



Senate of the Student Government Association at Bakersfield College

SO STATED BY THE SENATE RESOLUTION

AUTHORED BY: SENATOR OCHOA

DATE PASSED: DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2024.

VOTE COUNT: FAVORABLE: 0; UNFAVORABLE: 0; ABSTAINED: 0

INSTALLATION OF BLUE LIGHT EMERGENCY BOXES

Whereas, the Bakersfield College Department of College Safety's mission is to support a safe and secure environment to provide educational opportunities and valuable life skills to promote educational growth to the students;

Whereas, recent reports of harassment, gun scares, and other safety concerns have occurred on campus, which have raised significant alarm among students, parents, and faculty regarding the current safety measures in place;¹

Whereas, the implementation of the blue light emergency boxes, will provide immediate access to emergency assistance through a simple and visible communication method and will bypass current time-consuming call and text wait times with a single press of a button, providing an immediate response from campus security in the event of an emergency;^{2 3}

Whereas, the installation of these emergency boxes would not serve only as a visible deterrent to potential criminal activity, but also as a reassuring presence that promotes a greater sense of security and confidence among the student body, particularly for those attending late-night classes or studying in campus facilities;⁴

¹ <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/campus-life/college-safety/annual-security-report/2024/index.html>

² <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/documents/353969/1355967/Emergency+Blue+Light+outdoor+callboxes+versus+cell+phones+and.pdf/5ad45130-4a93-48a2-b52a-f1c497f7b574>

³ <https://www.axon.com/resources/blue-emergency-phones#>

⁴ <https://wildcat.arizona.edu/138652/news/blue-means-safe-emergency-blue-light-telephones-a-potential-lifesaver/>

Whereas, numerous institutions of higher education such as Cal Sate Bakersfield and Cuesta College have successfully adopted blue light emergency systems as part of their overall campus safety strategies; ^{5 6 7}

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association,

- a) that the installation of blue light emergency boxes be prioritized at Bakersfield College, particularly in areas with high foot traffic and low visibility during evening hours, such as parking lots P3 & P8 on the main campus;
- b) the installation of the blue light emergency boxes be recognized as a means to encourage students to utilize campus facilities, such as libraries and study areas during all hours without apprehension, thereby promoting a vibrant and engaged campus community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Senate,

- a) That this resolution shall be forwarded to Bakersfield College President Mr. Jerry Fliger, BC Safety Advisory Committee, and the Office of Student Life.

I, BCSGA Secretary, certify that this resolution originated by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association on DATE.

BCSGA SECRETARY

DATE: DECEMBER 18TH, 2024.

WE THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT BODY SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION ON DATE.

BCSGA VICE PRESIDENT

DATE: DECEMBER 18TH, 2024.

⁵ <https://www.csub.edu/police/files/erg.pdf>

⁶ <https://businessaffairs.ufl.edu/news/multiple-departments-come-together-to-increase-safety-on-campus-with-blue-light-phones/>

⁷ <https://www.cuesta.edu/emergency/Emergency-Blue-Light-Phones.html>