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PUBLIC SAFETY JOB FAMILY – SECURITY GUARD

<u>JOB FAMILY CONCEPT:</u> The Public Safety job family is responsible for all aspects of regulatory and legal enforcement and providing a safe campus, institution, and community. Public Safety roles provide environmental health safety and evaluation, emergency preparedness, training and guidance, and protection for students, staff, faculty, general public and environment.

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The Security Guard role performs routine responsibilities including but not limited to personal and community safety and document preparation. Employees in these roles must pass a background investigation and be able to perform shift work.

The **Security Guard** role is distinguished from the **Public Safety Professional** role in that it does not have the authority to enforce federal, state, or local regulations, and does not have the authority to arrest suspects.

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Typical Functions

- Provides loss prevention services
- Completes reports
- Unlocks and locks buildings and may unlock vehicles
- Provides safety escorts
- Monitors access to buildings
- Provides customer service to University faculty, staff, students and visitors
- Provides battery jump-starts for disabled vehicles
- Observes and reports suspicious behavior and safety hazards to appropriate personnel
- May operate University vehicle
- May assist in the opening or closing functions for assigned facilities
- May provide traffic or crowd control
- May serve or be trained in a specialized capacity

Complexity and Decision Making Authority

Employee performs assigned tasks, and follows established policies and procedures; may set priorities and organize work within general guidelines established by supervisor/manager with minimal supervision.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Excellent customer service skills. Ability to use a multichannel radio system. Ability to act calmly during stressful situations. Ability to work with a wide variety of people.

Education/Experience

High school graduation or the equivalent.

License/Certification

Relevant certification may be required to perform specialized functions. Valid driver's license may be required for positions operating a motor vehicle.