St. Vincent’s College

Annual Campus Crime Report

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Message from the President

Welcome! At St. Vincent’s College we pride ourselves on our focus on educating students for entry into highly sought after health careers in a small college environment. Our program offerings include completion programs leading to Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing and Radiologic Sciences, Associate of Science Degree programs in Nursing, Radiography, Medical Assisting and General Studies, and certificate programs in Central Sterile Processing Technician, Health Care Management, Health Information Technology Coding, Health Promotion, Medical Assisting, Multi-Skilled Assistant, Lay Patient Navigator and Patient Navigator, and Pharmacy Technician. An RN Refresher program is also offered for RN’s who have not worked for some time and who wish to reenter the workforce.

The College is committed to helping to meet the healthcare workforce needs of the greater Bridgeport region through campus based and online instruction in allied health fields. Over 4,000 healthcare professionals have been prepared by this institution. Graduates have expressed a high degree of satisfaction with their total college experience at St. Vincent’s including the quality of instruction they received and the dedication that faculty and staff have to their success.

I encourage you to learn more about how St. Vincent’s College can contribute to your success.

Martha K. Shouldis, Ed.D.
President/CEO

Campus Safety & Security Team

St. Vincent’s College is concerned about the safety and welfare of all campus members and guests and commits itself to promoting a safe and secure environment. Because no campus can totally isolate itself from crime, St. Vincent’s College has developed a series of policies and procedures designed to ensure that every possible precaution is taken to protect persons on campus.

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The information in this publication has been compiled and presented in compliance with the requirements of the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.” The purpose of this report is to provide a valuable resource to the College Community with regards to campus crimes and security policies. Additionally, the report is in compliance with Federal Public Law 101-542, 110-315 and Connecticut General Statute 10a-55 to 10a-55c.
Overview of St Vincent’s College

St. Vincent’s, established in 1905 is a community based Catholic College providing an education in nursing, allied health, and the liberal arts and sciences. Its mission is derived from the historic commitment of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul to care for the sick poor and to educate others for the healthcare ministry.

St. Vincent’s College is a community of about 1,000 people, located in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Bridgeport is the most populous city in the state of Connecticut. Located in Fairfield County on the Pequonnock River and Long Island Sound, the city has a population of over 147,216 (at the 2013 United States Census) and is the core of the Greater Bridgeport area, covering an area of 19.40 square miles.

As part of the larger community, St. Vincent’s College shares many of the same interests and problems, including a concern about preventing crime and ensuring public safety.

On the St. Vincent’s campus, the Department of Safety & Security, and St. Vincent’s community members themselves are responsible for a number of measures to ensure personal safety and to protect property.

This Annual Crime Report contains comprehensive information on crime reporting and safety on campus, as well as crime statistics. On or before October 1st of each year, an e-mail is sent notifying all students and employees that the Annual Report is available online. The email notice also advises that a written copy of the report is available upon request from the Office of the Director of Administrative Services, Room 404 of the Hunting Street Building.

In compliance with The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (formerly The Student Right to Know Act of 1990), St. Vincent’s regularly provides information regarding crime statistics and security measures through public safety email communications sent to employees, currently enrolled and prospective students, and matriculated students.

In addition, St. Vincent’s publishes this annual report of certain categories of crimes reported on the St. Vincent’s campus, St. Vincent’s safety policies and procedures, and other measures the College takes to prevent crime and ensure safety.

Mission Statement

St. Vincent’s College is a community-based college, faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, providing education in nursing and allied health, and the liberal arts and sciences.

Hallmarks:

• Provides access to clinical experiences through affiliation with a major medical teaching center.
• Exhibits special concern for the underserved and those with a variety of life experiences and varying religious backgrounds.
• Provides a curriculum in which caring and compassion are integral to the development of technical and educational competencies, and encourages social awareness among faculty and students.
• Provides an education, which is responsive to current and future needs of the local healthcare environment and the greater community.
Serves as the foundation for lifelong learning, professional development and spiritual and personal enrichment.

St. Vincent’s College derives its mission from the historic commitment of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul to care for the sick poor and to educate others for the healthcare ministry. The mission is based on Judeo-Christian values and Vincentian tradition and is guided by the Core Values of Ascension Health: Service of the Poor, Reverence, Integrity, Wisdom, Creativity and Dedication.

**Campus Security Act**

The Campus Security Act of 1990, also known as the Clery Act requires universities to:

- Publish an annual report every year by October 1st, which contains three (3) years of campus crime statistics and certain security policy statements.

- Disclose crime statistics for the campus, public areas immediately adjacent to (or running through) the campus, and non-campus facilities. The statistics must be gathered from the Department of Safety & Security, local law enforcement, as well as other College officials who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities.”

- Provide timely warning notices of crimes or incidents that have occurred and pose an on-going threat to students, faculty, and staff.

- Disclose in a public crime log “any crime that occurred on campus ... or within the patrol jurisdiction of the campus police or campus security department and is reported to the campus police or security department.”

St. Vincent’s College provides this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy & Campus Crime Statistics Act, codified at 20 USC 1092 (f) as a part of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The Clery Act was originally enacted by Congress and signed into law in 1990 as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act.

This report is sent to all current employees and students via email and is also available on the College website. It is available to any applicant, student, prospective employee, or employee who requests a copy. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Crime Statistics report is published by the College every September for the preceding calendar year.

The safety and security of all students, faculty, staff and guests on the campus grounds are of primary concern to the St. Vincent’s College Administration. St. Vincent’s Medical Center is responsible for the safety and security of the grounds. St. Vincent’s Medical Center Security is operational on a seven day, twenty-four basis. The Safety & Security Department staffing consists of an Executive Director of Facilities and Safety, two Security Services Managers, two off shift Security Coordinators and security officer personnel. Officers monitor alarms, monitor access via access control systems, monitor cameras and perform both foot and vehicle patrols of the College, Medical Center and adjoining property. Safety & Security Officers of the Medical Center and College are public safety officers and do not have arrest powers. The Safety & Security Department has a strong working relationship with the City of Bridgeport Police Department and would require their assistance if a criminal issue were to present itself. The Bridgeport Police Department does provide the Safety & Security Department with crime activity data on its surrounding property on a regular basis, so that appropriate safety measures can be initiated as required.
St. Vincent’s Medical Center Safety & Security Department is required by the Clery Act and the Department of Education to maintain a public log of all crimes reported that occur on campus, as well as all crimes in non-campus buildings, on non-campus property, or on certain public properties that are within the patrol jurisdiction of the St. Vincent’s campus security, those reported to the Safety & Security Department or those of which we are made aware. The log is required to have the most recent 60 days’ worth of information. Each entry in the log must contain the nature, date, time and general location of each crime and disposition of the complaint, if known. Information on incidents older than 60 days must be made available to requesters within two business days. The Daily Crime Log is available at http://www.stvincentscollege.edu/current-students/student-safety-security/crime-log/.

Given the serious nature of certain crimes, the College reserves the right to initiate administrative disciplinary measures for certain crimes committed by its students, faculty or staff outside of its campus.

The College has an outstanding safety record due to the support of its faculty, students, and other members of the College community. We ask everyone to follow College and Medical Center policies and procedures regarding safety, security and general rules of conduct. Everyone is asked to report suspicious activities, inappropriate behavior and crimes immediately to the Safety & Security Department. The College Safety Committee meets at least quarterly to review incidents and safety/security issues of the College. This Committee initiates recommendations and corrective action plans, as well as annual training and/or testing of its emergency procedures.

The St. Vincent’s Security & Safety Department is responsible for compiling the annual statistical information and policy information included in this document.

The College’s Annual Security Report is available on the College’s website or at the U.S. Office of Post Secondary Education website at http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/index.html. Statistical information is gathered from security incident reports/complaints that are reported to the St. Vincent’s Safety & Security Department. Additional information is provided by crime data reports submitted by the Bridgeport Police Department on public property adjacent to the Medical Center and College.

Students requesting information on these reports may visit the St. Vincent’s Safety & Security Department located on Level 1 of the Medical Center (adjacent to the Employee Entrance on Hawley Avenue).

St. Vincent’s College Campus Security

The safety of the St. Vincent’s College Campus Community is extremely important. The St. Vincent’s Safety and Security team serves as the College’s campus safety department. As such they are licensed to provide Security Services by the State of Connecticut. Their backgrounds reflect almost 300 plus years of experience, based on their collective years in law enforcement, corrections, contract & proprietary security, hospital security, and armed forces service.

The College is protected through an arrangement with the St. Vincent’s Medical Center Safety & Security Department. Every effort is made to provide a healthy and safe learning and work environment for members of the College Community. All students are required to participate in a safety and security program that is part of their orientation. Drug education programs are offered during the academic year and attendance is strongly encouraged at all programs dealing with safety and security issues.
The department responsibilities include the overall security and safety of the Medical Center and College itself as well as off-site locations and parking sites. These services are provided on a continual 24-hour, seven-day per week basis through the integration of security personnel and equipment.

Safety & Security Services provide:
- Foot and vehicle patrols
- 24 hour Escort Service

Campus safety and security systems include:
- Building and parking structure card access system
- Duress alarms in all classrooms and learning resource areas
- Blue Light Emergency Phone System
- Closed circuit television system
- Blackboard Connect Emergency Notification system
- Crime prevention programs such as
  - MOAB (Management of Aggressive Behavior)
  - Disruptive Behavior Training
  - Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)

**CT Law on Workplace Violence in Healthcare Settings**

CT Public Act No. 11-17 requires reporting of workplace violence in healthcare settings. All assaults and related offenses of healthcare workers, including volunteers (and students) while performing their assigned duties must be reported to the Safety & Security Department. Security will complete the report and forward notice to appropriate authorities. If act of assault is from a patient, the institution is still responsible to care for the patient until the patient has a safe discharge or transfer plan. The employee/student who is the victim of threat or actual assault by a patient may request for care duties to be reassigned to another health care worker.

Workplace violence is defined as an act of aggression, either verbal or physical that threatens the safety and wellbeing of others. In a healthcare setting, there are four types of individuals capable of workplace violence. These individuals include patients, visitors, employees and the employee’s social network.

All St. Vincent’s employees, students and contractors receive training regarding the stages of risk factors, warning signs, identification of high risk patients.

**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community of where information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. In Connecticut, this information is accessible from the Connecticut State Police at the following website: http://www.ct.gov/dps

**St. Vincent’s Campus Facilities**

The St. Vincent’s College Engineering & Plant Operations Department maintains College buildings and grounds with a concern for safety. Campus facilities are inspected regularly to identify conditions affecting safety, and
prompt repairs are made. St. Vincent’s College is well lighted. Lighting inspections are conducted by Safety and Security and Campus facilities staffs.

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. Security officers regularly report malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions to the Engineering & Plant Operations Department for correction. The Engineering & Plant Operations Department also monitors areas in need of physical repair and maintenance. For more information, contact the Director of Administrative Services at 203-576-6355.

Reporting Crimes and Other Emergencies

Students, faculty, staff and visitors of St. Vincent’s College should report criminal activity and suspicious events to the Safety & Security Department at extension 5543. Emergencies requiring immediate security assistance should be reported internally by immediately dialing ‘77’ using internal phones or through the use of security assistance call buttons located throughout the College building. To contact the Safety & Security Department by outside phone line, please dial 203-576-5543.

Upon any complaint the Safety & Security Department will respond to the scene to meet with the complainant.

Anonymous Reporting of Incidents

St. Vincent’s Safety & Security Department accepts voluntary, confidential reports from witnesses to crime activity or issues of inappropriate behavior. Witnesses can contact Security Management directly by dialing 203-576-5666 (external) or extension 5666 (internal).

Security Awareness & Personal and Property Safety

Campus security is a high priority at St. Vincent’s College. St. Vincent’s College students and employees have a responsibility to be aware of safety and security measures, and to implement these on a daily basis. Each person can make simple additions to her or his daily routine that will deter crime. Most thefts occur when property is left in plain sight and unwatched and the thief believes there is little likelihood of getting caught. We ask everyone in the College to observe the following practices:

- Valuables should not be left unattended in any area, including restrooms, classrooms, lounges, and recreation areas or in an unsecured location.
- Engrave your valuables and label all other personal possessions.
- Park in appropriate designated College parking garages.
- If you park on peripheral streets, please park in a visible, well-lit area.
- Car doors should be kept locked at all times.
- Never leave electronic equipment or accessories visible in vehicle (computers, cell phones, etc.).
- **Do not** leave valuable portable electronics, such as GPS systems, plug-in stereo systems, iPods, and cell phones visible in your car. If you use suction cups to hold your device in place, remove the suction cups as well. Thieves are tempted by suction cups. They know what they are for!
- Never leave valuable packages in your vehicle or within eye sight of pedestrians. (It is best to not bring valuables with you during your visit to the College). Store any packages in the trunk of your car.
- Do not walk alone after twilight; walk in groups. Call security at extension 5543 for an escort to your car if necessary. Security will pick you up at the exit of your choice and drive you to your vehicle whether you are parked in our garages or on the peripheral streets.
If you choose to walk to your car, stay aware of your surroundings. The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you appear. While walking to your car, don’t wear headphones or talk on the phone, as these behaviors give the impression of being distracted.

Report suspicious individuals and or activities to the Safety & Security Department immediately (extension 5543).

**Arrest and Prosecution Policy**

The College and Medical Center will assist local law enforcement agencies in the investigation and prosecution of a known or suspected crime committed on campus or Medical Center property. The College and Medical Center maintain the right to file charges against anyone who commits a crime or creates a disruption.

**Emergency Response & Evacuation**

St. Vincent's Emergency Operations Plan identifies actions and responsibilities to be implemented during occurrences that could adversely affect the campus of St Vincent’s College. Unusual occurrences can disrupt routine operations. These occurrences can arise internally within the facility, or externally from community situations. The reaction of the Campus’ core constituency to an emergency depends to a large extent on two main factors.

- St. Vincent's College must have a thorough and yet flexible plan.
- Students and staff of St Vincent’s College are expected to become acquainted with the plan and how it functions. Everyone should have a thorough working knowledge of the plan.

This Emergency Operations Plan is reviewed annually. Compliance with current practices, including the National Incident Management System (NIMS), is incorporated into the contents of this plan.

**Evacuation**

- When a building is in full alarm (horns, sirens, strobe lights), **immediately** evacuate the building. Once outside, students should move to a clear area at least 300 feet away from the affected building(s). Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrants and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and crews. Faculty & staff should lead students by example. Classes should assemble together to ensure that everyone has evacuated the building.
- Faculty must ensure all students evacuate classroom areas.
- Do not use elevators to exit a building.
- Report to the nearest exit and await further instructions from Security staff.
- If you are away from your office or classroom when an alarm sounds, you should exit the building immediately and not return to said office or classroom.
- Do not reenter the building until Security and/or first responders from the fire department give the “all clear” signal after the alarm has been silenced and reset.

**Fire conditions - If you become trapped due to smoke, heat, flames, or some other hazard:**

- Before opening a closed door, use the back of your hand to ensure the door is not hot. If the door is hot, do not open it.
Leave the room door closed. Seal the door cracks and ventilation grills with cloth or wet towels or clothing, if possible.

Telephone Security (tap 77 from any phone) or dial 911 and let them know your location.

If smoke enters the room and there is an operable window, open it and let the smoke ventilate. Also, use a piece of clothing as a mask around your nose and mouth to filter out smoke. Stay close to the floor where the air is cleaner and temperature cooler.

Await assistance from Fire Department and First Responder Municipal Agencies from the City of Bridgeport - stay calm.

**DO NOT USE ELEVATORS IN CASE OF FIRE. DO NOT PANIC.**

Persons with Disabilities – Fire Evacuation

- Faculty/staff are not responsible for determining whether a student is disabled, however students which self-identify themselves as disabled to the faculty/staff must receive adequate assistance from faculty/staff in the event of a building emergency.
- If above or below the ground floor relocate or be moved to an AREA of RESCUE/REFUGE or the safest area located on each floor in the building, to await assistance from emergency response personnel. Call Security (tap “77” from any house phone) and identify your specific location and officers / first responders will be sent. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS.**
- If you cannot access an Area of Rescue/Refuge, proceed to the nearest exit stairs that have doors, which separate the stairs from the hall corridor. Enter the exit stairwell and wait there for assistance
- If using a stairwell, attempt to position yourself so that you will not block evacuees who may be accessing the same exit stairwell.
- The Fire Department shall be responsible for evacuating all persons with disabilities from the building, unless prior special arrangements have been made with the individual.

Emergency Notification System

When the College is officially closed due to inclement weather or for other emergencies, classes, clinical experiences and other scheduled activities will be cancelled. When a two (2) hour delay is announced, the College will open at 10 AM with all classes and clinical assignments starting at that time.

Every effort will be made to make announcement of an unscheduled closing or delay earlier than 5:30 a.m. for day classes and by 3:00 p.m. for evening classes. Notification of early dismissals of classes will occur as soon as a decision is made. The College will send out notification through Blackboard Connect (the Emergency Notification System) by phone and email. If a student believes that her/his safety would be endangered by travelling to the campus, they are to use their own judgment and communicate their plans to their faculty member(s).

Public announcement of unscheduled closings or delays will be made on the following sources:

- News item on the College home page: www.stvincentscollege.edu
- Post on the College Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/stvincentscollege.edu
  - sign up for email notifications
You may call the College Status Line at 203-337-3842 for a recorded phone message about the College. This is an outbound only communication tool, therefore, you will not be able to leave a message on this line.

**Timely Warning**

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that in the judgment of the College Administration or the Executive Director of Facilities & Security, constitutes an ongoing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college email 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 Safety & Security may issue an alert through the Blackboard Connect Emergency Notification System as well as post a notice on the College website at [http://www.stvincentscollege.edu/current-students/student-safety-security/crime-log/](http://www.stvincentscollege.edu/current-students/student-safety-security/crime-log/), providing the College community with more immediate notification. In such instances, a copy of the notice will be posted at the entry doors of both the Hunting Street and Main Street campus buildings.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Safety & Security Department at 203.576.5543 or in person at the Safety Department Office on Level 1 at St. Vincent’s Medical Center, 2800 Main Street.

The cooperation, involvement and support of students, faculty and staff is essential to the timely and safe resolution of safety and security related problems. Each person must assume responsibility for their own personal safety, as well as for the safety of others. Awareness of his/her own environment and surroundings is important.

**Security Of & Access To Campus Facilities**

The College has a uniform access policy which requires all employees, students and visitors to wear identification badges at all times while on the St. Vincent’s Campus. This process allows the College community to limit access to the campus buildings and facilities to those with a legitimate business or educational purpose.

We ask everyone in the College to observe the following practices:

- Never prop doors open or leave them unlocked while you exit a secured area.
- Lock your room or office, even if you are leaving for a short period of time.
- Always use your student or employee badge to gain access to secured College or Medical Center property.
- Always wear your Identification/Access Badge any time you are on the College/St. Vincent’s Health Services campuses.
- Ask persons unknown to you to identify themselves before allowing them access to the building, office or room.
- When using your access badge to enter a secured area, be certain that only appropriate persons enter the area with you.
- Never loan your keys or access card to anyone.
- Immediately report lost keys or stolen ID badges to security immediately at extension 5543.

**Lost & Found**

If you have lost property, you may come to the Safety & Security Department or call to see if the property was turned in to us.
Drug & Alcohol Policy

Alcoholic Beverages

Students are not permitted to bring alcoholic beverages on to the College campus, unless they are part of an officially approved College function. The legal drinking age in Connecticut is 21 years of age.

Under-age possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on property owned or controlled by the College. Intentionally or knowingly selling, or intentionally or knowingly furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21, or to persons obviously inebriated, is not permitted on the property owned or controlled by the College. Alcohol can be served at public events only to those 21 and over, and in conformity with those requirements of the State of Connecticut and the College regarding the serving of alcohol. Arrangements for serving alcohol at public events must be made through the Office of the President.

Disregard of this policy will result in disciplinary measures including expulsion.

Drug Policy

St. Vincent’s College upholds the federal and state laws prohibiting the use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs or narcotics, including marijuana. Any individual known to be possessing, using, or distributing drugs is subject to disciplinary action and possible arrest, imprisonment, or fine according to state or federal law.

There are drug education videos shown throughout the career programs in the college. Students may register to participate in self-defense and rape prevention programs which are offered under the sponsorship of the Safety & Security Department.

The abuse of drugs by students directly affects their own career goals. It is in direct conflict with the philosophy of health professions and the College.

Drug abuse includes misuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs, possession or exchange of illegally obtained or manufactured drugs and/or chemicals, including alcohol. The College adheres to a drug testing policy which includes pre-admission and random testing.

Students are advised that the expected penalty for drug abuse as defined, on or off the Medical Center and College premises, will result in immediate discharge from the College.

Substance Abuse Policy in accordance with Federal Government regulations, the following substance abuse and their consequences are promulgated:

Connecticut General Statutes

The person found to be intoxicated by alcohol or found to be the operator of a motor vehicle while under the influence faces a fine, jail, suspension of motor vehicle license and/or community obligations. To illegally manufacture, distribute, sell, prescribe or disguise a drug or drug paraphernalia can result in a prison sentence from one to twenty years, a fine or both. To illegally possess drugs, or illegally possess drugs within 1000 feet of the property of a school and not be enrolled in the school can result to up to seven years imprisonment, fine or both.
Federal Government Drug Trafficking Penalties

Trafficking in methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, PCP, LSD, Fentanyl, and Fentanyl Analogue carries a range of penalties that is not less than five years or more than life and not less than twenty years if death or serious injury occur, and a fine not to exceed $2 million. Any other drugs not mentioned above, the range of penalties is not more than 20 years unless death or serious injury occur, and a fine of more than $1 million.

Additional Regulations Regarding Licensure

Students should be aware that professions, which require a license to practice, have additional regulations regarding substance abuse. Section 19A-14 of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services to deny licensure to applicants who may be addicted to drugs or alcohol or who have been disciplined in other states or who have been convicted of a felony. Candidates for licensure in Connecticut will be asked questions pertaining to these matters during the licensure application process.

It is the responsibility of each student to report to St. Vincent’s College and perform assignments in a safe and appropriate manner. Students performing in an unsafe manner, and/or whose behaviors are suspect, may be subject to an assessment by a health care provider. For purposes of the policy, an assessment may include but not be limited to drug/alcohol screen, medical or mental assessment, and/or rehabilitation. Action and/or pattern of a behavior that may warrant an assessment include without limitation:

- Sudden changes in performance
- Violation of safety policies
- Repeatedly not following direction
- Disorientation
- Personality changes
- Behavior problems
- Drowsiness
- Slurred speech
- Staggered gait
- Glassy eyes
- Unsafe practices
- Smell of alcohol
- Smell of marijuana
- Frequent absences

Any faculty or staff member who identifies behavior similar or consistent with the examples given above has the responsibility to confront the student with their suspicions. The faculty or staff member will contact the VP of Enrollment Services/Dean of Students or the Vice President of Academic Affairs/ Dean of Faculty (if it occurs in a classroom, clinical or lab setting) that there is a suspected violation of the Drug-Free Policy. The faculty or staff member will then escort the student to the SVMC Emergency Department for testing.

The Emergency Department physician, who may refer the student to his/her health care provider for further evaluation, will conduct the initial assessment/evaluation. The student is responsible for payment of any cost incurred. Failure to participate in an assessment at the request of St. Vincent’s College faculty or staff will result in the assessment being considered a violation of the Drug-Free Policy. Disciplinary action will then be handled as prescribed by the Student Code of Conduct. If positive results are obtained, the student will be immediately suspended from St. Vincent’s College by the President of the College, and will be granted due process through the Student Code of Conduct.
The Drug-Free Policy applies to students anytime he/she is utilizing facilities at SVC or SVMC, other assigned educational locations, or when participating in SVC sponsored events.

**Weapons**

For the safety of everyone, unauthorized use, possession or storage of all types of weapons are prohibited on the campus of St. Vincent’s College or at any College/Health Services sponsored activities. This includes any properties owned or under the control of St. Vincent’s Health Services. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, ammunition, explosives (fireworks such as firecrackers and cherry bombs), objects capable of firing a projectile (such as a pellet or BB gun) stun guns, knives, crossbows, bows and arrows or other archery-type devices, spring-type guns, slingshots, martial arts devices, impact weapons such as static and/or positive lock batons and blackjacks, and so forth, whether or not the weapon meets the criteria for dangerous under Connecticut General Statues 53-206. Anyone possessing or using any of these can and will be subject to disciplinary action including expulsion or arrest. Students are referred to the Code of Conduct.

**Sexual Assault**

St. Vincent’s College is strongly committed to the establishment of an educational environment in which students, faculty, and staff can work together in an atmosphere free of sexual assault. The College views any act identified as sexual assault as a serious matter. Every member of the College community should be aware that all sexual assaults are prohibited by state law and by College protocol. This institution will vigorously prosecute and discipline persons identified as responsible for sexual assaults.

In addition to criminal prosecution, the College may impose sanctions against students, student organizations, or College faculty or staff members identified as committing or participating in sexual assaults. Students are also bound by the Student Code of Conduct which is published in the College Catalog/Student Handbook.

**Sex Offenses**

**Assault, Rape, and Sexual Assault**

Sexual Assault is defined as the deliberate, unsolicited, and/or unwelcome verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature. These violations are subject to disciplinary measures including expulsion and possible report to local authorities. It includes the following:

**Sexual Misconduct**

St. Vincent’s College will not tolerate sexual misconduct of any kind. Any student who has a complaint of sexual harassment is urged to bring the matter to the attention of the College’s Title IX Coordinator, Nancy Musante. She can be reached at 203.576.5578 (office H402). The College will investigate all complaints and will endeavor to handle these matters in a manner that protects the privacy of the offended individual. Anyone violating the College’s Sexual Misconduct Policy will be subject to disciplinary measures.

The College policy prohibits unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, with or without accompanying promises or threats. In also prohibits other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission of such conduct is linked either explicitly or implicitly to any type of decision affecting a student; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by a student is used as a basis for decision regarding a student;
(3) such conduct has a purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a student’s performance resulting in an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

**Forced Sexual Contact** is defined as any coerced, manipulated, or unwanted touching, directly or through clothing of an intimate part of another person that occurs against one’s will, with or without one’s consent, including when one is unconscious, intoxicated, or otherwise unable to give consent.

**Forced Sexual Intercourse (Rape)** is defined as coerced, manipulated, or unwanted penetration that occurs against one’s will or without one’s consent, including when one is unconscious, intoxicated or otherwise unable to give consent.

Forced sexual contact and forced intercourse (rape) constitute sexual assault and are serious crimes under Connecticut Statutes. These crimes are punishable by imprisonment under Connecticut Statutes.

**Sex Offender Registration Policy**

Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 mandate that the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection establish and maintain a central registry of persons who have been convicted of certain sexual offenses and are required to register under the general statutes. Persons who have been arrested or accused of a sex offense listed in Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 are not required to register unless the accusation results in a conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. This Registry contains only offenders who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

**F.B.I. Definitions of Reportable Crimes**

The following definitions are those outlined in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime reporting, National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which colleges and universities are required to use in reporting crime statistics:

**Arson**

Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling hour, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property or another, etc.

**Aggravated Assault**

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

**Burglary**

The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft including: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with the intent to commit a larceny.
**Criminal Homicide—Manslaughter by Negligence**

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

**Criminal Homicide—Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter**

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property (Except Arson)**

To willfully or maliciously destroy, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

**Robbery**

The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Motor Vehicle Theft**

The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

**Weapon Law Violation**

The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: the manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; the carrying of deadly weapons, concealed or openly; the furnishing of deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned acts.

**Drug Abuse Violations**

Violations of state and local laws relating to possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

**Liquor Law Violations**

The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing or intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor.

**Sex Offenses—Forcible**

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.
A. **Forcible Rape:** The carnal knowledge or a person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth).

B. **Forcible Sodomy:** Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person.

C. **Sexual Assault with an Object:** The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person.

D. **Forcible Fondling:** The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification.

**Sex Offenses—Non-forcible**

Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

A. **Incest:** Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

B. **Statutory Rape:** Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**Stalking**

To intentionally stalk another person and make an explicit or implicit threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear or sexual contact or serious physical injury or death.

**Terroristic Threatening**

To threaten to commit any crime likely to result in death or serious physical injury to another person or likely to result in substantial property damage to another person.

**Theft**

To unlawfully take or exercise control over moveable property of another with intent to deprive him/her thereof.

**Wanton Endangerment**

Under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life wantonly engage in conduct which creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person.

**Hate Crimes**

The Clery Act requires institutions to separately report all Hate Crimes statistics on any of the previously mentioned offenses or any other crime involving bodily injury reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority, that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator’s bias or the perpetrator perceived the person to be in one of the protected group categories: Race, Gender, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Ethnicity, and Disability.

As of August 14, 2008 the Clery Act was amended to include larceny/simple assault, intimidation and destruction/damage/vandalism (except arson) as reportable categories of hate crimes.
Campus Security Authorities

In addition to the Department of Safety & Security, the United States Department of Education has defined those who must report crimes for the compilation of this annual report to be school officials “with significant responsibility for student and campus activities.” This includes but is not limited to “student housing...and campus judicial proceedings.” While job titles may vary from institution to institution, the rules indicate that a “dean of students, and faculty advisors to students’ groups” would be required to report.

Statistical Campus Crime Report

The following charts show crimes reported to the St. Vincent’s Medical Center Safety & Security Department during the three-year period 2011-2014. The crime statistics for the public property adjoining the entrance to St. Vincent’s College at Hunting Street are shown in the chart below. These statistics were acquired from the Bridgeport Police Department Uniform Crime Report.

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10a-55a(b) and Public Law 101-542, the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, the following data is the statistical crime report for St. Vincent’s College in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Note: As the FBI in its own crime report notes: “Caution should be exercised in making any inter-campus comparisons or ranking schools, as university/college crime statistics are affected by a variety of factors. These include: demographic characteristics of the surrounding community, ratio of male to female students, number of on-campus residents, accessibility of outside visitors, size of enrollment, etc.”

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Definitions:

On Campus - any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and a) property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution but is controlled by another person, b) is frequently used by students and c) supports institutional purposes (such as food or other retail vendor).

Non-Campus Building or Property - is defined as any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization officially recognized by the institution and any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that: a) is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, b) is frequently used by students, and c) is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public Property - is defined as all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, and is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

Hate Crimes - is defined by the Department of Education in the Federal Register Part IX-34 CFR Part 668 as crimes involving bodily injury, larceny/theft, simple assault, intimidation, and/or destruction/damage/vandalism/ of property in which the victim is intentionally selected because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability of the victim that are reported to campus authorities or local police agencies.

Notes Concerning Crime Statistics:

St. Vincent’s College is a subsidiary of St. Vincent’s Medical Center and is located adjacent to Medical Center located at 2800 Main Street Bridgeport. Faculty and students in clinical programs may be exposed to or have contact with patients who exhibit volatile behaviors, especially if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, have a history of violence, or those who present with behavioral health issues. Risk factors for violence in the healthcare environment vary within healthcare settings depending on location, size, and type of care.

Statistics for 2012 have been adjusted to include crimes that were reported to have occurred in the main hospital building which is more inclusive of the geographic boundary for St. Vincent’s. For year 2012, these included thefts from patient rooms in the main hospital.
In 2012 an internal audit of geographic locations was conducted and revealed statistics not previously captured. For year 2013 we added a campus building located at 2660 Main Street (opened in fall 2013) expanding our geographic boundary.

Sexual Offenses that were reported to have occurred in St. Vincent’s Medical Center (non-campus building) did not involve students or staff at St. Vincent’s College.

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