

## NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### INTRODUCTION

The publication of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics – 2015 is a 1998 amendment of Public Law 101-542 which requires all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information.

Naugatuck Valley Community College distributes this publication annually by October 1 to our campus community of students, prospective students, employees and prospective employees. This publication is available on the NVCC Web site at: **nv.edu/clery.** Printed copies are available throughout campus.

Questions regarding this publication can be directed to the Director of Public Safety, 203-575-8118.

Continuing Notice of Nondiscrimination: Naugatuck Valley Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, national origin, marital status, ancestry, present or past history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression or genetic information in its programs and activities. In addition, the College does not discriminate in employment on the additional basis of veteran status or criminal record.

The following individual has been designated to handle nondiscrimination policies regarding disability policies: Robert Divjak, Director of Facilities/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Room C216, Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT 06708; 203-575-8235. The following individual has been designated to handle nondiscrimination policies regarding sex discrimination as well as other forms of prohibited discrimination: Jacquie Swanson, Associate Director of Human Resources/Title IX Coordinator, Room K704, Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway, Waterbury, CT 06708; 203-575-8043.

### CAMPUS POLICE AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

Naugatuck Valley Community College has a full-service Public Safety Department that operates 24/7, 365 days a year. The department employs sworn police officers, non-sworn building and grounds patrol officers, and telecommunication operators. Police officers have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest within the campus jurisdictional boundaries. Non-criminal violations of college policy and regulations committed by a student will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for separate review and action.

All criminal offenses will be investigated by an officer to the fullest extent allowable by law and department resources. Some criminal investigations may be assisted by local and supporting police agencies, including the Connecticut State Police and the Waterbury Police Department. Criminal offenses occurring at the Danbury campus will be investigated by the Danbury Police Department.

The prosecution of all criminal offenses that occur on the NVCC campus, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted at the designated Superior Court of Connecticut. By mutual agreement with state and federal agencies, the NVCC Public Safety Department maintains an NLETS terminal (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network). Through this system police personnel can access the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) system as well as the Connecticut Online Law Enforcement Communications Teleprocessing (COLLECT) system. These databases are used for accessing criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement information.

### REPORTING CRIMES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

## To report a Crime on the Main NVCC Waterbury Campus:

To report a crime, you may call the NVCC Public Safety Department at 203-575-8113 if calling from a non-campus phone, or 8113 if calling from a campus phone. There are also direct-dial phones to Public Safety located throughout campus in several areas, including next to most elevators, in parking garages and near some buildings. You may also report a crime by reporting it in person at the NVCC Public Safety Department in the Core Building, first floor, C122. Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots, loitering around vehicles, inside or around buildings on campus should be reported to Public Safety. In addition, you may report a crime to any college official or employee, who will, in turn, contact the Public Safety Department. The following is a list of some of the key NVCC officials who will receive your report and forward it to Public Safety:

Provost/Senior Dean of Administration	. 203-575-8220, K706
Dean of Student Services	.203-575-8034, K509
Dean of Academic Affairs	.203-575-8116, K719
Director of Human Resources	.203-575-8056, K704
Director of Student Activities	. 203-575-8269, S514
Title IX Coordinator	.203-575-8043, K704

For off-campus options you may refer to the current college catalog and student handbook. The NVCC Public Safety Department receives mutual aid assistance from both the Connecticut State Police and the Waterbury Police Department. Crimes may be reported to these law enforcement agencies and, when appropriate, will be referred to NVCC Public Safety Department for investigation.

## To Report A Crime at the Danbury Campus:

To report a crime at the Danbury Campus, located at 183 Main Street, Danbury, CT, you may call the Director at 203-798-9378, the Administrative Offices at 203-797-9361 or you may contact the Danbury Police Department by dialing 9-1-1 in Danbury or 203-797-4611. You may also report a crime in person at the Danbury Campus.

### CRIME REPORTING

Students, faculty, staff and guests of Naugatuck Valley Community College are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the NVCC Public Safety Department in a timely manner. Anyone who is a victim or witness to any crime should promptly report the incident to the police. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to other NVCC campus security authorities.

To report a crime or an emergency on the campus, call the Public Safety Department at 203-575-8113 if calling from a non-campus phone, or 8113 if calling from within the college phone system. The Public Safety Office is staffed 24/7, 365 days a year and someone will be available to take your call. In response to a call for service, officers will usually report to the caller's location or, in some cases, the caller may be asked to report to the Public Safety Office, located in the Core Building, C122.

Some incident reports involving students are forwarded to the Dean of Student Services for review and possible action.

If assistance is required from another agency, such as the Connecticut State Police, Waterbury Police or Waterbury Fire Department, the Public Safety Department will contact the appropriate agency. If a sexual assault is reported, staff on the scene, including the Public Safety Department, will offer the victim available services and referral for further services.

All crimes or suspicious incidents should be reported to the NVCC Public Safety Department to ensure accurate investigation and, if required, inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the campus and surrounding community, when appropriate.

### 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 Director or a designee of the NVCC Public Safety Department or any campus security authority 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, NVCC can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving members of the campus community to determine if there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method or suspect and alert the campus community to any potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are included and disclosed in the annual crime report published by NVCC.

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### TIMELY WARNINGS

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that is judged by the Director of Public Safety (or his/her designee) to constitute an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through any/all of the college's notification systems, depending on the threat and circumstances. These notification systems include, but may not be limited to: myCommNet Alert messaging system, campus wide e-mail, VoIP broadcast service, video bulletin boards, internal/external speakers, and face-to-face notifications. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the NVCC Public Safety Department by telephone to 203-575-8113 (8113 from an internal campus phone) or in person at the Public Safety Office located in the Core building, C122.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Naugatuck Valley Community College periodically offers sexual assault education and information programs to students and employees. In addition, literature on date rape education and risk reduction is posted throughout campus and information is also included in the Student Handbook. Information may also be available through Student Services.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at Naugatuck Valley Community College, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The Public Safety Department strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to an NVCC Public Safety Officer. Filing a report with a college Public Safety Officer will not subject the reported victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from college officials. Filing a report will enable the college to refer a person who reports being a victim of a sexual assault.

- as appropriate for necessary medical treatment and tests
- to those who may assist in the proper collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet or change clothing prior to a medical/ legal exam)
- to confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention

When a person contacts the NVCC Public Safety Department and reports that she/he has been the victim of a sexual assault, the report will be thoroughly investigated and, if necessary, other law enforcement agencies may assist in the investigation. The investigating officer will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his/her decisions. Various counseling options and support services are available in the community and will be provided to the victim. In addition, the Dean of Student Services and the Title IX Coordinator will be notified to supplement services to the victim and, if the accused is a student, to initiate an independent investigation into the incident. They will also assist the victim in ensuring that her/his academic needs continue to be met throughout the process.

College student conduct proceedings, as well as the Board of Regents' guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct, are detailed in the student handbook. The handbook provides, in part, that the accused student and the reported victim will each be allowed to choose a person who has had no formal legal training to accompany them throughout the hearing. Both the reported victim and accused student will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found to have violated a policy or rule regarding sexual misconduct may be suspended or expelled from the college for the first offense in addition to possible criminal prosecution in the courts. Victims of a sexual assault have the option to request a change in their academic situations after a reported sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

## SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 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 who are 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 on a vocation or is a student.

In the state of Connecticut, convicted sex offenders must register with the Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police, Sex Offender Registry Unit, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 54-250. The Sex Offender Registry information provided under this law is intended to be used for such purposes as the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees and 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 a willful violation shall be punishable as provided by law.

The Connecticut Sex Offender Registry may be accessed on the Connecticut State Police website through the following: <a href="http://www.communitynotification.com">http://www.communitynotification.com</a>. Registry information is also available at all law enforcement agencies, including the NVCC Public Safety Department, located in Room C122 of the Core building.

### OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

The Public Safety Department of Naugatuck Valley Community College does not provide law enforcement services off-campus. Criminal activity off campus is monitored and recorded by the local law enforcement agency. In Danbury, that includes the Danbury Police Department or the Connecticut State Police. NVCC Public Safety Department enjoys a close working relationship with the Connecticut State Police and the Waterbury Police Department when violations of federal, state or local laws are reported. This cooperative team approach addresses situations as they arise as well as future concerns.

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### CAMPUS SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Naugatuck Valley Community College addresses campus safety and crime prevention programs and issues with the campus community through a variety of venues:

- Employee campus-wide announcements
- Employee Policy & Procedures Manual
- Information sessions
- Posters
- Student handbook
- Student orientation
- Women's Center, located in Kinney 405

### DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Board of Regents endorses the statement of the network of colleges and universities committed to the elimination of drug and alcohol abuse, which is based on the following premise:

American society is harmed in many ways by the abuse of alcohol and other drugs — decreased productivity, serious health problems, breakdown of the family structure, and strained social resources. Problems of illicit use and abuse of substances have a pervasive effect upon many segments of society — all socio-economic groups, all age levels and even the unborn. Education and learning are especially impaired by alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. (Statement of the Network of Colleges and Universities Committed to the Elimination of Drug and Alcohol Abuse)

The Board recognizes that education regarding alcohol and substance abuse is an appropriate and even necessary part of contemporary college life. Since the unauthorized use of controlled substances, in addition to the potential harmful effect it may have on students and employees, is contrary to state and federal law and regulation, it must be prohibited in any college activity, on or off the college campus.

Although the conditions of alcohol and drug dependency may be considered disabilities or handicaps under state and federal law and regulation and Board of Regents' policy, and employees and students will not be discriminated against because they have these disabilities, all students and employees are considered to be responsible for their actions and their conduct.

These provisions shall apply to all colleges, including Naugatuck Valley Community College, under the jurisdiction of the Board:

- No student or employee shall knowingly possess, use, distribute, transmit, sell
  or be under the influence of any controlled substance on the college campus or
  off the college campus at a college-sponsored activity, function, or event. Use
  or possession of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered
  physician shall not be a violation of this provision.
- 2. All colleges shall develop and enforce policies regarding the sale, distribution, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, subject to state and federal law. Consistent with previous Board policy, the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus may be authorized by the president subject to the following conditions, as appropriate:
  - a. when a temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages has been obtained and dram shop act insurance has been purchased;
  - b. when a college permit has been obtained
  - c. when students bring their own beverages
  - d. when alcoholic beverages are provided by a student organization and no fee is charged for attendance or for said beverages
- 3. All colleges shall provide educational programs on the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and referral for assistance for students and employees who seek it. Colleges are encouraged to establish campus wide committees to assist in development of these programs in response to particular campus needs and identification of referral resources in their respective service planning regions.
- 4. This policy shall be published in all college catalogs, faculty and staff manuals and other appropriate literature.
- 5. Failure to comply with this policy will result in invocation of the appropriate disciplinary procedure and may result in separation from the college and referral to the appropriate authorities for prosecution. (Adopted November 20, 1989)

The policy of Naugatuck Valley Community College regarding the serving of alcoholic beverages on campus is as follows:

The use of alcohol at any college activity on or off campus is prohibited unless the College president approves prior authorization. The president has established the following procedure regarding requests for the serving of alcoholic beverages at college functions:

- 1. Any request to serve alcoholic beverages must be consistent with the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges' Policy 4.15, "Drugs & Alcohol Policy in the Community Colleges".
- 2. The request must be submitted in writing to the Provost/Senior Dean of Administration at least four (4) weeks in advance of the event.
- 3. If the sale of alcohol is being solicited, the request must demonstrate that a temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages will be obtained and dram shop act insurance will be purchased.
- 4. A paragraph in the request must describe how alcohol will be made available only to legal age students and/or guests. This includes students bringing in their own alcoholic beverages, or beverages being provided free when purchased by a student organization or other group.

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- The request must include a plan for a visible educational program display or presentation urging responsible drinking of alcoholic beverages during the event.
- 6. Once the Provost/Senior Dean of Administration has reviewed the request for all necessary compliance, the request will be forwarded to the College President for final decision. Final approval can be granted only by the College President. Note: Under no conditions will alcoholic beverages be purchased for consumption with monies from the General or Operating funds of this College.

(Updated and clarified by the College President, July 1, 1998)

## **Drug and Alcohol Education**

Naugatuck Valley Community College has a student recovery group (Recovery Society) that meets under the direction of the Coordinator of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Counselor (DARC) program. Educational materials are provided at the annual student expo. Past events include a drug and alcohol awareness day and providing education on substance abuse for community organizations.

A "Drug Free Workplace" policy is distributed by e-mail annually in the Weekly Bulletin, a publication for college employees. In addition, the college Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a professional, free and confidential service for employees that is equipped to handle drug and alcohol issues that employees may experience.

## **Security and Access to NVCC**

During business hours, NVCC will be open to students, employees, parents, contractors and guests. When the college is closed, employee access to all college facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance by Public Safety Department staff. Students will not be permitted access to the buildings when the college is closed unless prior written permission has been received by the Public Safety Department from the academic division providing permission and then, only when a defined academic need exists. College facilities such as the Library, Bookstore, computer labs and study areas are not available for student use when the college is closed. Security and access concerns are addressed by the Director of Public Safety, Director of Facilities, Provost/Senior Dean of Administration, Public Safety Officers and Maintenance personnel, in addition to other appropriate college personnel when necessary.

# **Counselors and Voluntary Confidential Reporting of Crime Statistics**

The College does not employ pastoral or professional counselors to provide therapeutic services. Therefore, voluntary confidential reporting to these individuals is not an issue for consideration at NVCC.

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