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**REPORT**

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**Introduction:** In accordance with the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act”, institutions of higher education are required to prepare an annual report containing information on campus security policies and campus statistics. The following information provides a summary of SUNY ESF’s safety and security policy. Crime and judicial referral statistics gathered for this report are based on information obtained from the offices of University Police and the Associate Dean of Student Life.

**General Security Information:** In 2005, approximately 2,140 undergraduates and graduate students were enrolled at SUNY ESF. The college employs approximately 500 full-time and part-time faculty and staff. Students, faculty, and employees have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus during regular hours of operation. The public can attend cultural and recreational events on campus with their access limited only to the facilities in which these events are held. To report any violations of this or to report suspicious persons, dial campus extension 6666 for the University Police.

**Crime Reporting:** Crimes in progress and any other emergencies on campus can be reported directly by any student, faculty member or employee to the University Police department by dialing campus extension 6666. University Police can also be reached using campus blue light emergency phones. Upon receipt of the call, University Police officers are dispatched immediately to the site of the complaint. Members of the campus community can also report criminal incidents to the following offices:

Student Life - 6658

Human Resources - 6611

Members of the campus community are urged to secure their valuables and be aware of their surroundings. A variety of methods are available to disseminate information about criminal activity in the University Hill area that may affect students or staff at ESF: *Crime Alerts* are distributed throughout ESF’s student email system and via CampusNews. Crime news and prevention tips are published in the ESF student newspaper, *The Knothole*, as well as in the SU student newspaper, *The Daily Orange*. Crime prevention materials are available in various areas on the ESF and SU campuses.

**Authority And Responsibilities Of University Police:** The University Police Department has a force of 10 sworn police officers with full arrest powers. University Police Officers respond to all emergencies on the campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The mission of University Police is to provide a safe environment for teaching, research and social endeavors and to protect the lives and property of the students, employees and visitors of SUNY ESF. University Police officers have full law enforcement authority on campus grounds and adjoining roadways. They receive specialized training in first aid, defensive tactics, diversity issues, ethics and other topics.

Officers meet with students to discuss crime prevention, safety awareness, self defense, substance abuse, cultural awareness and other community policing concerns. A University Police officer serves on the College-wide Personal Safety Committee, as well as participates in the annual campus Twilight Review. Conducted at dusk, in cooperation with ESF's Personal Safety Committee, the Twilight Review invites faculty and students to accompany University Police officers, Physical Plant and Environmental Health and Safety personnel on a foot tour of the campus grounds. Its purpose is to invite comment on current safety measures such as lighting, help phones, escort services and the like, in order to recommend modifications and /or improvements.

**Policy On Alcohol And Drugs:** The illegal possession and/or use of marijuana, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogenic compounds, narcotics and other controlled substances are in violation of state and federal law. (<http://www.esf.edu/au/pp/alcohol-use-policy.doc>) ESF permits the use of alcoholic beverages on campus by those who comply with state law and who adhere to the guidelines established by the college. (<http://www.esf.edu/au/pp/alcohol-service-policy.doc>)

**Weapons On Campus:** Firearms and dangerous weapons of any type are not permitted on campus. Unauthorized use, possession, or sale of firearms or other dangerous weapons by anyone is strictly forbidden and is a violation of state and federal law as well as a violation of the student code of conduct. (<http://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/>)

**Daily Log:** University Police maintains a daily log of crimes and incidents that occur on campus that is available to the public to view. This information is recorded by date, time and general location, and disposition of the complaint. This daily log is available in the University Police Department, room 19 Bray Hall. Please note that entries or updates are generally made within two business days after the event occurs. Incidents or situations deemed to pose a threat to the campus community are logged as soon as possible.

While most events are logged, the office of the University Police Chief may determine that an incident be classified as "confidential" in order not to jeopardize a criminal investigation or the identity of a victim.

**Crime Prevention Activities:** Services available through the University Police Department throughout the year include emergency services, parking information, motorist assistance and lost and found. The physical plant department maintains the campus buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. It inspects campus facilities regularly, promptly makes repairs affecting safety and security, and responds immediately to reports of potential safety and security hazards, such as broken windows and locks. If you have concerns about the physical safety of campus buildings and grounds, call the physical plant office Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at extension 6588. For emergencies that occur during non business hours, please contact University Police.

The college campus is well lighted, including high intensity sodium vapor lights on buildings, in parking lot areas, in areas with heavy landscaping and trees, and along pathways frequently traveled by students. The University Police communications center is staffed 24 hours a day. There are usually officers on foot and/or vehicle patrol. Officers are in radio contact with the communications center at all times. The communications center has six emergency phone lines that all roll over from one in-house line by simply dialing 6666 on campus or 470-6666 from off-campus phones. The center also answers the emergency phones located in all elevators and the Blue Light “help phones” located at 57 exterior and interior sites throughout the campus. A map of the campus Blue Light system can be found at <http://www.esf.edu/psc/map.htm>.

**Relationships With Other Police Departments:** The University Hill area in Syracuse consists of a number of facilities that have their own security forces. Those incidents that affect one facility tend to affect us all. To assure the rapid transfer of information and the best usage of available resources, we use the HILLNET radio system. The HILLNET system links the University Police Department at ESF with public safety and police departments at Syracuse University, Veterans Administration Hospital, Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the Hutchings Psychiatric Center. Information about criminal activity is immediately broadcast to all HILLNET participants so they can take preventative measures. Periodic meetings among the HILLNET facilities, area merchant representatives, and the Syracuse Police Department allow for the free flow of information among all concerned groups. ESF receives copies of the Syracuse Police Department’s daily bulletins to keep abreast of criminal activity in the University Hill area.

Criminal activity at off-campus locations is monitored by the police agency having jurisdiction for that area. Agencies in the Syracuse area share information and assist University Police as needed. Students involved in off-campus situations involving alcohol/drug offenses or other criminal activities may be referred to the campus judicial program.

**Sexual Crimes Information:** Rape and sexual assault, such as sexual abuse and sodomy, constitute crimes. Such behavior is prohibited by New York state law (see Section 130 of the New York State Penal Law) and Appendix H of the ESF student handbook. The college also strongly condemns sexual harassment in any form. Allegations of sexual assault or rape should be reported to the University Police Department at 470-6666.

Allegations of sexual assault or rape occurring off campus should be reported to the Syracuse City Police, Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department or the New York State Police. Efforts will be made to ensure the confidentiality of all reports, except as necessary and required to investigate the alleged offenses. College authorities may issue a safety alert to those areas of the college community affected by the crime. The issuance of this alert will depend on the particular circumstances of the crime.

Victims can provide information to University Police and choose criminal prosecution and/or a referral to the on-campus discipline system administered by the Office of Student Life. Procedures and possible sanctions related to on-campus discipline are

discussed in the Code of Student Conduct  
(<http://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/judicialhandbk.doc>).

Victims of sex crimes should contact the Office of Student Life (ext. 6658) for additional information. It is important to note that the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary action including the sanction to be imposed. Such sanctions can include suspension and dismissal from the institution.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, immediately report the assault to the police. Call 6666 on campus, or 911 off campus. Police cannot investigate the incident as a crime unless you file a formal report. Reporting a crime to the police or to another campus office does not necessarily obligate you to follow through with criminal prosecution.

\*Go to a hospital emergency room as soon as possible if the assault involved a sexual penetration or other physical injuries. (Evidence can be collected several hours after an attack, but its value may be diminished.) Do not wash, change clothing, or otherwise "clean up." Bring a full change of clothing because the clothes you were wearing at the time of the attack may be kept as evidence.\*

Your follow-up medical care is crucially important. You may need tests for sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

\*No matter when or where the assault occurred, support and referral resources are available to help you.

### **Statement of Victims' Rights**

- Victims have the right to choose counseling and medical treatment, and to prosecute and report their case through the university judicial system and/or the off-campus court system. They also have the right to refuse all these options without reproach from any university personnel.
- Victims have the right to be treated with dignity and seriousness by campus personnel.
- Victims of crimes against an individual have the right to be reasonably free from intimidation and harm.
- University personnel are encouraged to inform all victims that victims are not responsible for crimes committed against them; victims should always report their crime, despite the possibility of adverse publicity for the university.
- Victims will be made aware of appropriate student services, including counseling.
- Victims are entitled to the same support opportunities available to the accused in a campus disciplinary proceeding.
- If the accused is prohibited from contacting the victim or entering the victim's residence, the victim will be notified that the ban is in effect.

- Any victim who does not wish to remain in his/her present residence hall or class section may be granted a transfer to other housing or another class section if available.
- The victim has the right to information regarding the status of his/her case.

**Campus Crime Statistics:** In accordance with recent updates to the "Campus Safety Act," the following data are presented to review crime activity both on campus and on streets adjacent to campus property. Reported on-campus offenses include all offenses reported on campus property and in campus buildings.

Two other categories are presented in this chart: "non-campus buildings or property" and "public property." The first category, non-campus buildings or property, includes properties owned by student organizations officially recognized by the institution and those owned by the university outside the campus boundaries. "Public property" includes thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities immediately adjacent to the campus.

This section on campus crime statistics also includes arrests and disciplinary referral made to campus authorities for alcohol, drugs and weapons possession. As defined by the Campus Safety Act, a disciplinary referral is an instance when a student is formally reported in writing to a university officer for possible sanction.

As required by the Campus Safety Act, SUNY ESF is required to report hate crimes in this report. A hate crime occurs when a person is victimized intentionally because of his or her actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability. The crimes presented are based on reports filed with the following offices: Chief of University Police and the Associate Dean of Student Life. Formal requests for crime statistics for areas defined as "public property" and "non-campus buildings and property" were made with the Syracuse Police Department and the Onondaga County Sheriffs Department.

### **Offense Definitions:**

The definitions for murder, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, arson, motor vehicle theft, weapon law violations, drug abuse violations and liquor law violations are excerpted from the *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook*. The definitions of forcible and non-forcible sex offenses are excerpted from the national incident-based reporting edition of the *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook*.

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

***Aggravated Assault*** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for inflicting severe aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually 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 weapon is used which could and probably would result in serious personal 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 intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

***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.

***Motor Vehicle Theft*** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned, including joyriding.)

***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; and 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, heroine, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

***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; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

***Sex Offenses (Forcible)***

Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against a person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

1. **Forcible Rape** - The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/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).
2. **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.
3. **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 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.
4. **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 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.

***Sex Offenses (Non-forcible) - Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse***

- A. **Incest** - Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- B. **Statutory Rape** - Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the age of consent.

Offense	2003	2004	2005	Offense	2003	2004	2005
<b>Murder</b>				<b>Drug Law Violations</b>			
On Campus	0	0	0	On Campus	5	8	5
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	1	0	1
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>				<b>Illegal Weapons Possessions</b>			
On Campus	0	0	0	On Campus	0	0	0
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses</b>				<b>Assault</b>			
On Campus	0	0	0	On Campus	0	0	0
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>				<b>Harassment</b>			
On Campus	1	0	0	On Campus	5	2	4
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>				<b>Grand Larceny</b>			
On Campus	2	0	0	On Campus	3	1	2
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>				<b>Petit Larceny</b>			
On Campus	1	8	4	On Campus	9	15	9
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>				<b>Criminal Mischief</b>			
On Campus	0	0	0	On Campus	21	18	6
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>				<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>			
On Campus	1	0	2	On Campus	3	0	2
In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>				<b>Trespassing</b>			
On Campus	22	31	17	On Campus	0	0	2
In/on a non-campus building/property	5	7	14	In/on a non-campus building/property	0	0	0
On public property	0	0	0	On public property	0	0	0
Hate Crime	0	0	0	Hate Crime	0	0	0