

Clery Act Annual Report 2008

INTRODUCTION

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (formerly known as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990) is a Federal Law that was enacted after the senseless assault and murder of a 19-year old Lehigh College freshman. The law was renamed in her memory in 1998.

In short, the Clery Act requires colleges and universities to disclose crime statistics for the prior three years, as well as current program for campus security and reporting procedures. The Germanna Community College (GCC) Department of Safety and Security, in compliance and support of this act, makes available the required information to all current and prospective students and employees, both online and in print form. Copies may be obtained through Facilities Management Office in room 117, at the Fredericksburg Area Campus, Earl Dickinson building, or by calling 540-891-3007.

An open log of reported crimes is available for review, upon request, in the Campus Security offices, located in the Earl Dickinson Building at Fredericksburg Area Campus at the Security console, French Slaughter Building at Locust Grove Campus in room 112, Daniel Technology Center Building at Culpeper in room 125, and the Facilities Management Office in room 117 of the Earl Dickinson Building at the Fredericksburg Area Campus.

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Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Safety and Security Manager, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat to the campus, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college communications broadcast system, e2 campus alert cellular system, e-mail system to students, faculty, staff, bulletin boards, electronic bulletin board, and security web site.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Safety and Security Manager, by phone (540-891-3007) or in person at the Facilities Management Office in room 117 at the Fredericksburg Area Campus, Earl Dickinson Building.

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Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The college’s Facilities Management Department prepares this Annual Crime Report for the entire college, to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be obtained from our web site at www.germanna.edu/security/crime_statistics.asp. This report is prepared in cooperation with information and data from the state and local law enforcement agencies surrounding our campuses.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the local law enforcement agencies and Germanna Community College Security Department. These statistics may also include crimes that have occurred in private residences or businesses that touch the college’s boundaries.

Each year, by email and flyers placed on bulletin boards and electronic message board notification is made to all faculty, staff and students that the Germanna web site provides access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the Facilities Management office located at Fredericksburg Area Campus, room 117 in the Earl Dickinson Building or by calling (540) 891-3007.

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Crime Statistics

Locust Grove Campus

	9/18/2009 2006		2007		2008	
	On campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property
Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense/Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense/non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense/Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense/non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other crime involving bodily injury	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest						
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0

Germanna Community College does not have non-campus buildings to report on.

Fredericksburg Area Campus

	9/18/2009 2006		2007		2008	
	On campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property
Criminal Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Reporting of Criminal Offenses

To report a crime:

Contact Locust Grove Campus Security, 540-423-9044; Fredericksburg Area Campus, 540-891-3079; or Daniel Technology Center, 540-937-2920 (non-emergencies), Dial 9-1-1 (emergencies only), or by using the Call boxes located in the parking lots. Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots, loitering around vehicles or inside buildings should be reported to the Security department. In addition you may report a crime to the following areas:

1. Safety/Security Manager
Fredericksburg Campus, Dickinson Building, Room 117 540-891-3007
2. Facilities Manager
Fredericksburg Campus, Dickinson Building, Room 117 540-891-3048
3. VP of Administrative Service
Locust Grove Campus, French Slaughter Building, Room 106 540-423-9042
4. VP of Academic Services
Fredericksburg Campus, Dickinson Building, Room 227A 540-891-3051

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Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the college or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the Safety/Security Manager or a designee of GCC Security Department can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving faculty, staff and students and determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

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Security and Access to Campus Facilities

During business hours, the College will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non business hours, access to all College facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via the Security Department.

Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules. Areas that are revealed as problematic have security inspections conducted of them. The Facilities Manager, Safety/Security Manager and Building and Grounds Supervisor review the security inspection. These inspections examine security issues such as landscaping, locks, alarms, lighting, and communications, and the necessary corrective actions are affected.

Germanna Community College does not have Residential Halls.

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Campus Law Enforcement

The Germanna Community College Security Department has the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at Germanna Community College. Security officers do not possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are referred to the local law enforcement having jurisdiction on the campus. The Security Department at Germanna Community College maintains a highly professional working relationship with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff Department, Orange County Sheriff Department, Culpeper County Sheriff Department and Virginia State Police. All crime victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report the crime to the campus Security Department and the appropriate local law enforcement agency. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on campus and timely disclosure of crime statistics.

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Accurate and Prompt Crime Reporting

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the College Security Department in a timely manner.

To report a crime or an emergency on the Fredericksburg Area Campus, call 911 or the Security Department at 540-891-3079. To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, call the Security Department at 540-891-3079.

To report a crime or an emergency on the Locust Grove Campus, call 911 or the Security Department at 540-423-9044. To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, call the Security Department at 540-423-9044.

To report a crime or an emergency on the Daniel Technology Center, call 911 or the Security Department at 540-937-2920. To report a non-emergency security or public safety related matter, call the Security Department at 540-937-2920.

All Security Department incident reports are forwarded to the Facilities Manager and Safety/Security Manager for review. If necessary, incident reports are forwarded to the Dean of Student Services and the Threat Assessment Team for potential action. The Security Department will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Facilities Manager and Safety/Security Manager and to the Dean of Student Services and the Threat Assessment Team if necessary.

Crimes should be reported to the College's Security Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Germanna Community College does not have a Campus Police Department.

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Counselors (For Institution without Confidential Reporting Procedures)

All reports will be investigated. Germanna Community College does not have procedures for voluntary, confidential reporting of crime statistics. Violations of the law will be referred to law enforcement agencies and when appropriate, to the College Threat Assessment Team for review. When a potentially dangerous threat to the College community arises, timely reports or warnings will be issued through the communications broadcast system, e2 cellular telephone system, e-mail announcements, the posting of flyers on campuses, in-class announcements or other appropriate means.

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Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

During the fall and spring semester in-service program for the faculty, adjunct faculty, and new students, the faculty, staff and students are informed of security awareness and crime prevention procedures and services offered by the Germanna Community College Security Department. Discussions, brochures, other hard copy handouts, and the Security website, outline ways to maintain personal safety on and around Germanna Community College campuses. Faculty, staff and students are told about crime on campus and areas surrounding the campus.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

When time is of the essence, information is released to the college community through security alerts posted prominently throughout campus, through computer memos sent over the college's electronic mail system and an e2 campus broadcasting alert system.

Starting in the fall the Germanna Community College Security Department will present crime prevention and awareness sessions.

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Criminal Activity off Campus

Germanna Community College does not have any off-campus student organizations.

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Alcohol Guidelines

Students of Germanna Community College shall not possess, use or distribute alcohol on school property including in buildings, facilities, grounds and property controlled by the College. Germanna Community College is committed to taking all actions consistent with individuals found in violation of Virginia and/or federal laws pertaining to the consumption of alcohol.

Faculty and staff of Germanna Community College shall not possess, use or distribute alcohol on college property including in buildings, on grounds and property controlled by the College except when authorized by the college. Alcoholic beverages can be authorized provided the following policies are met:

- An alcoholic beverage (banquet or special event) license must be secured for any function at which alcoholic beverages will be sold or consumed.
- Alcoholic beverages may only be served and consumed in conjunction with food, and the availability of non-alcoholic beverages is required.
- Only persons of legal age (21) shall be permitted to engage in the consumption or serving of alcoholic beverages. The sponsor is responsible for verifying attendee's age.
- The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted only in the area(s) designated for the scheduled event. Event sponsors shall not permit the entry or exit of persons with alcoholic beverage containers.
- A "Request for Authorization to Serve Alcoholic Beverages" form must be completed and approved before an event at which alcoholic beverages will be served or consumed can be scheduled.
- Requestors must allow college security to monitor the event.

Germanna Community College is committed to taking all actions consistent with individuals found in violation of Virginia and/or federal laws pertaining to the consumption of alcohol.

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Illegal Drugs

The possession, use, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs or other controlled substances by students, faculty or staff at Germanna Community College is prohibited. Germanna Community College is committed to taking all actions consistent with individuals found in violation of Virginia and/or federal laws pertaining to such substances. Germanna Community College addresses this issue with a program of enforcement, education, prevention, counseling, and referral.

Sanctions and Penalties: Germanna cooperates with local law enforcement authorities to enforce current statutes. Students, faculty, and staff are hereby notified that illegal involvement with drugs will result in disciplinary action by the College and referral for prosecution.

Disciplinary sanctions for students are enumerated in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities and include suspension or dismissal from the institution. Sanctions for faculty and staff range from referral to counseling and/or reprimands to suspension and termination of employment.

Criminal penalties for violations of local, state and federal statutes regarding the unlawful possession or distribution of illegal drugs include fines and/or imprisonment terms, depending upon the classification of the offense.

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Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education

Germanna Community College uses local community referrals for cases of alcohol and substance abuse.

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Sex Offenses

Germanna Community College will not tolerate sexual misconduct in any form. Sexual misconduct is a flagrant violation of the behavioral expectations for a college community. An educational institution is a community of trust whose very existence depends on the recognition of each individual's importance and value. This trust creates the freedom for each individual to live, think, act and speak without fear of physical harm. Sexual

misconduct shatters that bond of trust. All reported violations shall be regarded as serious and will be fully investigated. Acts of sexual misconduct may be punishable through civil and criminal proceedings, as well as through the College's disciplinary processes. This shall apply to all students and employees of Germanna Community College.

Germanna Community College informs students about the prevention of sexual misconduct and assault. In order to do this, a variety of programs and resources are made available annually to students, faculty and staff. This may include, but is not limited to, presentations by college security, local experts, and law enforcement representatives, literature and brochures, and publication of policy and procedure information in the college catalog. In addition new students who enroll in student development courses receive information on topics relating to personal awareness and prevention of sexual assault, misconduct and harassment.

Sexual Assault

Definition: Sexual assault is defined as sexual intercourse without consent, including rape (whether by acquaintance or stranger), sodomy, or other forms of sexual penetration. To constitute lack of consent, the acts must be committed either by force, threat of force, intimidations, or through use of the victim's mental helplessness of which the accused was or should have been aware. Mental helplessness includes incapacitation by alcohol or other drugs. Sexual assault also includes intentionally touching, either directly or through clothing, of the victim's genitals, breasts, thighs, or buttocks without the victim's consent, as well as touching or fondling of the accused by the victim when the victim is forced to do so against his or her will.

Verbal misconduct, without accompanying physical contact as described above, is not defined as sexual assault. Verbal misconduct may constitute sexual harassment, which is also prohibited under College regulations.

Student Reporting Procedures for Sexual Assault: In the event of a sexual assault or any sexual misconduct, the victim should first seek safety. The student who has been sexually assaulted could dial 911 directly or contact a College Counselor or Security Officer on duty.

Students can choose to pursue criminal proceedings and also file a complaint with the College, or the student can choose to just do the latter.

Counselors and Security personnel on duty can be found:

Fredericksburg Area Campus

V. Earl Dickinson Building	Counseling Center Room 201	540.891.3021
V. Earl Dickinson Building	Security Lobby Desk	540. 891.3079
Workforce Building	Security Lobby Desk	540. 834.1079

Locust Grove Campus

French Slaughter Building	Counseling Center Room 205	540.423.9123
French Slaughter Building	Security Room 112	540.423.9044

Culpeper Site

Daniel Technology Center Room 125 540.937.2920

The college personnel (Counselor or Security Officer) responding first to the student reporting an alleged sexual assault will:

- ensure that the student is directed toward adequate medical facilities and assistance;
- assist the student in filing a complaint the Dean of Students Services at Germanna;
- assist the student in notifying the local law authorities, if the student chooses to pursue criminal charges; and
- instruct the student of the importance of preserving evidence, in the event he/she wishes to file criminal charges. The victim should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical or legal exam.

Germanna Counselors are prepared to provide support to victims and/or witnesses of sexual assault while safeguarding confidentiality and assuring anonymity. Counselors will assist the student with identifying appropriate counseling and mental health resources and making referrals to appropriate community agencies which provide crisis intervention and victim assistance.

Some of the resources available in the community to assist with crisis intervention and victim assistance are:

Culpeper Area

Chrysalis Counseling Center	540.727.0770
Culpeper Regional Hospital	540.829.4100

Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania Area

Mary Washington Hospital	540.891.2603
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Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (serves several counties)

Fredericksburg Main Number	540.373.3223
24 Hour Crisis Intervention Hotline	540.373.6876

The Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault

(Provides crisis counseling and victim assistance and advocacy as well.)	540.371.1666
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The College will adjust class schedules for the victim after an alleged sex offense, if those changes are requested by the victim and are reasonably available. These requests should be made to the Dean of Students.

Sexual assault is punishable through civil and criminal proceedings as well as through the College disciplinary processes. Sexual assault is a violation of the Standards of Conduct outlined in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students found to have violated the Standards of Conduct are subject to the sanctions outlined in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities which include suspension and dismissal. Students who are victims of sexual assault will be advised that they may file civil and criminal charges through the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Students convicted of sexual assault will be subject to disciplinary actions at the College which may include suspension or dismissal.

Disciplinary Procedures for Sexual Assault: Procedures for handling student versus student allegations of sexual assault are outlined in the section on Disciplinary Procedures contained in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The student who alleges they have been sexual assault will file a report with the Dean of Student Services. The Dean of Student Services will conduct a thorough investigation of the incident, and based on the findings, will make the decision of what sanction is to be imposed. In cases where suspension and dismissal are imposed, the student accused of the sexual offense can appeal the Dean's decision by requesting a review committee be convened to consider the appeal. The review committee procedures allow for due process and the protection of the rights of the accused and the complainant. The complainant and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during any disciplinary proceeding. Both the complainant and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that is brought alleging a sex offense.

In cases of sexual assault, steps will be taken to safeguard the identity of the complainant outside of the confidential proceedings or the disciplinary process, unless the complainant gives formal consent for his/her identity to be revealed. No part of the complainant's sexual history shall be included as part of the disciplinary proceedings. All reported violations will be investigated.

Every effort will be made to maintain confidentiality and to protect the rights of the complainant and the accused.

Sexual Harassment

Definition: Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct or written communication of a sexual nature which is intimidating, hostile, or offensive. Sexual harassment shall be considered to have occurred when:

- Accepting or tolerating such conduct is made a term or condition of student's status or individual's employment, either explicitly or implicitly.
- Accepting or rejecting such conduct is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting the student or employee.
- Such conduct creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or learning environment, or substantially interferes with an employee's work performance or a student's academic performance.

Student Reporting Procedures for Sexual Harassment: Complaints of sexual harassment should be directed to the Dean of Student Services. Allegations will be fully investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken immediately if warranted. If the accused is a member of the College faculty or staff, the case will be handled via the Student Grievance Policy. If the accused is a student, the case will be handled according to procedures outlined in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

All reports will be treated confidentially and the complainant's identity will remain anonymous outside of any confidential disciplinary proceedings. Students who have concerns or questions regarding whether a particular behavior or situation constitutes sexual harassment are encouraged to confidentially consult a Counselor in the Counseling Center.

Disciplinary Procedures for Sexual Harassment: Sexual harassment *by a student* is a violation of the Standards of Conduct outlined in the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities and may result in suspension or dismissal. The Dean of Student Services will conduct a thorough investigation of the incident, and based on the findings, will make the decision of what sanction is to be imposed. In cases where suspension and dismissal are imposed, the student accused of the sexual harassment can appeal the administrator's decision by requesting a review committee be convened to consider the appeal. The review committee procedures allow for due process and the protection of the rights of the accused and the complainant. The complainant and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during any disciplinary proceeding. Both the complainant and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that is brought alleging a sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment of a student *by a member of the College faculty or staff* constitutes a complaint of unfair treatment and a violation of College policy. Any employee found in violation of the sexual harassment policy shall be subject to corrective action, which may include termination of employment. A valid complaint of unfair treatment will be handled through the Student Grievance Policy, with the following exceptions. In cases of sexual harassment, the student alleging sexual harassment is not required to file the initial complaint with the alleged harasser. Should the student reach Level 4 in pursuing resolution of the grievance and a grievance panel is elected, the President will constitute the Grievance Panel according to the guidelines set forth in the Student Grievance Policy.

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Sex Offender Registration

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention ACT" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Germanna Community College Security Department is providing a link to the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. In the Commonwealth of Virginia, convicted sex offenders must register with the Sex Offender and Crimes against Minors Registry maintained by the Department of State Police.

The Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry (SOR) for Violent Sex Offenders is available via Internet pursuant to Section 19.2-390.1, (D), of the Code of Virginia.

Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. Unlawful use of the information for purposes of intimidating or harassing another is prohibited and willful violation shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

The Virginia State Police is responsible for maintaining this registry. Follow the link below to access the Virginia State Police website.

<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>

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