

# **Crime Awareness and Campus Security Report**

Complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security  
Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act

University of West Florida Police Department  
11000 University Pkwy, Building 19  
Pensacola, FL 32514  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 474-2415

Calls are answered 24 hours a day by Police Service Technicians  
Web site: <http://uwf.edu/uwfpolice/>

## **CRIME AWARENESS AND CAMPUS SECURITY**

This information is being provided as part of the University of West Florida's commitment to safety and security on campus and complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

### **About This Report**

Statistics must be compiled by the University Police Department on certain crimes when reported by a victim or witness to the Department or a campus official with significant responsibility for student and campus activities. This report also includes certain crimes reported to the Escambia County Sheriff's Department and the Pensacola Police Department as required by the Act.

Notice of the availability of this report is made by October 1st of each year to enrolled students by email. Notice to prospective students is made with information included with application materials by the Admissions Office. Notice to prospective employees is made with information included with application materials by the Office of Human Resources.

The University Police Department collects information about crimes reported to the following university departments: Student Affairs, Judicial Affairs, Housing, Athletics, International Programs, and the advisors to chartered student clubs and organizations.

The Associate Vice President for Student Affairs annually reports to the University Police Department all judicial referrals alleging liquor, drug and weapons law violations. Further, the Director of Housing ensures that all such violations occurring in on-campus housing are reported to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.

## **Enforcement Authority / Other Police Agencies**

University Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers of arrest and responsibilities identical to the local police or sheriff in your home community. Officers meet training requirements mandated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Standards and Training as well as training designed to meet the needs of the university community.

The University Police Department prepares and submits a semiannual [Uniform Crime Report](#) to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The Department also enters reported stolen vehicles and property with serial numbers into the National Crime Information Center computer, allowing for recovery throughout the United States.

As an active member of the criminal justice system, the University Police Department interacts and cooperates with other law enforcement agencies. Cases are filed with the State Attorneys Office. Information may also be given to Student Affairs for action involving students.

The University requests that all crimes or suspected crimes occurring on campus be reported to the University Police Department as soon as possible.

An investigator is assigned full-time to follow up on crime and incident reports. He is responsible for preparing cases for filing, apprehending suspects, recovering property, and making crime prevention recommendations to reduce the chance of criminal activity.

## **Reporting Crimes or Other Emergencies**

Criminal actions and other emergencies occurring on campus should be reported immediately to the University Police Department by telephone, "blue light" telephone, in person at the university police department, or by contacting a police officer on patrol. The Department will respond by taking the following action(s) as necessary:

- Dispatch a police officer(s) to the scene of the reported incident
- Investigate the incident
- Take appropriate action(s) to identify, apprehend, and prosecute the person(s) responsible
- Notify or request the assistance of other law enforcement and/or other agencies when necessary
- Take action(s) and/or make appropriate notifications

As soon as convenient, the victim of a sexual assault should report the incident, including date or acquaintance rape to the university police, the local police (if off-campus), or university faculty or staff members. The victim should make every attempt to preserve any physical evidence of the assault. This may include a voluntary medical exam, not showering, or disposing of any damaged clothing, or other items that are present after/during the assault.

The University Police, with the victim's consent, will immediately conduct a criminal investigation of a reported sexual assault. Disciplinary actions may be imposed on recognized individual students, student organizations, and/or university faculty and staff found responsible for a sexual assault. University sanctions following campus disciplinary procedures depend on the outcome and may range from suspension to expulsion. Every effort will be made to criminally prosecute perpetrators of sexual assaults. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding and both shall be informed of the outcome of the proceeding.

If you become the victim of a sexual assault on or off campus:

- Get to a safe place
- Contact the University Police Department (or your local police if off campus)

- Do not shower, bathe, douche, change or destroy clothing
- Do not straighten-up the area
- Seek medical attention
- Call the Rape Crisis Center, 433-RAPE for services and referrals

After an alleged sexual assault incident occurs, the university will assist the victim in changing academic and living situations if so requested and if such changes are reasonably available.

## **Victim Advocacy Program**

The Victim Advocacy Program is available to assist people who are members of the university community and are victims of actual or threatened violence including, but not limited to, battery, assault, sexual battery (date rape, acquaintance rape and stranger rape) and attempted sexual battery. Follow up counseling services or other trauma assistance will be arranged as needed.

Although police reports are strongly encouraged, reports are not required for information or for referral assistance.

A victim advocate is available 24 hours a day. Call campus police at 474-2415.

## **Security and Access to Campus Facilities**

The University Police Department provides 24-hour patrol protection of university property, buildings, parking lots, and residence halls. All laws and codes are enforced on the campus, including regulations the university establishes to administer the campus community.

Officers are responsible for reporting and investigating crimes, issuing traffic citations, responding to medical emergencies, traffic accidents involving university property or injury, reports of fire, as well as other incidents that require police assistance.

Most campus educational facilities are open to the public during business hours. Certain facilities, including buildings, offices, and other areas of the campus may be restricted as to hours or access requirements.

Access to campus residence buildings operated by Housing is restricted to residents, their guests, and university officials.

Security and safety conditions on campus are continually evaluated by members of the University Police Department and campus community. Members of the University Police Department report security concerns, such as lighting and overgrown foliage making recommendations for correction as they become aware of them.

The campus community is encouraged to report any safety concerns, exterior lighting, or emergency telephone malfunctions to Facilities Management, 857-6000 or to the University Police Department, 474-2415. In University housing areas, the housing maintenance department should be notified at 474-2463.

## **Crime Prevention and Security Programs**

The Department has established programs that serve to raise the level of safety awareness of the campus community. These programs are conducted periodically or are available upon request. These programs include but are not limited to:

- Auto Theft and Burglary Prevention
- Bicycle Theft Prevention

- Crime Prevention Surveys
- General Crime Prevention
- Personal Safety
- Rape Prevention and Awareness

Other efforts in crime prevention include:

- Evening Escort Program – Safety escorts are provided to locations on campus during hours of darkness.
- Student Orientation Program – New students are introduced to members of the police department and provided crime prevention information.
- Operation I.D. Property Engraving – Members of the campus community may borrow engravers to mark their property.
- Security Surveys – The campus is surveyed for safety and security concerns regularly.

The University Police Department will provide timely notification to the campus community when a crime or incident occurs that presents a possible threat to campus safety. Crime warnings describing recent crime trends or dangerous incidents are distributed and posted campus wide, distributed on “Argo Notes” and can be accessed at the Police Department web site. Once all relevant information is available, crime warnings are typically distributed within 24 hours.

## **The University Alcohol and Drug Policy**

Possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages on campus are limited to certain approved events and locations covered by the University of West Florida’s official policy on alcohol and drugs. Consumption or possession of alcohol by persons under twenty-one years of age is not permitted on property of the university, including athletic fields and housing areas.

The University recognizes that alcohol or drug dependency is an illness and a health problem. Information, assessment, and referral services are available through the Counseling Center and Student Health Center. These programs assist students in finding alternatives to substance abuse, while promoting a healthy lifestyle and the ability to cope with problems as they arise. An Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available for faculty and staff who may be experiencing drug or alcohol related difficulties. Supervisors may refer staff members, or individuals may independently contact the EAP personnel.

All state laws dealing with alcohol, and state and federal laws regarding the possession, use and sale of illegal drugs are enforced by the University Police Department. Violators may be subject to fine, imprisonment, and/or sanctions from the university.

## **Policy on Sexual Assault and Acquaintance Rape**

The University of West Florida will not tolerate sexual assault in any form, including date/acquaintance rape. Every allegation of sexual assault will be taken seriously. Where there is reason to believe that the University’s regulations prohibiting sexual assault have been violated, the University will pursue strong disciplinary action. This discipline includes the possibility of suspension and dismissal or termination from the University.

Sexual Battery is defined in Florida Statutes 794.011 as oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object; however, sexual battery does not include an act done for a bona fide medical purpose.

Any employee, student, or other person at the University of West Florida who commits a rape or other crime of a sexual nature specified in Florida Statutes can be criminally prosecuted.

The most prevalent form of rape on college campuses is acquaintance rape. The acquaintance may be a date or an intimate friend, or someone known only casually from the residence hall, a class, or through mutual friends.

Any person who has been sexually assaulted has several options: Criminal prosecution against the assailant; civil prosecution against the assailant; the University disciplinary action if the assailant is a student or employee.

The University is committed to ensuring that students, employees, or other persons who have been sexually assaulted, including acquaintance rape, are provided treatment, assistance, and information and are treated with sensitivity, care and confidentiality. As soon as possible after a sexual assault, the person who was assaulted should contact the University Police.

The University will commit whatever resources may be required to assist and support those who have experienced sexual assault including:

Victim Advocate: 474-2415, provides assistance to victim during process.

Student Affairs: 474-2384, provides assistance to students who experience academic difficulties as a result of a sexual assault, directing the appropriate office to provide information, for identifying and coordinating training needs and developing training materials and programs, and providing status reports on any action taken against the assailant and the results of disciplinary proceedings (within the limits of the law) if the assailant is a student.

Housing: 474-2463, Responsible for providing a change of roommates or residence halls for resident students; developing additional programs regarding rape and sexual assault, for making appropriate referrals

Student Health Center: 474-2172, Responsible for providing follow-up information, care, treatment, and referrals;

University Police: 474-2415, Responsible for referrals to on-and off-campus resources, investigating and prosecuting all sex crimes occurring on campus, for maintaining official statistics on reported sex crimes, and for providing information and programming to the campus community (Investigations of all sexual assault complaints are conducted with sensitivity, compassion, patience and respect for the victim);

Counseling Center: 474-2420, Provides counseling services to students.

Rape Crisis Center: 433-RAPE, Provides a variety of services to victims including off campus referrals.

## **Graduation Rate**

Under the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crimes Statistics Act, institutions of higher education are required to disclose information to prospective and current students about institution graduation rates for first-time freshmen. The University of West Florida's graduation rate is 46.72%.