

Campus Crime Report

Addendum to the State Colleges in Colorado 2005-2006 Drug-Free Information Newsletter

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT[1]

This report was prepared by the Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) Campus Police Department to comply with the federal Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990. **This report describes security practices and procedures at the Auraria Higher Education Center and lists crime statistics** for the most recent calendar year and the two preceding calendar years. This report will be provided to any applicant for enrollment or employment on request.

AHEC serves three institutions: Metropolitan State College of Denver, the University of Colorado at Denver and Community College of Denver. Since 1992 these institutions have been required to report each year on the status of campus security to all current students and employees. In addition the Police Department provides Police and Security services to retailers and off-campus users at our 250,000 square ft. Tivoli Student Union.

This report is intended to provide a general description of campus security arrangements and **not to serve as a contractual agreement between AHEC and the recipient**. Security procedures are subject to change without notice.

DEFINITION OF CAMPUS

The Auraria Campus is defined as those properties, streets, retail operations and facilities owned by the State of Colorado and used by students, staff, faculty and visitors. The campus area is bounded by Auraria Parkway, Speer Blvd., Colfax Avenue and both sides of Fifth Street. St. Elizabeth's Church is privately owned and not served by Auraria Campus Police. St. Francis Conference Center is owned by the Auraria Foundation and is served by the Auraria Campus Police.

STATUS OF CAMPUS SAFETY

Although located in an urban environment, the **Auraria Campus has one of the lowest campus crime rates in the state**. This is due primarily to the fact that it is a commuter campus and does not house dormitories or student residences. This report does not reflect crime rates in the surrounding communities. State crime statistics can be found in the Colorado Department of Public Safety's annual report entitled "Crime in Colorado."

REPORTING CRIMES AND EMERGENCIES

Crime reports can be made at any time. **Auraria Campus police services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week**. Priority is given to reports of incidents that threaten the life or safety of people, the security of property and the peace of the community.

Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-8-115, "Duty to Report a Crime," requires all persons who believe a crime has been committed to promptly report the suspected crime to law enforcement authorities. **When on campus, these crimes must be reported to Auraria Campus Police**. To report a crime, use one of the emergency telephones located in every classroom building for immediate, direct access or call 911 from any campus phone for emergencies or ext. 6-3271 for other police assistance. From off-campus call 303-556-3271. **Call quickly. Don't assume that someone else has made the call**. Try to provide the Campus Police dispatcher with accurate, detailed information about the

problem. Stay on the line until the dispatcher says it is all right to hang up. The dispatcher will relay information to emergency responders who are on their way to the scene. If you are reporting a medical emergency, ask someone to monitor the victim's condition so that you can relay this information over the phone to the dispatcher.

Call the Auraria Campus Police Department if

- you need to report a crime
- someone is injured or ill
- you see a fire or smell smoke
- you see anyone or anything suspicious
- you see someone stealing something
- you think you see a drunken driver
- you see a chemical spill

In addition, victims of stalkers or persons with restraining orders against another party are strongly encouraged to notify Campus Police of the threat and to provide Campus Police a copy of the restraining order so that campus officers can enforce it.

NOTIFYING CAMPUS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Timely advisories are made to the campus community on crimes that are reported to Auraria Campus police or local police that may be considered a threat to other students or employees. These reports are made using one or a combination of the following methods:

- initiating press releases
- initiating crime advisories
- making reports available to the media for police blotter publications on campus newspaper, radio and television
- advertising in campus publications
- distributing the above information to campus employees

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND INTER-AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS

The police officers in the Auraria Campus Police Department receive their police authority via the provisions of the Colorado Revised Statutes, Title 24, Article 7, Part 1. The Auraria Board, through its Executive Vice President of Administration, has delegated authority to the Auraria Campus Police Department to enforce campus rules and regulations as well as municipal and State laws. Auraria Campus Police have full authority, including arrest powers, on any campus-owned or -leased property and as directed by campus policy. Auraria Campus Police also work closely with other State and local police agencies to exchange information and conduct joint investigations.

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Campus Police staff includes a police chief, police officers, security guards, dispatchers, and administrators. Service is provided on an ongoing basis to the campus community. Campus Police also provide police services to retailers and their customers in the Tivoli Student Union.

Some services provided to the Auraria Campus by Campus Police include:

- responding to police, fire, medical and environmental emergencies
- investigating criminal reports, traffic accidents, suspicious activities

- assisting crime victims by taking reports, doing follow-up investigations and referring them to appropriate resources
- monitoring alarms for intrusion, robbery and environmental hazards
- complying with federal, state and local laws regarding release of information
- taking reports of crimes, sick/injured, and other non-criminal activity
- providing police and security services at special events such as concerts and sporting activities
- providing security consultations to students and office personnel
- assisting motorists in vehicle unlocks
- assuring that AHEC is in compliance with city, state and federal environmental regulations
- assuring the safety of the campus by monitoring environmental and safety hazards
- holding, inventorying and returning found property
- presenting crime prevention and awareness programs

SECURITY AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Programs presented by the Campus Police Department include:

- Ongoing
 - Bike Theft Prevention: Campus Police host bicycle clinics, which provide tips on preventing bike thefts.
 - Bicycle Registration: Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to register their bicycles with the Denver Police Department. Registration forms are available at Campus Police.
 - Electronic Alarm Systems: Campus Police monitor intrusion, fire, environmental and general emergency alarms via a computerized monitoring system and ascertain information from the readouts.
 - Campus Patrols: Campus Police Staff review reported crimes and determine if focused patrol activity may be required in any given area.
 - Vehicle Unlocks: Campus Police will help campus users retrieve keys left in vehicles.
 - Student Guard Program: Students working for Campus Police conduct core campus and parking lot safety patrols on foot and bicycle.
 - New Student Orientation: This presentation on crime, personal safety and security is given to new students.
 - Victim Assistance: Officers give victims brochures detailing community services and criminal information available to them.
- On Request:
 - Drug and Alcohol Information: Information is available through Campus Police.
 - Personal Safety on Campus: This program covers ways to avoid being the victim of physical or sexual assault.
 - Security Surveys: Campus Police evaluate facilities' physical security and make recommendations for improvements.
 - Date/Acquaintance Rape Education: The purpose of this program is to increase awareness of date/acquaintance rape on the campus.
 - Violence in the Workplace:
 - Stalking
 - Restraining Orders

Note: If Campus Police do not have information or a presentation on hand to respond to a specific request from the campus community, the office will develop one.

ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

Auraria Campus Police has the primary responsibility for coordinating the locking and unlocking of most campus buildings. Established facility hours are coordinated and maintained by the Facilities Use Division. Campus Police also works closely with the Facilities Management Division to maintain building security and key control. Access to facilities after normal working hours is limited and coordinated with Campus Police.

The Tivoli Building, a designated historical landmark, is a former brewery acquired by the campus in 1992. It is being used as a Student Union and, in addition to student media operations, houses a variety of retail outlets including several restaurants and a bar. Because of its open nature it contains a satellite police office and is staffed and patrolled 24 hours per day.

DEFINITIONS OF REPORTED CRIMES

Federal law requires that institutions report those crimes that are classified by the FBI's University Crime Report (UCR) as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft. The UCR definitions for those crimes are listed below:

Murder: The willful (non-negligent) killing of a human being by another.

Sexual Assault: Crimes involving forced sexual penetration, intrusion or contact. Rape, as defined by the FBI's UCR, encompasses the crimes of first- and second-degree assault in Colorado. First-degree sexual assault involves sexual penetration by force or serious threats. Second-degree sexual assault involves sexual penetration or intrusion without the victim's consent.

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or 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. An unsuccessful attempt to commit murder would be classified as aggravated assault. In Colorado, this includes all first- and second-degree assaults and felony menacing. Third-degree assaults do not fit into the definition as they are classified as simple assaults.

Burglary: The unlawful entry into a building or structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft. In Colorado, this includes First- and second-degree burglaries. Burglary can be broken down as follows:

- Burglary of residence with forced entry
- Burglary of residence with no forced entry
- Burglary of non-residence with forced entry
- Burglary of non-residence with no forced entry

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

AHEC CAMPUS CRIME INFORMATION

The following statistics are provided by the Auraria Campus Police Department in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Sex Offender Registry Act of 2002. NOTE: For information regarding registry of sex offenders in Colorado, contact the Auraria Campus Police Department at 303-556-3271, or visit the web site at www.ahec.edu and click on Campus Police.

*** The reason for the marked increase is due to the definition provided in the "Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting" published by the US Dept of Education/2005 stating "If lawful entry cannot be proven, classify as a burglary." Many of these crimes were previously classified as a theft which is a non-reportable offense for Clery.**

**** The reason for the marked decrease is due to the definition provided in the "Handbook for Campus Crime Reporting" published by the US Dept of Education/2005 stating "All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus." be included; essentially, sidewalk, street, sidewalk. The Auraria Campus was previously over-reporting the statistics.**

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Auraria and the institutions, in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, and consistent with State policy, prohibit the illegal use of alcohol, other drugs or controlled substances when on campus.

In addition to the policy described above, education, training and treatment programs are available through Student Life Programs at each institution and through Auraria Human Resources. The institutions and Auraria may take action when policies on the use, possession, distribution, manufacture and sale of illegal drugs have been violated. AHEC also cooperates with local, state and federal authorities in the detection and prosecution of drug offenses.

AHEC alcohol policies apply to the Auraria campus and institution-sponsored activities. Administrators, alumni, faculty, guests, staff and students must adhere to all applicable state and local laws and regulations related to the sale and use of alcoholic beverages. The most common laws related to alcohol use and sale are as follows:

- The sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except in areas, at times, and on dates licensed by the Colorado State Department of Revenue.
- Persons under 21 years of age cannot legally possess or consume alcoholic beverages of any kind. The furnishing of alcoholic beverages to under-aged persons is prohibited.
- Alcohol cannot be consumed or carried in open containers on any street, sidewalk, alley, automobile or public area (except as noted herein).

- Serving of alcoholic beverages must stop before the close of the event.
- The burden of proof for showing legal age is on the alcohol consumer. No alcohol will be served unless clear evidence of legal age is presented. It is the responsibility of those in charge of an event to assure that no one who is under age is served or consumes any alcoholic beverages.
- Alcohol may not be consumed or carried in open containers in the commons area or "public" areas of any building or grounds except as follows: for group activities or events where a liquor license (if required) has been obtained and the scheduling officer has approved the event.

Illegal Drugs:

The policy for Auraria and the institutions prohibits the sale, manufacture, distribution, use or possession of illegal drugs on the Auraria Campus. This policy applies equally to administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Violation of the Drug Policy:

Sale, distribution or manufacture of illegal drugs by a member of the Auraria campus community will normally result in the administration taking action to curtail the activity. This policy applies within or upon the grounds, buildings or any other facilities of the campus. Sanctions may be imposed upon individuals found in violation of these policies as well as violation of laws controlling drugs and alcohol.

More specific and detailed information about Auraria and institutional policies addressing drug and alcohol concerns can be found in operations manuals, student handbooks, personnel offices or administrative policy information. Faculty staff and students are encouraged to obtain this information through Student Life, the administrative areas of Metropolitan State College of Denver, or the Auraria Higher Education Center.

SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

In accordance with the Student-Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, as amended by Section 486(c) of Public Law 102-325, Metropolitan State College of Denver has adopted a broader sexual assault policy:

1. Educational programs to promote the awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other sex offenses:

Personal Safety on Campus: This educational program offered by Auraria Campus Police Department is usually presented to small groups and teaches ways to avoid becoming the victim of forcible or non-forcible sex offenses.

Security Surveys: Upon request, Public Safety evaluates a facility's physical security and makes recommendations for improvements.

Date/Acquaintance Rape Education: The purpose of this educational program, which is offered each semester, is to increase awareness of date/acquaintance rape and other sex offenses on the campus.

NightRider/Escort: The NightRider program offers students van transportation on campus. Escort provides students, faculty and staff with trained escorts to and from locations on campus.

Auraria Police Department Escort: When other escort services are not available, APD provides a limited escort service, particularly during hours of darkness for individuals walking on campus.

2. Possible sanctions to be imposed following campus disciplinary procedures regarding rape, acquaintance rape or other sex offenses, forcible or non-forcible are stated in the **Student Conduct Code** as published in the MSCD Student Handbook proscribes "physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person."

The **Student Conduct Code** sets forth the procedures for charges and hearings, as well as sanctions that can be imposed including warning, probation, loss of privileges, fines, restitution, discretionary sanctions, college suspension, and college expulsion.

3. Procedures to follow if a sex offense occurs:

A. If the offense is reported to the Auraria Police Department, the Denver Police Department will be contacted. A regular procedure then is initiated in which a victim advocate is assigned and a medical examination is initiated at Denver Health Medical Center. Collection and preservation of evidence are paramount.

Medical treatment: There are four important reasons why you need medical attention.

1. To take the first step toward regaining control of your body and your life;
2. To determine whether you have any injuries and to get timely medical treatment. You may be in a state of shock and unable to detect injury;
3. To ease any fears you have about venereal disease or pregnancy;
4. To collect physical evidence for possible future prosecution if or when a suspect is caught. It is vital that this evidence be collected within 72 hours or less.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services will assist with changing academic situations. For example, you may request that you be removed from a classroom or other situations in which the alleged perpetrator is present. You may also request an incomplete or NC in the classes for which you are currently enrolled if you believe that the assault will have an effect on your academic performance even if the assault did not occur on campus. Individual professors have the right to choose whether they will give you an incomplete or NC. You may request an administrative withdrawal from all of your classes for the semester from the appropriate academic dean.

4. Procedures for on-campus disciplinary action for cases of alleged sexual assault:

A. The campus disciplinary procedures as set forth in Article IV: Judicial Processes of the Student Conduct Code will govern.

B. It is the policy of Metropolitan State College of Denver that both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any proceeding alleging a sexual assault.

5. It is the policy of MSCD that any college office contacted by a student reporting a sexual offense shall inform the student of the option to report the incident to the Auraria Police Department. It is the policy of the college that all personnel lend whatever assistance is necessary to notify the authorities if the student so chooses.

It is policy at Metropolitan State College of Denver that so far as reasonable remedies are available, the college will entertain and assist in changing academic situations when requested to do so by a victim. Please contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

[1]Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act compliance report for the Auraria Higher Education Center entitled: The Auraria Higher Education Center Security Awareness, Policies and Crime Prevention Report 2002, prepared by the Auraria Campus Police (providing full police services to the Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State College of Denver, University of Colorado at Denver and the Auraria Campus Administration.)
