

# APPENDIX XXV

## Reporting of Crimes

Reference: Board Policy 3515 Reporting of Crimes (<http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/vcccd/Board.nsf/goto/?open&id=83LD920DD666>); Administrative Procedure 3515 Reporting of Crimes (<http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/vcccd/Board.nsf/goto/?open&id=83LD590DCF14>)

Members of the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) who are witnesses or victims of a crime should immediately report the crime to College Police.

In the event an employee is assaulted, attacked or menaced by a student, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor as soon as practical after the incident. The supervisor of any employee who is assaulted, attacked or menaced shall assist the employee to promptly report the assault, attack or menace to the College Police. The supervisor himself/herself shall make the report if the employee is unable or unwilling to do so. Reporting a complaint to local law enforcement will not relieve the District of its obligation to investigate all complaints of harassment.

The District will instruct members of the District Police Department to notify students and employees complaining of sexual violence of their right to file a sex discrimination complaint with the District in addition to filing a criminal complaint, and to report incidents of sexual violence to a Title IX Coordinator and/or the Vice Chancellor for Educational Services if the complainant consents.

The District shall publish warnings to the campus community about the following crimes:

- Criminal homicide – murder and non-negligent manslaughter;
- Criminal homicide – negligent manslaughter;
- Sex offenses – forcible and non-forcible sex offenses;
- Domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
- Robbery;
- Aggravated assault;
- Burglary;
- Motor vehicle theft;
- Arson;
- Arrests for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession;
- Persons who were not arrested for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession, but who were referred for campus disciplinary action for same;
- Crimes that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim's actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability and involve larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction/damage/vandalism of property, or any other crime involving bodily injury;
- Those reported to College Police;
- Those that are considered to represent a continuing threat to other students and employees; or
- Any crime committed on campus.

Members of Ventura County Community College District who are witnesses or victims of a crime should immediately report the crime to College Police or other law enforcement authority.

In the event an employee is assaulted, attacked or menaced by a student, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor as soon as practical after the incident. The supervisor of any employee who is assaulted, attacked or menaced shall assist the employee to promptly report the assault, attack or menace to the College Police or other law enforcement authority. The supervisor himself/herself shall make the report if the employee is unable or unwilling to do so.

The District shall publish warnings to the campus community about crimes that are considered to represent a continuing threat to other students and employees in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The information shall be disseminated by Chief of Police in a manner that aids the prevention of similar crimes.

The District shall annually collect and distribute statistics concerning crimes on campus. All college staff with significant responsibility for student and campus activities shall report crimes about which they receive information.

The Chief of Police shall publish an Annual Security Report every year by October 1 that contains statistics regarding crimes committed on campus and at affiliated locations for the previous three years. The Annual Security Report shall also include policies pertaining to campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims' assistance program, student discipline, campus resources and other matters. The District shall make the report available to all current students and employees. The District will also provide perspective students and employees with a copy of the Annual Security Report upon request. A copy of the Annual Security Report can be obtained by contacting the Chief of Police, Ventura County Community College District or at the Website address published in [www.vcccd.edu/departments/police](http://www.vcccd.edu/departments/police).

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chancellor or Designee or Chief of Police, 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, staff and the campus's student newspaper. The information shall be disseminated by the Chancellor or Designee in a manner that aids the prevention of similar crimes.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Chancellor or Designee may also post a notice via campus-wide communication system and/or an appropriate VCCCD website, providing the community with more immediate notification. The electronic bulletin board is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff and students. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the College Police, by phone or in person at the College police station. Contact, website and location information can be found through the VCCCD website (<https://www.vcccd.edu/departments/police/>) and office.

The District shall be required to provide a timely warning with respect to crimes reported to a confidential counselor.

If there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, the District shall follow its emergency notification procedures.

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### **To Report a Crime:**

Contact College Police and 911 (911 for emergencies only). Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles or inside buildings should be reported to the police department.

If the victim of a crime does not want to pursue action within the District's System or the criminal justice system, the victim may still want to consider making a confidential report. With the victim's permission, a Campus Security Authority (CSA) can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing the victim's identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with the victim's wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and others. With such information, the District can keep an accurate record 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.

The College Police encourage anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, the College Police Department police cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to other campus security authorities as identified below.

Confidential reports of crime may also be made to a Campus Security Authority (CSA).

### **Required Reports to Local Law Enforcement Agency**

Any report of willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, sexual assault, hate crime, or any other crime, committed on or off campus, that is received by a campus security authority and made by the victim for the purposes of notifying the institution or law enforcement must be immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, disclosed to the local law enforcement agency. The report shall not identify the victim, unless the victim consents to being identified after the victim has been informed of his/her right to have his/her personally identifying information withheld. If the victim does not consent to being identified, the alleged assailant shall not be identified in the information disclosed to the local law enforcement agency.