

Stephen P. Wise

Dear Hiring Committee,

It is with great interest I am applying for your position as the Chief of Public Safety for SUNY Monroe Community College. The position is an excellent fit with my qualifications, interests and experience, as my resume will attest. I have been involved in higher education campus safety for the past 10 years, after over 20 years of policing in Monroe County, NY. I truly enjoy being involved in the academic community, where I contribute to a healthy and safe environment. One of my philosophies that guides me in my day to day work on campus is the thought that Public Safety on campus is an extension of the learning environment of a class room; a student can learn as much during an encounter with Public Safety as they can in a math class. Law Enforcement in an educational setting is an especially difficult task. Departments, in my opinion, need to be *more* community focused than a 'regular police' department. The goal is education and learning outcomes, rather than a punitive approach that is typical in law enforcement. The key to being successful in the role is having open minded, on-going dialogue with all members of the campus community while working toward the goal of student success and retention. My combination of Higher Education Safety AND traditional law enforcement make me an ideal candidate for the position. I understand the environment of a college campus and will work to continue the excellent reputation MCC has.

My 10-years at SUNY Genesee Community College will serve me well as a successful candidate for the position. Aside from the "normal safety and security duties", I am involved in the Title IX process, including conducting investigations, writing and revising policies & student housing. I have received in-depth training as a Title IX investigator and coordinator. I am involved in the student conduct process and behavioral assessments. I am also the chief Clery Compliance officer for the institution, having received intensive training in this area as well.

My days in Monroe County Law Enforcement will also serve me well; I started at the Greece Police Department as a dispatcher. I worked my way through the ranks in patrol and investigations, as an officer and supervisor. I also spent valuable time in administration, where I was responsible for hiring, training, budgets and purchasing. There was not an area of the department I did not work in or excel at.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration for the Chief of Public Safety for SUNY Monroe Community College. I have fond memories of my days as an MCC student, where my post high school education began and look forward to speaking with you further at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best Regards,

Stephen Wise