As a result of two recently reported sexual assaults that have occurred on the LAC campus, the Long Beach Police Department’s City College Campus Safety Unit would like to provide the college community with the following crime prevention and safety information. A personal safety training class, available to all students and faculty, is also being offered on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. in Dyer Hall, Building FF, Room 107 at the Pacific Coast Campus.

BE PREPARED

- Report suspicious activity immediately to 9-1-1 or from a phone on campus call 4-9-1-1.
- Always be alert and aware of the people around you
- Be aware of locations and situations which would make you vulnerable to crime, such as dark parking lots, walkways and restrooms

STREET PRECAUTIONS

- Be aware of your surroundings – especially if you are alone or in the dark
- Whenever possible, travel with a friend … there is safety in numbers
- Stay in well-lighted areas as much as possible
- Walk close to the curb and avoid doorways, bushes and alleys where someone could hide
- Walk confidently and at a steady pace and make eye contact with people when walking
- Keep your vehicle keys in your hand when walking to your vehicle

CAR SAFETY

- Keep windows and doors locked
- Park in well-lighted areas
- Check the interior before getting into your vehicle
- If you are followed, do not drive home - drive to the nearest open business or police station

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT:

- Call the police IMMEDIATELY and provide them with important information which may include a suspect description, vehicle description and/or license plate number - write the information down so you don’t forget it
- DO NOT shower or douche; this will destroy evidence which could be used to catch and/or prosecute the suspect
- DO NOT change clothes
- DO NOT take any medication
- DO NOT straighten up the crime scene

Anyone with questions may contact the City College Campus Safety Unit or the Long Beach Police Department’s Sex Crimes Detail at (562) 570-7368.