

Campus Safety Statement on Scripps College “Halloween: Claremont after Dark” party

On October 29, 2022, at approximately 10:45 pm the Scripps College “Halloween: Claremont after Dark” party was shut down due to actions by party goers that resulted in unsafe conditions for students and staff. **At no point in the shutting down of the event did any Campus Safety or CSC Security Guards use a fire extinguisher or any force to disperse the crowd.** Vocal commands to leave the event utilizing a public address system were used to disperse the crowd. Immediately prior to the shutdown security guards witnessed students discharging a fire extinguisher.

The event was shut down at the direction of the Scripps College Student Affairs staff based on 200+ students forcing their way through the entry point all at one time, in addition to many students climbing over and/or pulling down event fencing.

All standard pre-planning protocols for this event were followed and the event was staffed with security guards based on the anticipated pre-set attendance via wristband distribution. All wristbands were distributed by Scripps Colleges’ Scripps Associated Students prior to the event. Unfortunately, there were a number of students attempting to gain entry to the party without a wristband or with counterfeit wristbands. Then the behavior of the crowd--forcing their way through the entrance, climbing over and/or pulling down fencing created an unsafe situation that necessitated the shutting down of the party.