

## New Director of Campus Safety Appointed

Ben Panigot leads with 8 years of experience at Andrews

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Andrews University administration announces the appointment of Benjamin Panigot as director of Campus Safety. The position was left open by Dale Hodges, who managed the Office of Campus Safety as director for seven and a half years until early September when he accepted a position in Louisiana to be nearer to family.

Panigot has served as assistant director and captain of Campus Safety for the past two and a half years and prior to that served in several different capacities in the same office since 2007.

“We are pleased to have someone who not only knows so much about safety and security but who is also so familiar with the Andrews campus,” says Larry Schalk, vice president for Financial Administration at Andrews University. “We believe Ben will be an excellent director of Campus Safety and welcome him to his new role.”

As a safety officer Panigot has maintained his skills and knowledge base through multiple channels, including: FEMA Emergency Management Institute; Department of Education Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools; Michigan State Police; Secret Service; National Weather Service and more. He has trained in areas as varied as Community Emergency

Response Team (CERT), fire fighting, storm spotting, interviewing and interrogation, Clery Act compliance and more.

Panigot has also served on several University committees over the years, as well as been a part of the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, the National Fire Protection Association and Professional Adventists for Safety & Security.

“The Campus Safety team works hard to take care of the students, faculty, staff and community members who enjoy being a part of our campus community,” says Panigot. “I’m excited for the chance to lead this team and consider myself blessed to have had such great mentors to show me how to lead.”

The Office of Campus Safety is located at 4355 International Court, near the intersection of International Court and Garland Avenue. Learn more about Campus Safety at [andrews.edu/safety](http://andrews.edu/safety) or contact them at [safety@andrews.edu](mailto:safety@andrews.edu) or 269-471-3321.

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