

Saint Michael's College
Department of Public Safety
Annual Report
October 1, 2008

This report is provided to current students, faculty and staff under the requirements of the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Title II, Public Law 101-542). This act requires post secondary institutions to disclose information regarding their campus security policies and statistics of criminal offenses as reported to the Campus Security Authority. This report is also provided to any applicants for enrollment or employment upon request, and the statistical data is reported to the U.S. Department of Education.

Campus Security at Saint Michael's College is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, which reports to the Vice President of Student Affairs. The department is comprised of twelve full time employees: director, eight officers, an investigator/liaison officer and an administrative assistant plus four part time officers.

Each officer has received extensive orientation and on the job training. Several officers have previous law enforcement experience and/or are certified in mountain bike patrol. The department provides annual and ongoing in-service training for its officers that includes, but is not limited to legal update, crime prevention, fire safety, human relations, stress management, CPR and first aid.

The Saint Michael's Campus is patrolled 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by foot, mobile and bicycle officers who handle routine locking schedules, security, facility and fire safety checks, and respond to incidents or reported problems. Duty officers may be reached by calling the office (654-2374) during business hours or by calling the college dispatcher (654-2000, OR "0" from campus phones) at any time, day or night. In addition, the campus is equipped with 68 emergency/courtesy telephones connected directly to the dispatcher which identify the location of the caller. The Public Safety office is located on College Parkway across from the South entrance to the college in the Fire & Rescue Station. Office hours are 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 Monday through Friday.

Saint Michael's College is in the town of Colchester and thus falls primarily within the jurisdiction of the Colchester Police Department (CPD). All incidents on campus which are serious crimes are reported or referred to the Colchester Police. SMC Public Safety and CPD routinely exchange information relative to the security and protection of the campus and surrounding neighborhoods. The campus borders the City of Winooski, and the Public Safety department maintains a cooperative arrangement with their police department as well.

Campus Facilities

Student housing facilities on campus range from residence halls to suites to townhouse style apartments. All residential students are issued keys to their respective residences by the Student Life office. Regardless of where students reside, it is imperative that they protect themselves and their property by insuring doors in their control remain locked at all times.

Other facilities on campus (Library, Chapel, Sports Center, Academic buildings) are locked and unlocked according to schedules determined by Facilities, the Academic Dean, and Athletic Department.

Campus Crime

Activities of criminal and questionable nature should be reported as soon as they are discovered by calling the Campus Emergency Line (2911 or 654-2911) or Public Safety Office (654-2374). Emergencies and reported crimes will be responded to immediately by the officer(s) on duty. If appropriate, the local police department will be summoned to assist and/or follow up. Depending on the nature of an incident, the duty resident director and/or resident assistant may be called to follow up.

All activities, routine or incidental, are documented by officers in the daily log or by incident report. Incident reports are maintained by the office of Public Safety for follow-up investigation, referral of students to the judicial process, and for statistical records. Students who are victims of theft/larceny or similar crimes, may obtain a copy of a report for insurance purposes only, otherwise campus incident reports are confidential records.

All students involved in criminal activity on campus are subject to arrest by local law enforcement and/or referral to the Student Life office for disciplinary action. The Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary and Judicial Process are explained in Section V of the SMC Student Guide and Code. College policies regarding the possession and use of alcohol and illegal drugs are also contained in the Student Guide and Code.

Crime Prevention and Awareness

Incidents or trends of incidents on campus which represent a potential threat to the safety and security of the members of the campus community are reported to the community through "Public Safety Alert" bulletins. These bulletins are transmitted over the campus e-mail system and are intended to inform the community in a timely manner so people may be aware and take steps to prevent themselves from falling victim to campus crime.

Saint Michael's College urges members of the campus community to report crimes or other issues that affect the quality of life on campus. For those who wish to remain anonymous there are two means available. The Safe Campus Tip Line can be called at (802) 250-LEAD (250-5323) or information may be given on line at http://www2.smcvt.edu/security/prevention/silent_witness.htm.

Other Crime prevention programs include 'Don't Walk Alone' where a student can be escorted across campus after dark by calling WALK (9255) from any campus extension, 'Operation Identification' which facilitates inventorying and engraving of personal property, and Campus Watch. The Department has an officer assigned to crime prevention activities who is available for programming on request.

Crime prevention in general is a partnership between the Department of Public Safety and the campus community. Through exchange of information and sharing of responsibility we must all work together to maintain a safe campus. In order to fulfill its mission, the Department of Public Safety relies heavily upon our community members to accept responsibility for themselves by securing property, locking doors, acting responsibly and in ways to not compromise safety and well being, and reporting problems so they may be responded to and corrected.

Parking and Motor Vehicles

Parking and motor vehicle operation on campus are monitored and enforced by the Public Safety Department. Parking on campus is a privilege and all vehicles must be registered with the Public Safety office. Members of the community must park in designated areas only. Violators of parking regulations are subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owner's expense. Additional information can be found in the Traffic and Parking Regulations, available at the Public Safety office and in the Public Safety public folder.

Fire and Rescue

Saint Michael's Fire & Rescue, a student organization, operates under the supervision of the Director of Public Safety. Public Safety officers respond to all requests for Fire & Rescue on campus, assisting wherever possible. At the beginning of each academic year, representatives from Public Safety and Fire & Rescue are available to address residents of the halls on fire safety education. These sessions focus on hazards unique to campus residential living as well as alarm and evacuation procedures.

Other services offered by the Department of Public Safety include lost and found, lock out assistance, bicycle registration, and fingerprinting for education majors who will student teach. Details on these services are available by contacting the office.

Saint Michael's College Public Safety Staff

Peter D. Soons, Director
 Sergeant Stephen C. Cushing
 Officer Scott D. Parizo (Training)
 Officer Thomas Cardin (Community Service Officer)
 Officer Jason A. Little (Equipment)
 Officer Cole Charbonneau (Fire Prevention)
 Officer Briana Clark (part time)
 Officer TJ Coolidge (part time)

Charlene E. Valyou, Administrative Assistant
 Investigator/Liaison Robert J. Vallie
 Officer Michael A. Mannings (Crime Prevention)
 Officer Stephen M. Chase (Special Events)
 Officer Michael Desrosiers (Property)
 Officer David Simays (Weekend Programming)
 Officer David Thompson (part time)
 Officer Robyn Stirling (part time)

To Report Emergencies on Campus: Dial 2911 (654-2911)

Non-emergency calls: Dial 2374 (654-2374) Security Office or "0" (654-2000) College Dispatcher

The following crimes, reportable under the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, were reported to the campus security authority and/or referred for disciplinary action at Saint Michael's College during the calendar years 2005-2007.

	2007				2006				2005			
	On Campus	Campus Residence	Non -Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Campus Residence	Non -Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Campus Residence	Non-Campus	Public Property
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Forcible	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Non-Forcible	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
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Burglary	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	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
Liquor Law Violation	241	216	0	0	285	255	0	0	374	362	0	2
Drug Law Violation	73	68	0	0	159	151	0	0	113	108	0	0
Weapon Law Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
'Hate Crime'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0