

Campus Response to Missing Persons: Best Practices for Public Safety

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11:00 AM **Announcements & Opening Remarks** 11:10 AM Understanding Missing Persons on Campus: Trends and Risk Factors Covers the common causes and patterns of missing persons incidents on campuses, identifying high-risk populations and situational factors that influence investigations. 12:20 PM Initial Response: Receiving the Report and Immediate Action Steps Focuses on protocols for taking a missing person report, prioritizing information, and initiating timely response measures to maximize the chances of safe recovery. 1:30 PM Search Planning, Area Canvassing, and Resource Deployment Teaches officers how to organize and execute systematic searches, assign responsibilities, and effectively deploy personnel and equipment. 2:40 PM Communication Protocols: Coordinating with Dispatch, Administration, and Families Explains the importance of timely, clear communication with internal teams, campus leadership, and families while maintaining accuracy and sensitivity. 3:40 PM **Ending Remarks**

Day 2: March 12, 2026

11:00 AM	Announcements
11:05AM	Interviewing Witnesses and Gathering Critical Information • Provides techniques for interviewing witnesses, roommates, or associates to obtain actionable information and enhance investigative leads.
12:15 PM	 Collaboration with Law Enforcement, Emergency Services, and Community Partners Highlights the importance of multi-agency cooperation, joint operations, and leveraging community resources to improve investigation outcomes.

1:25 PM Technology, Records, and Surveillance Tools in Missing Person Investigations

 Covers the use of campus security systems, databases, social media, and other technological tools to locate missing individuals efficiently.

2:35 PM Post-Incident Reporting, Case Documentation, and Lessons Learned

 Reviews best practices for documenting investigations, completing official reports, analyzing response effectiveness, and implementing improvements for future incidents.

3:35 PM Ending Remarks

There will be a 10-minute break between sections.