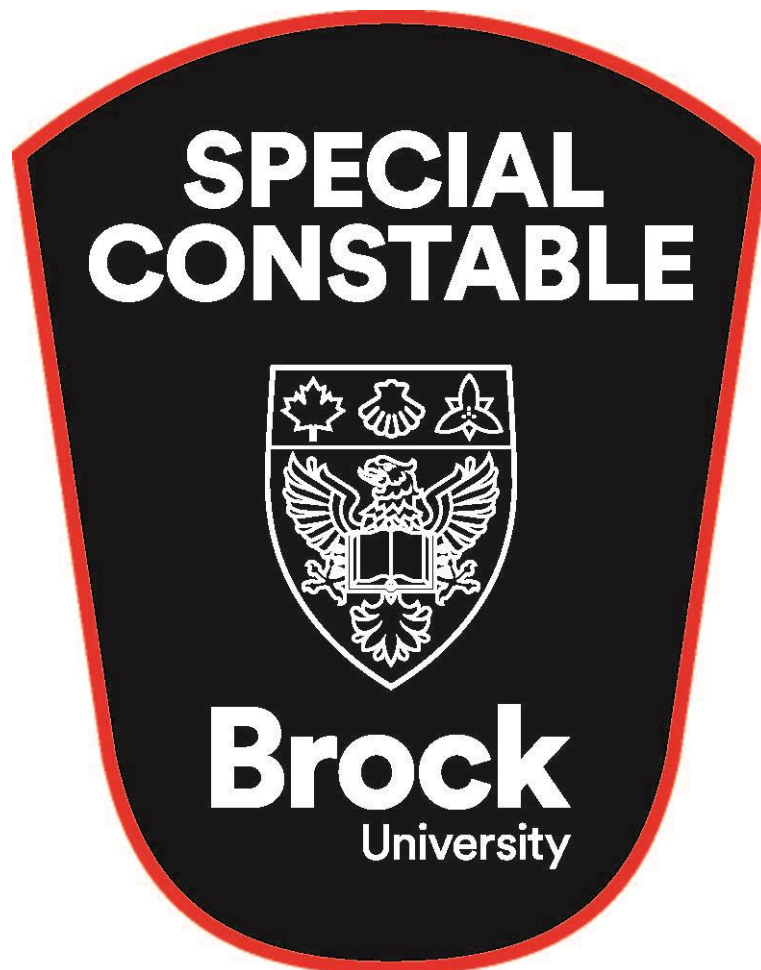
Brock's emergency management program is further strengthened by strong partnerships with Niagara Region, local area municipalities, and emergency service partners, including fire, police and emergency medical services. Discussions also remain ongoing with the Niagara Regional Police Service regarding opportunities to enhance real-time information sharing during emergency situations, including the potential for police to access select University CCTV live camera footage, where necessary and appropriate, to support emergency response, situational awareness and coordinated decision-making.

The Director of Emergency Management and Life Safety also hold Special Constable status and supports Campus Safety Services during major incidents, demonstrations and significant events impacting the campus. This connection reinforces the integrated nature of emergency management, life safety, security operations and Special Constable services at Brock University, contributing to a coordinated safety model that supports preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

Campus Safety Services, Niagara Regional Police Service, and Communities

Brock University Campus Safety Services works closely with many of our community partners both on and off our campuses; Niagara Regional Police Service, Regional Emergency Management Coordinators, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Services, and the Cities and Mayors of both St. Catharines and Thorold to improve the off-campus experience where many students live. During the Fall and Winter terms and particularly on known busy nights, Brock University staff will accompany officers into these neighborhoods with city By-Law officers. The hiring of the special duty officers is done by Brock University.

Neighborhoods are patrolled; parking enforcement and noise complaints are dealt with swiftly. Over the past years this program has been very successful in reducing complaints to the neighborhoods. In some cases, these neighborhoods have become quiet and responsible, making the communities and politicians very thankful.





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