

# Welcome Letter to New Students

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Dear New Students:

I want to welcome each of you to SUNY Maritime College! You are about to begin one of the most exciting times in your life, and everyone in the University Police Department (**UPD**) wants to help you make your "Maritime Experience" is a safe one.

You often hear that SUNY Maritime is a special place, and it is! Its depth of character, traditions, diversity, commitment to academic excellence, as well as its beautiful natural surroundings contribute to making SUNY Maritime such an exemplary academic environment. We want you to enjoy the campus and take full advantage of everything SUNY Maritime offers and, in doing so, we encourage you to take appropriate personal and collective precautions when living, learning, working, and playing at Maritime College.

We take your safety very seriously and we want you to do the same. SUNY Maritime takes the issues of sexual assault, hazing, and the dangers of alcohol consumption very seriously. We ask that you commit to preventing these issues from interfering with your educational experience. Your safety is, and always will be, our department's greatest concern. Please know that we are always available to you, and we encourage you to contact us for any reason, at any time. You can reach us around the clock at 718-409-7311.

In the event of a catastrophic event occurring on or near campus, we will reach you via **RaveAlert** (SUNY Maritime's emergency notification system), which is a multimodal system of communications comprised of an outdoor siren and audible speakers, mass email, cellphone (voice and/or text), telephone, and desktop alerts. If you have not done so yet, sign up for **RaveAlert**, in your desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or cell phone device. Texts and voicemails are sent to those who sign up for the free service. To sign up, [Get Emergency Notifications](#).

**UPD** provides SUNY Maritime College with professional safety and law enforcement services that include incident response, investigation, and follow up of all safety, security, and law enforcement related matters that come to our attention. We strive to engage our community via education, information sharing and training programs, as our strongest ally in deterrence and prevention. The members of this department are dedicated to the Mission of the College and, as stated in our [Mission Statement](#), to the

maintenance of a campus environment that supports academic excellence, independent thought, and cultural collaboration.

We are here to help you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will see us around as you enjoy the campus, so please feel free to say hello or stop by and visit our offices at the entrance to the campus.

Again, welcome to SUNY Maritime and we look forward to you having a safe and wonderful Maritime Experience!

**Myron Pryjmak**

Chief of Police