

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

At a recent board meeting, I shared a brief report about the Emergency Blue Lights on campus. The report was well received and I would like to share the information with the campus.

When I arrived at Cerritos College, an immediate priority was to address the recurring thefts across campus and threats to student and employee safety. Campus Police, Facilities and Tilden-Coil then developed a plan to place emergency blue lights and phones across campus. I am sure by now you are accustomed to seeing the bright blue illumination from the towers as you walk across campus at night.

I am pleased to share that we completed the last phase of the emergency blue lights in December 2018 with 21 towers now strategically located on campus. The blue light towers house a phone and a camera positioned on top of the towers to provide an overview of the area. A second camera is positioned at eye level. The cameras provide a real-time view for campus police dispatchers who then provide responding police officers with critical information prior to their arrival on scene.

Anyone in distress or wishing to report an emergency can simply push the emergency button attached to the tower. They will immediately get in voice contact with the police dispatcher. Pushing the button also activates a blue strobe light on top of the tower.

The blue towers provide an outstanding safety mechanism for the campus community. The towers also allow campus police to utilize camera footage for investigative purposes and have captured past occurred crimes. They also serve as a crime deterrent; the towers make it clear to those who would commit crimes that Cerritos College takes safety and security very seriously.

If you see Chief Gallivan, David Moore, and Jimmy Riordan, please take a moment to thank them for their efforts to complete this plan. They always work hard to ensure our safety on campus.

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