

Purpose Statement

The Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence (RCPSE) President's Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to South Texas College on matters related to the workforce and professional training needs of the public safety, homeland security, and fire department agencies. Workforce and professional advanced training programs at the Center will benefit from the interagency collaboration, expertise, and professional guidance on the curriculum, facility, program standards, and other needs of public safety agencies and professional development of the region.

The President's Advisory Council is tasked with:

- Assisting South Texas College in the identification and development of law enforcement education training programs that best serve current and future public safety workforce needs.
- Recommending appropriate facilities, resources, and curricula to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities essential for employment in the law enforcement and public safety sector.
- Assisting the RCPSE in staying current with developing technology, best practices in public safety professions, and the needs of interagency cooperation.
- Identifying and pursuing funding opportunities in partnership with South Texas College that supports the role of RCPSE in meeting the needs of public safety agencies that serve the region on a local, state and national basis.

The President's Advisory Council will serve as the principal means of ensuring meaningful participation by public safety and homeland security leadership in developing and implementing appropriate workforce and professional advanced training programs and keeping those programs current with changing conditions.

Members of the President's Advisory Council are asked to advocate for the workforce training needs of their agencies and to represent the professional standards appropriate to their public service community.

President's Advisory Council Composition

The Council shall include law enforcement and homeland security leaders representing; local cities, local school districts, higher education institutions; in Hidalgo and Starr Counties, state, and federal agencies.

Functional Operations

The President's Advisory Council performs the following functions:

1. Provides RCPSE administration with a clear understanding of the workforce and professional needs of public safety professionals serving local, regional, state, federal, and international jurisdictions.
2. Assists with the development of curricula for public safety programs, including workforce competencies and deliverables for programs of study.
3. Provides candid guidance and counsel on issues raised by South Texas College administration related to proposed new programs/resources or revision to existing programs/resources at the RCPSE.
4. Encourages and support the RCPSE's contribution to public safety excellence for all partnering and potential future entities.
5. Supports the development of training and employment opportunities for RCPSE graduates with public safety agencies operating in the region.
6. Monitors the performance of the RCPSE and graduates, and recommend improvements to keep the program consistent with the needs of the agencies/professionals.
7. Assists with the engagement of leadership at the local, state, and federal level to support the RCPSE programs and development of further resources as appropriate to the needs of local public safety excellence.
8. Assists in promoting and publicizing the public safety programs to the community and potential stakeholders.
9. Represents the needs of students and community members from special and underserved populations.