



## SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES

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### Lead Safety and Security Counselor (LSSC)

**Lead Safety and Security Counselors (LSSC)** are sworn law enforcement personnel with full arrest authority in the state of Maryland. As senior members of the Office of Safety and Security Services and their respective security teams, **they provide direct supervision to all Safety and Security Services personnel within the schools of PGCPS**, lead complex investigations, and respond to serious school-based incidents. Their focus is on guiding other security staff with professionalism and integrity while keeping schools safe and resolving threats.

#### What They Do

In addition to investigative responsibilities, LSSCs provide daily guidance and oversight to other security team members, such as Safety and Security Counselors and Assistants. They help organize coverage across schools, clarify expectations, and offer support while working directly in an assigned school and cluster.

Other Key Responsibilities consist of:

- Collaborate and work closely with school administration, School Resource Officers, law enforcement agencies, and other agencies to identify safety concerns, develop preventive strategies, and ensure incidents are managed thoroughly and with care.
- Security planning for after-school activities, athletic events, and large gatherings.
- Investigate serious incidents involving weapons, threats, assaults, drugs, theft, violations of law or school policy, and other significant concerns.
- When necessary, they exercise their legal authority to intervene and take appropriate action.

**Lead Safety and Security Counselors play a key role in making schools feel safe, supported, and ready for teaching and learning. They provide leadership, reinforce accountability, strengthen partnerships, and support a culture of safety across PGCPS.**