

# **Curry College**

## **Safety and Security Report 2011**

Curry College is committed to insuring a safe and secure community, where students, faculty and staff may experience academic, professional and personal success. To achieve this goal the Department of Public Safety provides a comprehensive program of police, security, crime prevention, fire safety, emergency medical, parking and related public safety services to help ensure the College community remains a safe and pleasant place to live, work and learn. To further meet this objective the Department of Public Safety works toward the establishment of a partnership with students, staff and faculty in the development of crime prevention, security assessment, response and education. This partnership is the foundation of maintaining an environment which encourages mutual respect, caring and safety for the campus community

### **Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act**

In 1990, Congress passed the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act. This law requires colleges and universities to report specific incidents of campus crime as well as policies and procedures for safety and security on campus. In 1998 the Act was amended to require the reporting of crimes committed in off campus property owned by colleges and universities and public property adjacent to the campus. The information contained in this booklet is being provided in compliance with the Act. A copy of this report is available on the Curry College website under Public Safety and is distributed annually. Please contact Public Safety for a copy of our Safety and Security Report.

### **Reporting of Crimes and Emergencies**

To report emergencies (Police, Fire, Medical) the number is 617-333-2222 or from any college telephone X2222. All calls are received at the Public Safety Dispatch Center, which is staffed twenty-four hours a day by Public Safety Officers. Emergency telephones that are indicated by an emergency sign are located at the entrance to each resident hall as well as numerous locations throughout the campus. An emergency button on each telephone, when pushed will automatically ring in the Public Safety Dispatch Center. The Department of Public Safety strongly encourages the reporting of all criminal activity in a timely fashion for immediate response to investigate and identify the perpetrators.

### **Timely Warnings**

#### **Policy:**

In the event that a situation arises, on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chief of Public Safety and the Dean of Students, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college e-mail system to students, faculty and staff. Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Department of Public Safety and Residence Life may also post a notice on the Public Safety web site at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu) and follow the link to the Public Safety web page providing the college community with more immediate notification. In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each Residence Hall. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Curry College Public Safety, by telephone at 617-333-2222 or in person at the Public Safety Office at the front gate or in the Mayflower parking lot.

## **To Report A Crime:**

### **Policy:**

Contact Public Safety at 617-333-2222 or by using the emergency telephones located at the front entrance to the Residence Halls, in the parking lots or at the administration buildings. Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around Residence Halls should be reported to Public Safety. In addition you may report your Residential Director or any staff person in Residence life.

For off campus options you may refer to the Milton Police at 617-698-3800 or by dialing 911 on your cell phone.

## **Confidential Reporting Procedures:**

### **Policy:**

If you are a victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the College system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report with your permission, the Chief of Public Safety 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 accurate records of the number of incidents involving students, 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. Students, faculty and staff can also contact the anonymous tip line at 617-333-2159.

### **Access to Campus Facilities**

Most campus facilities, other than student residence halls, are accessible to members of the campus community, their guests and visitors during the day, at night and on weekends depending on scheduled events and time of the year.

### **Access to Resident Facilities.**

All exterior doors to student resident halls are locked 24 hours a day. An electronic computerized card access system or key will allow access through exterior doors. The cards are programmed to allow access into the resident halls. Students are encouraged to report all missing and lost cards as soon as possible to the Department of Public Safety. All reported missing and lost cards are immediately removed from the card access system and replacement cards are issued. All overnight guests of students must register with the Residence Life Department.

### **Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities – Fire Safety**

The College maintains a very strong commitment to campus safety and security. A Safety Committee reviews all employee injuries, reports of hazards and makes recommendations to the College Administration for corrective action. Annual audits are conducted to assist in identifying possible hazards. The audits include the College grounds, exterior lighting, parking lots and access to all buildings. The Public Safety Department, Buildings & Grounds conduct a weekly check of campus lighting. Public Safety Officers are required



**Residential Halls Fire Suppression Systems**

<b><u>Residence Halls</u></b>	<b>Fire Alarm Monitoring Done by CCPS</b>	<b>Sprinkler System</b>	<b>Smoke Detection</b>	<b>Fire Extinguisher Devices</b>	<b>Evacuation Plans/Placards</b>	<b># of Fire Drills Each Year</b>
156 House	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
886 Brush Hill Road	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Brown House	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Cottage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Grey House	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	1
Green House	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	1
Lombard Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
Main House	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes	1
Mayflower Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	1
Milton Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	1
NCRH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1
North Hall	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes	1
Rose Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	1
Scholars Hall	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	yes	1
SCRH	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	1
State House	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	1
Suites	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	1
White House	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	Yes	1

**Law Enforcement Authority and Interagency Relationships**

Certain members of the Public Safety Department are Special State Police Officers (SSPO's) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 22C, section 63 of the Massachusetts General Laws and have full law enforcement authority in and upon all property owned, occupied or used by the College. Annually all officers receive in-service training in First Aid, CPR and law updates. Many officers also receive specialized training in sexual assault investigations, crime prevention, RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training, Hate crimes and domestic violence. The Department of Public Safety maintains a close working relationship with the Milton Police Department as well as the Massachusetts State Police and the Norfolk County District Attorney's office and Federal law enforcement agencies.

## **Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs**

Curry College Department of Public Safety places particular emphasis on crime prevention. A primary vehicle for accomplishing this goal is the College's comprehensive crime prevention program. This program is based upon dual concepts of eliminating or minimizing criminal opportunities whenever possible and encouraging students and staff to be responsible for their own safety/security and the security of others. The following is a listing of the crime prevention programs and projects offered by Curry College.

### **ESCORT PROGRAMS**

Provide a personal safety escort service for persons walking on campus to their Residence Hall during the hours of darkness when personal safety is a concern, or the shuttle service has ended.

### **NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

A crime prevention presentation accompanied by brochures and other printed material are given to new students during the beginning of each academic year. Security is also discussed at the opening day panel for parents and new students. Safety tips are also included in the Public Safety web site.

### **RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY**

Residence Hall Security Officers are on post at 11 Residence Halls on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7pm until 3am. All students and visitors must show either a Curry College I.D. or valid photo I.D. All guests must sign in. Crime prevention programs accompanied by literature and other printed material are available in residence halls on a regular basis. Security presentations are given to Resident Assistants (RAs & RD's) each year in August, at a training workshop.

### **EMERGENCY TELEPHONES**

A network of enhanced exterior phones is located in parking areas and near residence halls throughout the campus for on campus calls and emergencies. All of these phones have a direct dial emergency button which quickly connects the caller to out communications center. The extension number being used is displayed to the dispatcher for easy identification of the campus location from which they call is being made.

### **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

In lieu of the catastrophe at Virginia Tech, Curry College has developed a comprehensive Emergency Management Guide. This Guide is posted on the Public Safety web site. A copy of the Guide is also posted in every building and in every classroom on campus. Curry College has also installed a SIREN system on campus that would be activated to alert the community during a catastrophic event. The College has also installed a notification system called Connect-Ed. This system would notify the Curry College community via, telephone call (hard line or cell), text message, e-mails ect; this would

inform the college of an emergency situation on campus instantly and without delay. It would give the type of emergency, location and would inform the community of the necessary precautions that must be taken including evacuations. This system once activated will send out the message to several thousand prescribers instantly. The responsibility to send these emergency alert notifications is that of the Dean of Students & Director of Public Safety. In total there are an additional 4 persons with security privileges to activate this system. This system will be tested annually.

### **CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS**

The Department of Public Safety makes available a number of different crime prevention resources, both written and audiovisual in nature. We share crime awareness and prevention ideas and educational resource materials with other departments on campus and with the other area colleges as well. Using campus resources such as the world wide web, student newspaper, on-campus television and radio stations, and the campus mail system we work to keep crime awareness and prevention information on the thought of our community members. In addition, Public Safety staff coordinates and present crime prevention programs in a variety of campus settings throughout the year. A primary focus of our programming is sexual assault prevention.

### **PRINTED CRIME PREVENTION MATERIAL**

Printed crime prevention brochures, posters etc. related to sexual assault, residence hall safety reminders, off campus safety and library security are distributed at various locations throughout the college campus.

### **FACILITIES SURVEY**

Comprehensive surveys of exterior lighting, emergency telephones, exterior doors and grounds are conducted by Public Safety and Buildings & Grounds on a regular basis. All recommendations are submitted to Buildings & Grounds for immediate follow-up.

### **Community Policing/Outreach Officer**

The Community Policing Officer attends off campus workshops and maintains communication with other institutions to stay abreast of new ideas and programs in the crime prevention area.

### **Drug, Alcohol and Hazing Policies**

**DRUG POLICY** – See Student Hand Book

**ALCOHOL POLICY** – See Student Hand Book

**Enforcement** - The care and protection of all members of the College community, as well as the care and protection of the College, its property and its legal corporation, is the task of all members of the College. Those who choose to violate College and State regulations must be prepared to accept total responsibility for their individual or collective actions and should understand that possible outcomes include disciplinary action, loss of residence hall living privileges, personal liability, fine and/or imprisonment. Curry College provides a variety of services to students with alcohol or drug related concerns through the Office of Residence Life and the Counseling Center. These students may be seen in individual counseling on campus, invited to attend an

alcohol or drug education program, or referred to a specialist practitioner, treatment facility or group (e.g.: A.A., Alanon) in the local community.

### **Hazing Policy**

Pursuant to the laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 269, sec 17, the College expressly prohibits hazing which is defined by the College's Community Standards as an act(s) which endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, a group or organization. Consent of the participants is not a defense against a complaint of hazing. In addition Massachusetts General Laws defines hazing as conduct such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to weather, forced consumption of food, liquor, beverages, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress including extended deprivation of sleep or restore extended isolation. The Department of Public Safety performs Ant-Hazing training annually to all Athletic Teams.

### **CRIME STATISTICS**

The Campus Security Act was amended in 1998. Any marked increase across years or in the revised statistics from previous years can be accounted for by the fact that the geographic boundaries for reporting were greatly expanded in 1998, and reporting of drug, alcohol, and weapons violations has also been broadened to include not only arrests but also disciplinary referrals. The U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education published The Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting in June 2005.

### **HATE CRIMES**

**Policy:**

The Clery Act requires all Hate crimes associated with Part 1 crimes as defined in the Uniform Crime Code to be reported.

It is the policy of the Department of Public Safety to safeguard the state and federal rights of all individuals irrespective of their race, religion, ethnic background or sexual orientation. Any acts or threats of violence, property damage, harassment, intimidation or other crimes designed to infringe upon these rights are viewed very serious by Curry College and will be given high priority.

### **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs**

The College believes that educational initiatives directed to all students are a necessary component of its strategy to address the abuse of alcohol by its students. The College strives to inform members of the campus community regarding drug and alcohol issues prior to any violation through distribution to parents and students of its Alcohol Policy with a letter from Student Affairs, its Summer and Fall Program for new students and their parents, through Resident Assistant floor and hall meetings and through programs offered by various peer educator groups on campus. In addition, Students for Responsible Choices offers a program for first year students during the first week of the academic year entitled "Alcohol EDU" The College also

recognizes and provides programming during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week. Each residence life staff member is required to conduct an alcohol education program in every residence hall during the month of each year. The College believes that an important component of addressing drug and alcohol violations is an appropriate educational sanction.

For drug violations for which the above indicated programs would not be appropriate, the College utilizes the services of campus resources as well as private providers in the community to provide appropriate services and educational opportunities.

### **Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires colleges and universities to issue a statement advising the campus community where state law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. The Act also requires registered sex offenders to provide to appropriate state officials notice of each institution of higher education at which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. The Curry College community may access information regarding sexual offenders by contacting the Milton Police Department or by contacting the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Department of the Sexual Offender Registry Board at <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/sorb/>

### **Statement of Policy**

Curry College strictly prohibits sexual misconduct in all forms. Sexual misconduct includes the following:

#### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT I**

Any sexual penetration (anal, oral or vaginal), however slight, with any object or sexual intercourse by a man or woman upon a man or woman without effective consent. Sexual penetration includes vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue or finger and oral copulation by mouth to genital contact or genital to mouth contact.

Effective consent is informed, freely and actively given mutually understand-able words or actions which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent may never be given by minors (in Massachusetts, those not yet sixteen (16) years of age), mentally disabled persons and those who are incapacitated as a result of alcohol or other drug consumption (voluntary or involuntary) or those who are unconscious, unaware or otherwise physically helpless. Consent as a result of coercion, intimidation, threat of force or force is not effective consent.

#### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT II**

Any intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object by a man or woman upon a man or woman without effective consent. Sexual touching includes any bodily contact with the breasts, groin, genitals, mouth or other bodily orifice of another or any other bodily contact in a sexual manner.

Any disrobing of another or exposure to another by a man or woman without consent. Effective consent is informed, freely and actively given mutually understand-able words or actions which indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent may never be given by minors (in Massachusetts, those not

yet sixteen (16) years of age), mentally disabled persons and those who are incapacitated as a result of alcohol or other drug consumption (voluntary or involuntary) or those who are unconscious, unaware or otherwise physically helpless. Consent as a result of coercion, intimidation, threat of force or force is not effective consent.

### **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

Any conduct in which a student takes advantage of another without his/her consent for his/her own advantage or benefit or to benefit or advantage anyone other than the one being exploited and that behavior does not constitute Sexual Misconduct I or II or Sexual Harassment

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Any type of sexually oriented conduct, whether intentional or not, that is unwelcome and has the purpose or effect of creating an employment or academic environment that is hostile, offensive or coercive to a reasonable woman or man, as the case may be. For more information see the Sexual Harassment Policy as published in the Student Handbook and Harassment on Campus, copies of which are available in the Office of Human Resources or Residence Life.

### **STATEMENT ON CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Curry College community understands that all parties involved in the report of a violation of the sexual misconduct policy experience significant distress, whether they are the victim, the accused or any other individual associated with the report. All parties involved are expected to be treated with respect and dignity and the community will provide a safe place where the individuals may receive appropriate personal support.

If any person involved in the report of sexual misconduct desires confidential support, they should speak with professional staff in the Counseling Center or Health Services. Staff in Health Services is required by federal law to pass along no personally identifiable statistical information to Public Safety. The only information that will be released is that an incident was reported, the type of incident and the general location of the incident (i.e., “on campus” or “off campus”; no address will be given). Statistics given to Public Safety will be made available through publication in the Annual Campus Security Report.

Students have the right under federal law (Title IX) to expect that reports of sexual misconduct will be taken seriously by Curry College. At the request of the student making the report or when deemed necessary to protect the interests of the College community, reports will be investigated and properly resolved through administrative procedures. Officials of the College, such as the Residence Life staff, deans or other administrators, shall be available to any student seeking information or wishing to report an incident of sexual misconduct.

### **For An Individual Reporting Sexual Misconduct**

Curry College recognizes that a student reporting an incident of sexual misconduct may desire confidentiality and may not want the College or Public Safety to investigate and attempt to resolve the incident. For any student who so requests,

officials of the College will maintain confidentiality to the extent permitted bylaw. However, the College reserves the right to investigate and pursue resolution when it is deemed necessary to protect the interests of the College community.

A student who initially requests confidentiality and who requests that the College not investigate or pursue resolution may later request that the College investigate and pursue resolution. No names or other information that could reveal the identity of the individuals involved will be made public in the Public Safety log. Students are able to contact to the anonymous tip line X2159

Students should be aware that administrators (with the exception of Counseling Staff) must fulfill separate requirements as a matter of law. All personally identifiable information shall be kept confidential, but statistical information must be passed along to Public Safety regarding the type of the incident and its general location for publication in the Annual Campus Security Report. This report helps to provide the community with a clear picture of the extent and nature of campus crime to ensure greater community safety. In addition, College administrators must issue timely warnings for incidents reported to them that continue to pose a substantial threat to bodily harm or danger to members of the campus community.

### **MISSING STUDENT**

If a member of the Curry College community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should immediately notify Public Safety at 617-333-2222. Curry College Public Safety will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

After investigating the missing person report, should Public Safety determine that the student is missing for more than 24 hours, Curry College will notify Milton Police Department and the student's emergency contact no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing.

If a member of the Curry College Community has reason to believe that a student is missing, whether or not the student resides on campus, all possible efforts are made to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being through the collaboration of the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Affairs. If the student is a resident, the Department of Public Safety will collaborate with the Office of Student Affairs to make a welfare check into the student's room. If the student is a Commuter or a Continuing Education, the Department of Public Safety will enlist the aid of the neighboring police agency having jurisdiction. Concurrently college officials will endeavor to determine the student's whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, and/or employers of the student. Whether or not the student has been attending classes, and scheduled organizational or academic meetings; or appearing for scheduled work shifts will be established.

If not located, notification of the family within 24 hours of receiving the initial report is made to determine if they know of the whereabouts of the student. Each student that resides on campus has the option to register a confidential contact person to be notified in case that the student is reported missing and that only authorized campus officials and Law Enforcement officers in furtherance of a missing person investigation may have access to this information. Furthermore any student less than 18 years of age and not emancipated that their parent or legal guardian will be notified. If the student is an off-campus resident, appropriate family members or associates are

encouraged to make an official missing person report to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. The Department of Public Safety will cooperate, aid, and assist the primary investigative agency in all ways prescribed by law. The Curry College Department of Public Safety has established partnerships with the Milton Police, State Police and the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office if such incident should occur.

*Suzanne's Law* requiring local police to notify the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) when someone between 18 and 21 is reported missing was signed into law by President George W. Bush in the Spring of 2003 as part of the national "Amber Alert" Bill. The federal law is named after Suzanne Lyall, a State University of New York at Albany student who has been missing since 1998.

**CRIME STATISTICS  
CURRY COLLEGE**

OFFENSE	On Campus			Residential Facilities			Non-Campus			Public Property			Reports f/Police		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neglient Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	1	3	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	10	7	5	10	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offences, Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	289	223	173	264	223	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Arrest	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Drug Law Violations	31	30	32	27	30	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrest	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Illegal Weapons Violations	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>HATE OFFENSES</b>															
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any Other Crime Involving Bodily Injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation															
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Prop	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0