

Sent on behalf of SMCPD Chief Johnnie Adams (December 21, 2023)

Dear SMC Colleagues,

Some of our colleagues have received disturbing communications via email from a former student who has been confirmed to be outside of the country. This former student has emailed threats to Santa Monica College colleagues as well as those in other universities. SMC's Police Department is tracking these communications. **We can confirm that the sender is currently residing out of the country and that the threat is not credible.**

Receiving communications like this can be upsetting and we want to provide the college community a reminder of the resources available to support you. Students can access 24/7 emotional support from SMC's Center for Wellness and Wellbeing's hotline at 800-691-4022. Staff are also able to use this if they need to consult about a student.

SMC colleagues who are impacted are encouraged to utilize EASE services and support (EASE provides free, confidential, short-term counseling). EASE can be reached by calling 800-882-1341 and more information can be found here: <https://www.smc.edu/administration/human-resources/health-benefits/ease-employee-assistance-service-for-education-program.php>

Also, please remember you can reach out to the many resources at SMC if you have students you might be concerned about. **Reach out to SMC Police Department if you have an emergency situation or receive any threatening messages at 310-434-4300. The Care and Prevention Team should be alerted by submitting a referral here:** <https://www.smc.edu/student-support/health-wellbeing/care-prevention-team/>

Threatening communications should always be taken seriously and reported immediately. We are here to protect the college community and keep you safe.

Wishing you a restful, safe holiday season,

Chief Johnnie Adams, SMC Police Department