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# Introduction and Mission

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the Triton College Police Department has published this report to provide its students, employees, prospective students and prospective employees with an overview of the college's security resources, policies, and procedures, as well as crime statistics.

The Mission of the Triton College Police Department is to provide staff, students and visitors with a safe and secure environment that is conducive to the learning process.

Developing a safe and secure environment in an academic institution is the responsibility of the entire campus community. Within our community, the Triton College Police Department is assigned the primary responsibility for identifying programs, methods and approaches to assist the institution towards achieving that goal.

The department endeavors to preserve an environment where diverse social, cultural, and academic values are allowed to develop and prosper. All members of the department are expected to actively participate in the achievement of these goals and in service to the college. It is only through our collective efforts that our mission will be accomplished.

# **Preparation of the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics**

The Chief of Police takes several steps to ensure that required statistics are compiled correctly. Throughout the year, the Police Department and the Office of Student Life communicate and work to ensure incidents are properly recorded.

Finally, the Chief contacts the Village of River Grove Police Department and the Village of Melrose Park Police Department for reportable crimes occurring in and around the main campus respectively.

Every effort is made to ensure statistics are not "double reported". At the end of the year, the Chief of Police compiles all the necessary statistics and includes them in this report (Annual Activity, Crime Statistics & Clery Act Report).

To ensure timely warnings and the accuracy of crime statistics, all criminal offenses required by the Act should be reported immediately to the Triton College Police Department. Students and staff are also encouraged to report these crimes even if they wish to remain anonymous and even if they do not wish to sign criminal complaints.

# CLERY ACT CRIME DEFINITIONS

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

**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.

**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 of 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, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- 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, 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 youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- D. **Forcible Fondling-**The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, 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 youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

**SEX OFFENSES –Nonforcible**

Unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse.

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

B. Statutory Rape-Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**ROBBERY:** The taking or attempting to take anything from value of 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.

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT (Battery):** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapons is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

**BURGLARY:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with attempt to commit a larceny or a felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking, safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where persons not having lawful access take automobiles, even though the vehicles are later abandoned)

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

**DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS:** Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbiturates, Benzedrine).

**LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS:** The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person, using vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance, all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

**LARCENY - THEFT:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another in the act of bias (considered a hate crime). (Note: Constructive possession is defined by Black's Law Dictionary, 6th ed. as "where one does not have physical custody or possession, but is in a position to exercise dominion or control over a thing.")

- A. Pocket-picking-The theft of articles from another person's physical possession by stealth where the victim usually does not become immediately aware of the theft.
- B. Purse-snatching-The grabbing or snatching of a purse, handbag, etc., from the physical possession of another person.
- C. Shoplifting-The theft, by someone other than an employee of the victim, of goods or merchandise exposed for sale.
- D. Theft From Building-A theft from within a building which is either open to the general public or where the offender has legal access.
- E. Theft From Coin Operated Machine or Device-A theft from a machine or device which is operated or activated by the use of coins.
- F. Theft From Motor Vehicle (Except "Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories")-The theft of articles from a motor vehicle, whether locked or unlocked.
- G. Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories-The theft of any part or accessory affixed to the interior or exterior of a motor vehicle in a manner which would make the item an attachment of the vehicle, or necessary for its operation.
- H. All Other Larceny-All thefts which do not fit any of the definitions of the specific subcategories of Larceny/Theft listed above.

**SIMPLE ASSAULT:** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

**INTIMIDATION:** To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY (Except "Arson"): To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.



# Department Authority

The Triton College Police Department is a duly sworn and commissioned agency that enforces all state and local laws. Police officers at Triton College are state certified and have all powers possessed by city police to ensure your safety, including mutual aid with the Village of River Grove Police Department. These powers include the power to detain or arrest in accordance with state and federal law.

Triton's police proudly protect life and property; handle crime prevention and control traffic. The campus community and the police department have a mutual need for close contact, cooperation, understanding and the exchange of information. Working together, we can promote improved campus security and safety.

With full staffing, the Police Department includes, a Chief of Police, one Deputy Chief, three Sergeants, one detective, ten full time police officers, five part-time police officers, two public service officers and several full and part time police dispatchers and other support personnel. The department provides a wide range of services including, but not limited to:

- Free service truck for vehicle problems on campus, staffed by civilians who handle jump-starts, lock-outs, etc. (co sponsored by the T.C.S.A.)
- Free Rules of the Road manuals and State of Illinois maps
- Police escort for your safety, upon request
- Foreign language translation bank
- Police information visits
- Lost and found
- Identification engravers

- Emergency crisis notification
- Telecommunications for the Deaf (TDD)-- **(708) 452-8115**
- Non-emergency direct **(708) 456-6911**
- Police department fax, **(708) 583-3119**
- Campus phones-- emergency call dial **"911"**
- Campus office or house phones-- dial **"11" or ext. 3206**

We ask you to report incidents, complaints and suspicious activities as soon as possible. We urge you to use safety precautions, leave valuables at home and make sure your property is secured.

If you should not choose to invoke the criminal justice system and are victimized in any way, internal incident reports may be filed at the Office of Student Life, and/or the Human Resources Department.

An important part of our service is traffic and parking control. Please heed the signs. State citations are issued for moving violations; village ordinance tickets are issued for parking violations; and there are several designated fire lanes and tow-away zones.

# **Monitoring Off Campus Criminal Activity**

The Triton College Police Department monitors criminal activity occurring in and around the immediate area of Triton's main campus with the assistance of the River Grove Police Department.

**Also, should an incident occur off campus involving members of the Triton community, at a "College" sponsored event, the offending member(s) of the campus community could face both external criminal charges from the agency having jurisdiction and judicial sanction(s) through the college's disciplinary system.**

# Access to Campus Facilities

College facilities exist to support the institution's principal functions of education, research, and service. In addition to classrooms, laboratories, and offices, the College has food service, recreation, athletic, administrative support, maintenance and utility facilities. The institution generally seeks to maintain open access to its facilities, but it also maintains and exercises the right to restrict access.

For example, access is restricted in certain areas due to security, safety and/or for operational reasons. Also, access is restricted during times when campus is closed, generally, overnight, weekends and holidays. When campus is closed, a campus officer will provide after hour access with proper authorization.

In instances where a person, through his/her prior action, has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to conduct himself or herself in accordance with College policy or applicable law, that person may be "banned" from campus and denied access to all College property and facilities.

All students and employees are subject to the restrictions set forth in the Board of Trustee approved Triton College Access/Closure Policy.

# Crime Prevention Programs

A representative of the Triton College Police Department is available to present crime prevention materials or talks to any student or employee group, upon request. The department also offers campus crime prevention literature, free of charge, to members of the campus community. These materials can be obtained in the Police Department lobby or upon request. Finally, the police department will lend out an engraving pen to anyone who wishes to engrave their personal belongings, **NOT Triton College property**, for easier identification or recovery should said item(s) be stolen.

# **Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures**

Triton College's emergency response and evacuation procedures are as follows:

Triton College has numerous evacuation plans in place to minimize loss of life, injuries, destruction of property and disruption to the college's academic mission during times of crisis. These plans will be facilitated by a mass notification system which includes an all campus public address system. Besides use of this public address system, notification can be given through text messaging, e-mail, or recorded phone messages through the Blackboard Connect Ed System.

The Triton College Emergency Response Guide is available to the public, in person or online.

# Timely Warning Reports

In an effort to keep the campus community informed, the Triton College Police Department will issue "timely warnings" (bulletins) when certain crimes occur. A warning will be issued when the occurrence of a crime(s) listed in the Annual Clery Report, or any other crime(s) considered, represents a continuing and likely threat to students or employees. This warning may be issued in a number of ways, including, but not limited to, campus e-mails, postings in buildings and/or mailbox stuffing.

**(It should be noted, timely warning bulletins are not required with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor. However, these professionals may ask or encourage students and employees to make a voluntary, confidential report to the Triton College Police Department so that the incident can be included in statistical reports.)**

# Programs to Inform Students and Employees about Security Procedures and Practices

The Triton College Police Department is always under task to establish and/or improve procedures for informing students and staff about security procedures and practices. At present, staff members can obtain a copy of the Triton College Emergency Response Guide. This flipbook styled guide, suitable to place near or under one's office phone, highlights some of the situations that may require police response and assistance and gives the user quick guidance with handling the initial situation and contacting proper personnel.

Upon request, a more detailed emergency response document entitled, Triton College Police Department Emergency Response Guide, A Guide for Faculty, Staff and Students, is available. This guide is also available to the campus community on-line.

A "Letter from the Chief of Police" is circulated throughout campus and is available in the Police Department lobby. This letter highlights the authority and services of the Triton College Police Department and encourages the prompt reporting of crimes.

Each year, the Triton College Police Department initiates an annual post card mailing to every student and employee of the college informing them of the availability of this report, in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act.



The Chief of Police takes any and all opportunities that become available to talk to students and staff about security and safety issues. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, in-service day training, business meetings, departmental meetings and formal and informal gatherings.

Finally, information about the Police Department is available at <http://www.triton.edu/depts/police/index.html>

# Reporting Crimes and Emergencies

To help provide a secure and safe environment, all members of the Triton College community, and visitors, are expected, requested and encouraged to report any criminal activity or emergency situation. One may contact the Triton College Police Department directly at extension 3206 to file any type of report. Callers may also use the emergency house phones located throughout campus by dialing "11". All "911", "7-911" or "9-911" calls from campus extensions or pay phones will be directed to the River Grove Police Department. Those calls will then be referred back to the Triton College Police Department for follow-up and investigation.

Campus police are available 24 hours a day and will respond immediately to your location. Response time may be affected by various factors, such as the number and location of available personnel and/or their involvement in other more pressing activities at the time a report is received. Response to a report may also involve other personnel. This "other" personnel may include, the Office of Student Life, Counseling Center, such as in the case of a sexual assault and/or an outside police agency or other agencies.

Persons wishing to report crimes anonymously may do so.

# Domestic Relations Incidents

The Triton College Police Department is required under the Jeanne Clery Act to report all domestic or family violence that occur on or around campus. This includes Stalking, Dating Violence and Domestic Violence.

In the year 2019, there were 4 reported Dating Violence Situations (or Incidents).

- An Ex-boyfriend and Ex-girlfriend argued over some social media pictures. The argument got physical and the ex-boyfriend pushed the ex-girlfriend and choked her. The ex-girlfriend's cell phone was taken by the ex-boyfriend without consent. The ex-boyfriend was located in another part of the College. Complaints were signed by the ex-girlfriend for Domestic Battery and Theft.

## **Sex Offender Registration Information**

The Illinois State Police maintain a database of all registered sex offenders in Illinois that one can access using the web. To learn the identity of registered sex offenders living near campus, or anywhere in Illinois, visit the Sex Offender Database (<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>). Once there, you can search by city, county, or zip code. Our main campus is in River Grove (2000 N. 5th Ave, River Grove, Il. 60171). All facilities are located in the County of Cook.

To locate offender addresses in relation to campus you can use Mapquest (<http://www.mapquest.com/>), or similar map websites to identify surrounding streets.

The Triton College Police Department maintains a file on registered sex offenders who have disclosed that they are a student or staff member at Triton College. The police department disseminates this information to the general public where their presence on campus creates a significant continuing risk to other members of the campus community.

Any employee, student, prospective employee, prospective student or interested college community member may request to see a specific file upon request. One must make an appointment with the Chief of Police or his/her designee, M-F, 9am - 5pm, but not on holidays, to view a specific file.

The "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386) is a federal law enacted on October 28, 2000 that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders enrolled as students at institutions of higher education, or working or

volunteering on campus. It was sponsored by U.S. Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona and supported by Security On Campus, Inc.

The Act amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act to require sex offenders who are already required to register in a State, to provide notice, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. It also requires that state procedures ensure that this registration information is promptly made available to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction where the institutions of higher education are located and that it is entered into appropriate State records or data systems. These changes took effect October 28, 2002. These requirements are tied to state eligibility for certain types of federal grant funding and must be implemented through state law.

It also amends the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act to require institutions of higher education to issue a statement, in addition to other disclosures required under that Act, advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. These changes took effect October 28, 2002 and this notice will be a requirement beginning with the annual security report due October 1, 2003.

Lastly, the Act amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to clarify that nothing in that Act may be construed to prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders; and requires the Secretary of Education to take appropriate steps to notify educational institutions that disclosure of this information is permitted. This amendment took effect on October 28, 2000.

# Sexual Assault Prevention Programs

Sexual assaults continue to be a very serious problem facing many campuses today, as this crime often goes under-reported. Periodically, the counseling department or the student government offers workshops dealing with issues of sexual assault prevention. These workshops deal with various issues, such as, sexual assault, alcohol abuse, domestic violence, rape, acquaintance rape, and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses.

Also, in accordance with “The Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act, the counseling department is developing a comprehensive program to inform and educate on other subjects, but still focusing on sexual assault awareness in secondary schools.

## If You Are A Victim of A Sexual Assault...

If you are a victim of sexual assault, please contact the Triton College Police Department at x3206 or by house phone by dialing “11”. A campus officer will respond immediately to assist you. If you have been a victim of sexual assault, do not wash or change clothes, valuable evidence could be lost. Hair fibers, semen, saliva, and anything containing DNA can be helpful in solving the case.

A sexual assault victim should report the incident even if the victim does not want to press charges. This will still allow the Police Department to gather important evidence should the victim later change his/her mind or should other individuals fall victim to the same offender.

Students, who are victims of a sexual assault, will receive information regarding campus counseling. Students can contact the Counseling Center at extension 3588. Please contact the Triton College Police Department or the Office of Student Affairs for additional resources.

Triton College will assist the victim of a sexual assault in changing their academic schedule upon request, if the change is reasonably available.

Procedures for campus disciplinary action in cases of an alleged sex offense are;

1. The accuser and accused are entitled to the same opportunities, to have others present during the disciplinary proceeding.
2. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding brought about from an alleged sex offense. This does not constitute a violation of FERPA.
3. For the purpose of this act, the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding means only the institution's final determination with respect to the alleged sex offense and any sanction that is imposed against the accused. Triton College may impose sanctions ranging from a warning to permanent separation from the College following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary proceeding regarding rape, acquaintance rape, or other forcible or non-forcible sex offenses.

A criminal prosecution, if initiated, is handled through the courts and is a separate and distinct action. The final outcome of a criminal prosecution does not necessarily determine the final outcome or decision of a campus disciplinary proceeding.

# **Drug and Alcohol-Abuse Education Programs**

Periodically, the counseling department or the student government offers workshops and/or seminars dealing with issues of drug and alcohol prevention. Also, throughout the year, Triton counselors can provide individual referrals and assistance to students. In certain situations, students in need may be referred to the Student Assistance Program for one-on-one confidential counseling.

Employees who need assistance may use the services of the Employee Assistance Program through Triton's Human Resources Department. Again, these services are individually tailored and confidential.



# **Possession, Use and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages**

The use, sale, delivery, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on any property owned or controlled by the College is strictly prohibited except as specifically stated in College policy. The College enforces all city, state and local laws pertaining to the illegal use of alcoholic beverages, particularly the laws that prohibit the sale to or possession of alcoholic beverages by person(s) under the age of 21. Please refer to the Student Handbook or Board Policy for more specific information on the use, sale, delivery, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

# **Possession, Use and Sale of Illegal Drugs**

Possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs are a violation of Federal and State laws, as well as College policy. Any member of the campus community found in possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs may be subject to arrest. Additionally, they may be referred to the Dean of Students or Human Resources for administrative action. Please refer to the Student Handbook, Board Policy, and/or employee contracts for more information on the College policy concerning the use, possession, and sale of illegal drugs.

# **Clery Report Access Ability Procedure**

**Email notices will be sent to all students current and prospective and employees**

**Notice should also be provided to all prospective students and employees**

Triton College's annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning certain reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by Triton College; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, sex offender registration information and other matters. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting The Triton College Police Department or by accessing the following web site:

**<http://www.triton.edu/depts/police>**