

Radford University Police Department

Annual Security Report 2008-2009

At Radford University, the safety and well being of students, faculty, staff and visitors is of the utmost importance. In collaboration with other departments, the Radford University Police Department (RUPD) works hard to keep the campus as safe and secure as possible. However, a truly safe campus can be achieved only through the active involvement of all who reside, work and study on campus and those who visit campus.

The RUPD, accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, offers a full-range of law enforcement activities and services around the clock. These activities and services include all crime reports, investigations, medical emergencies, fire emergencies, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws regulating criminal activity and all other incidents requiring police assistance. The RUPD also provides continuous patrol protection to the campus, parking lots, residence halls, and other properties owned or controlled by the University or its Foundation. Additionally, the RUPD shares concurrent jurisdiction with the Radford City Police Department for the streets adjacent to the University. To enhance the safety and security of the entire area, the RUPD works closely with all law enforcement agencies in the region. The RUPD also utilizes the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) as part of its crime prevention and investigative efforts.

RU Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities. The officers are trained through the Department of Criminal Justice Training Academies and continue to receive specialized training in a variety of areas such as first aid, firearms, defensive tactics, human relations, sensitivity issues and criminal investigations.

The Student's Responsibility

The cooperation and involvement of students in a campus safety program is absolutely necessary. Students must assume responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking simple, common sense precautions. Although the campus is well lighted, any student, male or female, may feel more comfortable using the University Police Escort Service when returning to a residence hall late at night. Valuable items such as computers, I-Pods, cameras and televisions should be marked with engraving instruments provided by the RUPD at no charge. Bicycles should be registered with the RUPD and be secured with a sturdy

lock.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus are encouraged to report potential criminal actions, suspicious behaviors or any emergencies to the University Police by telephone (831-5500) or in person. The police department is located in the Allen Building at the corner of East Main Street and University Drive.

Public Safety Services

The RUPD provides several service-oriented functions to the university community, including responding to medical and fire emergencies, providing an on-campus escort service, vehicle lockout and jumpstart assistance, personal safety education classes, Child Identification Services and Rape & Aggression Defense Training. The RUPD acts as a contact point for after-hours emergency maintenance requests and vehicle parking assistance. It is also a point of contact for lost and found items, bicycle registration and general university information.

The RUPD and the Residential Life staff are jointly responsible for the development of procedures and programs to promote the greatest possible safety and security of the 15 residence halls on campus as well as the University-owned and operated off-campus apartments. Additionally, educational programs emphasizing security and what residents can do to protect themselves are provided by Residential Life, RUPD and other on- and off-campus experts.

Campus Emergency Alerts

Communicating accurately, effectively and efficiently with the campus community is a priority of the University. The RUPD, therefore, has the responsibility to provide initial alerts to the RU community about any emergency or safety issue. In the event of an imminent emergency situation, the RUPD will immediately communicate with the campus community through the siren and public address system and through the emergency messaging system.

The RUPD, in compliance with the Federal Clery Act, also provides safety warnings to the campus in the event of violent crimes on or around campus.

Emergency Telephone

Emergency telephones denoted by blue lights are located throughout campus in the parking lots, athletic facilities, each residential quad and academic areas. These phone are connected directly to the Police Department dispatcher.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Crisis Intervention Team is comprised of highly skilled and highly trained police officers that function as part of the regular police patrol division. These officers respond to crisis situations to assess and to help defuse a crisis and make recommendations about resolutions. The CIT Training is accredited by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Bike Patrol

The Bicycle Patrol is a major part of the department's community policing philosophy and has been very popular with the campus community. The eight Bicycle Patrol officers assist other officers in patrolling the interior of the campus, including sidewalks,

residential areas and parking lots. Officers on Bicycle Patrol perform all essential patrol duties and are able, in many cases, to be the first responders in emergency situations. The officers have been trained and are certified as Police Bicyclists through the Virginia

Department of Criminal Justice Services and the International Police Mountain Bike Association.

Safety Escorts

RU's Parking Services Office operates a shuttle service providing transportation to and from various points around campus, local shopping centers and outlying university properties. During the dusk-to-dawn hours, when the shuttle service is not in operation, the RUPD provides a safety escort on campus for individuals who need to be out late at night. Call 831-5500 to request an escort.

Radford University Emergency Medical Services

RU EMS is a student run, first response rescue squad, which provides EMS care to students, faculty/staff and visitors. In addition to first response emergency medical care, RU EMS provides the campus with community training, awareness programs and event stand-by crews.

Campus Prevention and Education Efforts

RU provides educational workshops addressing sexual assault, alcohol safety, personal safety, and promoting prevention efforts to students, campus officials and staff through the Office of Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse Education, RUPD, Residential Life, Student Health Services and Student Counseling Services.

RAD Training (Rape and Aggression Defense)

The RUPD hosts RAD training for students, faculty staff and the local community. These women-only classes are presented free of charge by nationally certified instructors from RUPD, Residential Life and New Student Programs. The classes teach the participant personal safety practices through dynamic and classroom instruction. For more information, contact RUPD at 831-5500 or email police@radford.edu.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policies

Alcoholic Beverages

Radford University seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that both respects individual freedom and promotes the health, safety and welfare of all members of its community. In keeping with these objectives, the university has established policy and guidelines governing the possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the university campus that conform to the laws of Virginia. Underage possession and /or consumption of alcoholic beverages and public intoxication are not permitted. 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. Legal consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages is limited to designated locations only. The complete policy and guidelines concerning alcoholic beverages is published annually in the university Student Handbook.

Illegal Drugs

The university does not condone the possession, use or distribution of marijuana, hallucinogens, narcotics or any other illegal drugs by anyone in any campus facility. Any individual known to be possessing, using, or distributing such drug is subject to campus disciplinary action and criminal arrest, imprisonment and/or fine according to state law.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

Consistent with its educational mission, the university also assists its members in finding alternatives to alcoholic beverages by promoting social interaction and stress reduction, and it provides services and resources for community members who experience alcohol-related difficulties. Keeping informed is an important step in developing a healthy lifestyle and in knowing how to cope with problems as they arise. Radford University provides useful and informative prevention education programs throughout the year.

A variety of departments sponsor workshops and lectures on alcohol and drug-related issues to support and encourage healthy, productive lifestyles.

These programs are made available through:

University Police 831-5500

Student Counseling Services 831-5226

Residential Life 831-5375

Student Health Center 831-5111

Intercollegiate Athletics 831-5228

Office of Sexual Assault and Substance 831-5709

Abuse Education

For students with substance abuse problems or concerns, assistance is available at Student Counseling Services located in Tyler Hall. The experienced professional counselors offer support for students in an atmosphere of understanding and confidentiality. The Counseling Center offers individual assessment and referral to both on and off-campus resources. If you are aware of problems with friends, roommates, or family members, we encourage you to act responsibly by consulting with Student Counseling Services. Remaining silent or waiting until a situation has escalated is neither respectful nor responsible. The university will work with you and your fellow students to cooperatively solve alcohol and substance abuse problems as they occur.

Sexual Assault

If Sexual Assault Happens To You

If you are sexually assaulted, first and foremost, go to a safe place. As soon as possible, you should report incidents of sexual assault, including date/acquaintance rape to local police where the incident occurred. If you are unable or reluctant to make contact with the police, report the assault to a friend, university faculty or staff member who can aid in contacting the proper authorities. The Center for Counseling and Student Development, Health Center, Women's Resource Center, Coordinator of Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse Education, Dean of Students and Residential Life can also help in contacting the proper authorities.

Retain evidence, do not change clothes, bathe, douche or if possible, alter anything in the location where the assault occurred. Even if you do not plan to prosecute at first, it is best to preserve the evidence in case you decide to prosecute later or to help someone else prosecute.

Get medical attention immediately. You should be evaluated for injuries and sexually transmitted diseases. You do not have to report the assault; however, the medical staff can collect physical evidence should you choose to press criminal charges.

Counseling Options

Students coping with a sexual assault have counseling resources available to them at no cost. The University Center for Counseling and Student Development offers both short term and long term individual and group counseling. The Women's Resource Center in Radford offers a 24-hour crisis hot line, individual and group counseling and legal advocacy. Many other options exist which have some cost associated with them, such as private therapists. Counseling is often crucial to the recovery process and the victim is encouraged to seek the assistance of qualified professionals, even if the assault occurred in the past. The choice to seek counseling should be the victim's and he or she should do so when ready.

Legal and Student Conduct Options

Crime victims have three options from which to choose: Filing criminal charges, filing campus conduct charges, and filing a civil suit for monetary damages. Victims are not limited to just one of these options but can choose any combination or file all three.

Criminal Charges:

Filing criminal charges means actually contacting the police. If the crime happened on campus or on any property owned or controlled by the University, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Radford University Police Department. If the crime occurred off campus but still in the City of Radford, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Radford City Police Department. If the crime occurred in another locality, the local police should be notified. The Radford University Police will assist victims in notifying the law enforcement agency that has the responsibility for investigating the crime.

Criminal charges are prosecuted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. A Commonwealth Attorney will argue the case at no cost to the victim. The victim serves as the primary witness to the crime and his or her testimony is crucial to the case. Typically, the identity of the victim is protected by the press, although the identity of the alleged perpetrator is not. There are statutes of limitation for filing criminal charges, but, depending on the severity of the crime, they are typically several years in duration. It is best to go to the police as soon as possible, in order to preserve as much evidence as possible. The police will arrange for evidence collection.

Campus Conduct Charges:

Campus conduct charges can only be filed if the accused perpetrator is a Radford University student (individual for whom the University maintains records and who is enrolled or registered with an academic program of the University). The campus conduct system examines violations of university policy and codes of conduct. Campus conduct hearings do not replace or substitute for criminal prosecutions and students who choose a campus conduct hearing are encouraged to seek redress through the criminal justice system and civil court also. Charges should be filed with the office of the Dean of Students as promptly as possible after the accused is identified. As a rule, the charges should be filed within ten class days after the accused is identified, unless reasonable and extenuating circumstances exist which justify delay in filing or delivering charges. The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding and both the accuser and accused shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding.

Pending a formal disciplinary hearing, the campus may take a variety of administrative measures against a charged student, including restriction of privileges and services, interim suspension, and exclusion from certain areas, such as classrooms and residence facilities. To

prevent further conflict between the parties, the campus may utilize administrative reassignment procedures to move individuals to another residence or complex, limit access to a specific hall or complex during the course of a campus or criminal investigation, or make academic and living accommodations as appropriate for either party as requested by the victim if such changes are reasonably available.

Civil Suit

Victims of some crimes have the right to sue the perpetrator or other involved parties for monetary damages. This type of prosecution, which may be pursued alone or in conjunction with criminal and/or campus judicial charges, does require an attorney. As with campus judicial action, the burden of proof is a preponderance of the evidence and victims considering this type prosecution are advised to consult a private attorney for information.

Crime Statistics

The following chart reflects the number of crimes reported to University Police Department. The reportable year runs from January 1 – December 31.

Campus Crime Report from 2005-2007					
Crime	Year	Total Campus Crime	Residential Facilities	Non Campus Property or Buildings	Public Property
Murder	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	2005	3	0	3	3
	2006	3	3	0	4
	2007	3	2	0	1
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	1
	2007	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2005	2	1	1	9
	2006	8	3	2	9
	2007	1	0	0	0
Burglary	2005	6	3	3	0
	2006	3	3	0	0
	2007	13	10	0	0
Arson	2005	5	2	1	3
	2006	4	4	0	1
	2007	0	0	0	0
Larceny	2005	118	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2006	113			
	2007	120			
Hate Crimes	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2005	0	N/A	0	0
	2006	0		0	0
	2007	0		0	0

Selected Offenses On Campus	2005	2006	2007
Liquor Law Arrest *	117	118	71
Liquor Law violations referred for Campus Judicial Action by other university officials #	177	206	168
Drug law Arrests	36	35	26
Drug Law violations referred for Campus Judicial Action by other university officials #	16	15	9
Illegal Weapons possession Arrests	1	5	0
Illegal Weapons possession violations referred for Campus Judicial Action by other university officials #	0	1	0

Includes referrals by Dean of Students, Residential life and other faculty/staff.

* This does not include arrests for DUI or Public Intoxication.