



South Carolina Campus Safety Conference

Hosted by the SC Commission on Higher Education and Francis Marion University
Carter Center for Health Sciences, 200 W Evans Street, Florence, SC
June 11-12, 2026

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9:00 – 9:30 AM	Registration	
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Luther F. Carter, President, Francis Marion University Dr. Jeffrey Perez, President and Executive Director, SC Commission on Higher Education
10:00 – 10:45 AM	Policy Update	Macey Webb, Counsel, SC House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Responding to and Investigating Bomb Threats and Swatting Hoaxes	Brian LeBlanc, Supervisory Special Agent, Threat Response Squad, FBI Boston
12:15 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Remarks	Edgar Dyer, Board Member, SC Higher Education Foundation Stephen Herold, Regional Director Southeast, Critical Response Group
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Managing an Incident on Your Campus	Chief Donald Tarbell, Francis Marion University Chief Chip Searson, College of Charleston Deputy Chief Steve Valenti, Coastal Carolina University
2:30 – 2:45 PM	Break	
2:45 – 3:45 PM	What We Think We Know: Why Rape Myths Persist on College Campuses	Matthew Hammett, Executive Director, SC Institute on the Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses
3:45 – 5:00 PM	Autism Awareness on Your Campus	Angie Willard, Director for the Center for Autism Studies, Francis Marion University

Please join us for a reception following the conclusion of the conference on Thursday, June 11th at the D. Keith Best Black Box Theatre located at 201 S Dargan Street.

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9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Remarks	Trey Kenney, Community Programs Specialist, Avive Solutions, Inc.
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Workplace Violence	William Norris, Special Agent, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Behavior Intervention in Action: Balancing Student Support and Campus Safety	Erin McDonald, Associate Dean of Students, Coastal Carolina Kimberly Poole, Associate VP & Dean of Students, Clemson University Courtney Evans, Captain – Investigations and Support Services, Clemson University Marc Shook, Associate VP & Dean of Students, University of South Carolina Ann Almasi-Bush, Associate VP for Student Well-being, Dean of Students, College of Charleston
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	

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