
Safety and Security at Catholic University

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We are here to address our shared concerns about safety and security on campus and in our community.

Recent Incidents of Violent Crime

JULY 5 : Murder of Maxwell Emerson in front of Father O'Connell Hall.

JULY 13: Alumnus violently attacked walking from the Brookland-CUA Metro Station to his home on 7th Street.

JULY 17: Murder of Robert Lavender on Monroe Street and 7th Street.

Crime at Catholic University and the Brookland neighborhood.

Catholic University Area

- Police District 4 (PSA 405)
- Police District 5 (PSA 502 & 504)
- Campus
- Clery Reporting Area



Crime in the Community

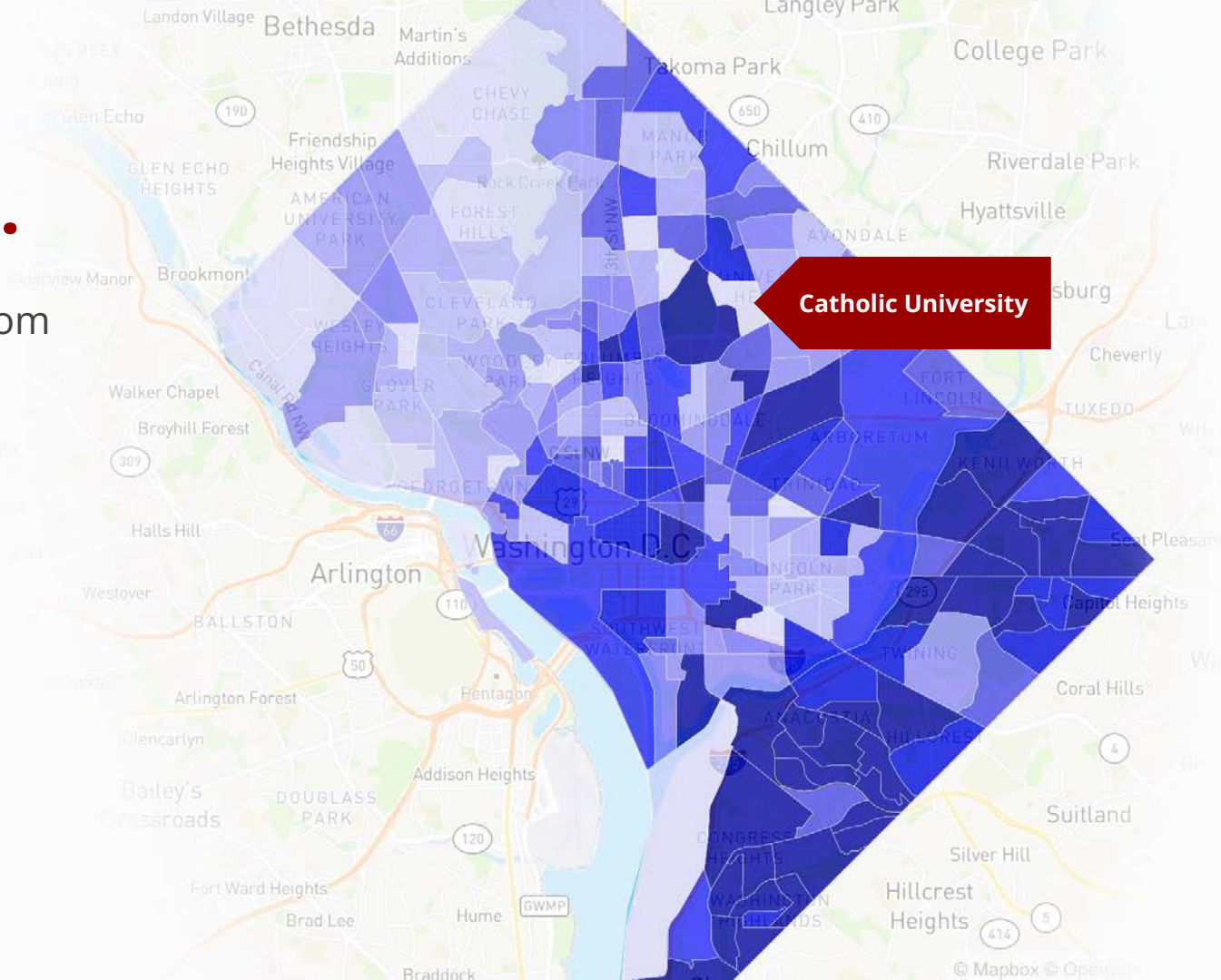
Comparing incidents over the last 2 years in Police Service Areas (PSA) 405, 502, and 504

Source: crimecards.dc.gov

DATA FROM JAN. TO JULY		2023	2022
PSA 405	Violent Crime	34	29
	Property Crime	234	181
PSA 502	Violent Crime	70	72
	Property Crime	442	299
PSA 504	Violent Crime	38	30
	Property Crime	183	143

Crime in D.C.

2023 data from
neighborhoodscout.com



Safest Neighborhoods In D.C.

neighborhoodscout.com

1. The Catholic University of America
2. Georgetown University
3. American University
4. Petworth East
5. Naval Anacostia Annex
6. Potomac Heights
7. Spring Valley
8. McLean Gardens South
9. Lanier Heights
10. Chevy Chase West

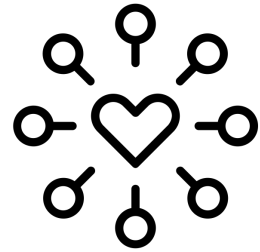
How We Think About Security



**Commitment to
our community**



**We are an open,
safe campus**



**Safety is a
community effort**

WHAT WE DO NOW

Department of Public Safety

- **8-10 officers on duty, patrolling campus**
- **24/7 coverage and dispatch center**
- **Rave alert system and Information Alerts**
- **Escort to locations on campus**
- **At least one armed DPS officer on every shift**
- **Most buildings adopting card access**



WHAT WE DO NOW

Reporting Crimes and Concerns

You should never attempt to apprehend or pursue a suspected criminal.

Crimes or suspected criminals should be reported to DPS at 202-319-5111 or, if off-campus dial 911.

Report misconduct or concerns at catholic.edu/report or 855-350-9396

WHAT WE DO NOW

Additional Campus Support

Campus Facilities

- 115 blue light telephones and 44 panic buttons
- 600 security cameras (700% increase since 2021)
- Buildings have been assigned addresses for 911 calls

Education and Training

Emergency training drills and provide in-person and virtual training

Activity Since July 5th



Frequent Communication

8 updates to campus community and 40 responses to individual questions.

Increased Police Presence

Local police who have committed to increased police presence.

Safety Walk

40 members of our community walked campus to identify safety issues.

Meeting with Mayor Bowser

Met with Mayor Bowser to discuss concerns about the safety and security of our city.



Action Plan

Updates at catholic.edu/safety

GOALS

- **Bring the community together to focus on safety.**
- **Identify places where we can improve security.**
- **Draw attention and awareness to safety and security issues.**

ACTION PLAN

Visibility on Perimeter

Increase DPS Visibility

- More officers on foot, vehicular, and bike patrols. More patrol cars.
- Increased presence along the perimeter of campus.

Hire Supplemental Security

- At entrance of Brookland-CUA Metro Station on John McCormack Road.
- Under the Taylor Street Bridge near the DuFour Athletic Center.

ACTION PLAN

Department of Public Safety

Emergency Coordinator

- We will hire a full-time director for emergency services.
- The Coordinator will support ongoing training of community.

Arm DPS Officers

- There will be an armed DPS presence on every shift.
- Armed officers will be trained by August 1, 2023.

ACTION PLAN

Enhanced Security Measures

Key Card Access/Panic Buttons: Electronic key card access points and panic buttons in key areas.

Security Cameras: 600 Security Cameras installed since 2021 (700% increase), and 97 to go).

Door Stoppers: Deploy solutions to block classroom doors during emergencies.

Further Study: Lighting around campus (Night walk). And expansion of Shuttle Service.

ACTION PLAN

Keep Catholic Safe Campaign

- **September Is Safety Awareness Month**
- **Annual Safety Walk**
- **Ongoing Training**
- **Regular Check-ins with Community Leaders**

ACTION PLAN

Community Engagement

City Leadership/Mayor Bowser

Discuss crime in the District, its impact, and the safety of our campus.

Metro Police Department

Increased patrols on McCormack Road/MPD representative to train new students at Freshman Orientation.

Metro Transit Police

Increased patrols/Address lighting issues at Metro stop/Community training.

Brookland Business Leaders

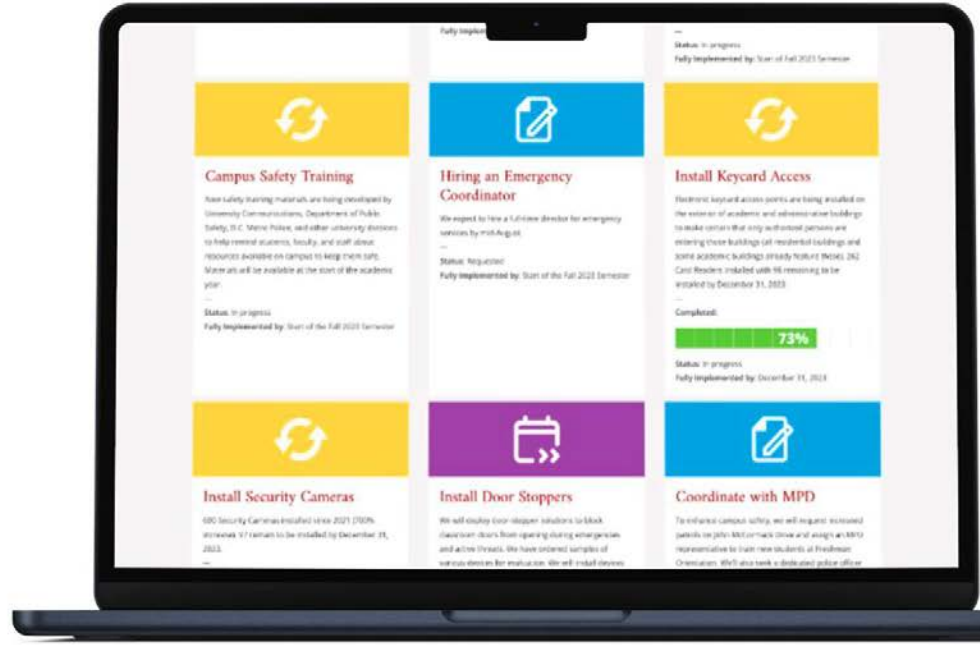
Working with business leaders to promote safety and security.

Accountability

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catholic.edu/safety

Action Plan Dashboard

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