



## PARKING ENFORCEMENT QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Wayne County Community College District employs Police Authority Officers that are State of Michigan certificated and trained to the requirements set by the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and are licensed under Public Act 330. These officers have full law enforcement arrest powers and authority and may issue parking citations while on duty and in uniform on the District property.

### **Q. *Can Campus Safety/Police Authority officers write parking warnings, tickets and tow vehicles?***

- A.** Yes. A warning may be issued for individuals who violate the campus parking lot rules and regulations. These warnings are handled within the school and there are no fines to pay. Any person who commits more serious or repeat violations (fire lane, handicap, prohibited, reserved, etc.) may be issued parking citations that go through a city's municipal court. Officers are authorized to tow vehicles off school district property that meet certain criteria or if exigent circumstances exist. The costs for towing a vehicle will be at the owner's expense.

### **Q. *Why do Campus Police Authority officers write parking warnings and citations?***

- A.** Parking and traffic enforcement is one of the many responsibilities of the campus police authority. Every student and staff member is required to have a permit displayed on their vehicle. Knowing whose vehicle is parked on or near campus helps keep a safer school. Enforcement of parking lot rules and regulations in school parking areas and driveways keep pedestrians and drivers safer. Officers that patrol the exterior of the campus provide a visible police presence on the campus which helps deter other incidents such as vandalism, auto theft/burglary and trespass.

### **Q. *How do I take care of a ticket I received?***

- A.** If the ticket is a municipal ticket written by a campus police authority officer, you need to pay the fine amount listed on the ticket to the listed local court. If you wish to appeal the ticket or have any questions, please contact the local court. If you received a ticket that goes through the City of Detroit District Court, for example, follow the instructions on the back of the ticket or call the District court.

### **Q. *What happens if I fail or refuse to pay for my ticket(s)?***

- A.** A person who fails or refuses to pay or resolve their parking ticket(s) may face the following action: revoked parking privileges, vehicle towed at owner's expense, may have their vehicle booted and the impoundment and eventual auctioning of the vehicles of parking offenders, and may have the driver's license suspended until the ticket is resolved.

