

Annual Security Report 2005 -2007 Security Policy and Crime Statistics

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Text of the law as well as a wealth of other information regarding the Clery Act may be found on the [U.S. Department of Education Web site](#) and at the [Security on Campus Web site](#).

Note: The Clery Act statistics are compiled under significantly different reporting requirements than those reported by the campus each year to the FBI. The reports differ in their standards for verifying that an offense occurred, definitions of crimes, locations covered and other reporting requirements. It is not possible, therefore, to make clear comparisons between Clery Act and FBI statistics.

INTRODUCTION:

This information has been prepared as part of Purchase College's commitment to security and safety on campus and to meet the requirements of the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 (amended November 1998 and renamed the Clery Act). This act requires colleges and universities to prepare, publish and distribute to all students and employees an annual report pertaining to the college's security policies, procedures and programs. SUNY Purchase College has taken a pro-active approach to campus security and safety and is in full compliance with the law. Also included is statistical information comparing crimes that occurred on the Campus for the years of 2004 , 2005 and 2006. The information here demonstrates that the safety and well being of our students, faculty and staff are of the greatest priority to SUNY Purchase College.

CURRENT POLICIES:

Reporting Criminal Incidents or Emergencies:

Students or College employees may report a criminal incident by calling 251-6900 or 251-6911 for all emergencies (x6900/6911 or 911 from a campus telephone) or reporting to the University Police Department in the basement of the Humanities Building, Room 0053. This office is open 24-hours a day. Medical emergencies may also be reported in the same manner.

Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college e-mail system to the students, faculty, staff and the campus' student newspapers, *The Dispatch* and *The Independent*.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, The University Police Department may also post a notice on the various electronic boards throughout the campus. Postings will also appear on the College's and/or University Police websites.

Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University System or

the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the Chief or a designee of UPD can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution. The University Police monitors the Safe Campus Incident Reporting Hotline (x6868) daily. Users may report criminal activity, information on crimes or safety concerns through this hotline and it will remain confidential.

Incidents may also be reported to any college official or Student Affairs staff member. For those wishing to do so, reports may be filed by contacting any of the following:

Interim Assistant Provost for Integrated Learning	(914) 251-6030
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs	(914) 251-6030
Chief or Asst. Chief of University Police	(914) 251-6905
Director of Residence Life	(914) 251-6320
Director of Orientation and Campus Events	(914) 251-6335
Director of Health Services	(914) 251-6380
Director of Counseling	(914) 251-6390

A special program, the **Emergency Blue Light Phone System (EBLPS)**, aids in expediting calls concerning criminal incidents, emergencies or safety concerns. These 43 call boxes are brightly lit with a blue light and have been strategically installed in areas of high pedestrian traffic across campus. Future sites of being considered for installation.

Access to and Security of Campus Facilities

Most campus buildings and facilities of Purchase College are accessible to members of the campus community, as well as guests and visitors, during normal business hours on Monday through Friday and for limited designated hours on Saturdays and Sundays when the College is in session.

The entrance doors to student residence halls remain locked 24-hours a day. Unlimited access is available to residents only. Intercom telephones are located in the entrance foyer of each residence hall and visitors should call for admission to the building.

During the evening hours and when the campus is officially closed, College buildings are locked with the exception of a few buildings which have 24 hour access. Only faculty, staff and some students with proper authorization may be admitted to these areas.

Our Facilities Management Group staff who frequently inspects campus lighting, trims shrubbery, and clears all entrances/sidewalks of snow, ice, and debris also addresses security of campus facilities.

The campus Emergency Blue Light Phones are inspected monthly by the University Police and the Student Safety Program. Damaged or non-working telephones are reported to the Facilities Management Group as well as Telecommunications Office for repair.

Faculty, staff, students and visitors are encouraged to report any damaged equipment or potentially unsafe areas to the University Police Department at 251-6900.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL:

New York State laws and the Purchase College Alcohol Policy governs the possession, sale or the furnishing of alcohol on the University campus. Laws regarding the possession, sale, consumption or furnishing of alcohol is controlled by the New York State Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC). However, the enforcement of alcohol laws on-campus is the primary responsibility of the New York State University Police Department and Purchase College Campus Judicial System. Practicing “Zero Tolerance” on campus also provides an educational approach regarding violations of the drug and alcohol policies as well as enforcing the sanctions through the Campus Judicial process. Only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcohol is permitted.

The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Such laws are strictly enforced by the NYS University Police Department. Violators are subject to University disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment. It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21 in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal. It is also a violation of the Purchase College Alcohol Policy for anyone to consume or possess alcohol in any public or private area of the campus without prior University approval. Organizations or groups violating alcohol/substance policies or laws may be subject to sanctions by the University.

Employees of Purchase College are subject to disciplinary procedures for the use and/or abuse of drugs and alcohol. Employees who violate the State policy on alcohol and substance abuse in the workplace may be subject to disciplinary action specified in section 75 of the Civil Service Law or the disciplinary articles of the collective negotiated agreements.

Students of Purchase College are subject to policies governing alcohol and substance abuse as outlined in under the section, **College Policies** of the Purchase College Student Handbook. This document is distributed electronically and available to all students.

All members of the campus community are subject to federal and state laws as they apply to Alcohol and Controlled substance use and/or abuse.

Possession, Use and Sale of Alcohol

No person shall possess, sell or give away alcoholic beverages without proper authorization in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the College. Persons (21 years of age or older) may have alcoholic beverages in the residence areas as outlined

B. Residence Facilities (Residence Halls & Apartments): In private living units (rooms, suites, or apartments) where none of the assigned residents are 21 years old or older, alcoholic beverages may not be present.

C. Residence Facilities (Residence Halls & Apartments): In private living units (rooms, suites, or apartments) where one or more of the assigned residents are 21 years old or older, alcoholic beverages may be consumed by residents and their guests who are 21 years old or older under the following guidelines:

1. Private living units are defined as: Rooms, suites, apartment spaces which are not generally accessible to the general public, where a student may be a reasonable expectation of privacy. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed outside at any time including in the apartment complexes.
2. Under the “Personal Use” category, the maximum number in attendance may not exceed the limits set below:
 - For units designed to accommodate one to two persons: 6 persons
 - For units designed to accommodate four persons (apartments/suites): 10 persons
 - For units designed to accommodate six to eight persons (apartments/suites): 14 persons
3. The host(s) will prevent disruptive and excessive noise, which may be disturbing to area residents, and be accountable for the behavior of his/her guests.

No open containers may be possessed outside of the student’s room, or elsewhere on campus unless legally authorized.

In compliance with State law and Town ordinance, open containers of alcoholic beverages are permitted in public spaces on campus only at registered events or contract vendor operations. “Public spaces” include hallways, stairwells, lounges, and instructional areas of all buildings. In support of the responsible use of alcohol, kegs are not permitted on campus except as provided by a contract vendor at registered public events and in food service operations as provided in this policy.

Possession, Use, and Sale of Controlled Substances

The use of all controlled substances, with the exception of prescribed drugs, is illegal and exposes one to disciplinary action as well as criminal violation. Use, trafficking, and possession of controlled substances creates criminal activity on campus. The College will involve internal and external law enforcement investigative services, if necessary, to remove this dangerous element from our community.

The Policy

In order to protect the educational environment and safeguard the health and well-being of the individual and the community, the College policy concerning illegal drugs will be as follows:

- A. The possession, use, sale, or other distribution of narcotics, hallucinogenics or controlled substances (except as permitted by law) on the campus by any student, employee, or visitor, will be considered a serious offense.
- B. The use, sale, or possession of any drug paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, water pipes, bongs, and hypodermic syringes/needles not prescribed by a licensed physician will be subject to disciplinary action.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

SUNY Purchase College condemns sexual assault, rape, and other forms of non-consensual sexual activities. These offenses violate the Campus Regulations and Judicial Procedures, as well

as New York State Penal Law. The College does its utmost to prevent sexual violence through education and safety precautions and to provide support and appropriate services to any student involved in an incident of sexual assault. All new students are given a comprehensive orientation session on rape and sexual violence prevention. The police department offers sexual assault education and information programs to students and employees upon request.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at Purchase College, your first priority should be to get to a safe place. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The Police Department strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. An assault should be reported directly to the University Police Department and/or the Office of Student Affairs as soon as possible. Filing a police report with a Police Officer will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim.
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later.
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system, the on-campus judicial procedure or both. A University representative from the Police Department will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decision. Various counseling options are available through:

The Counseling Center, Victims Assistance of Westchester County, Purchase College Peer Advocates, 24 Hour Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence, & Stalking Hotline, My Sisters' Place, The Loft Lesbian and Gay Community Service Center, Westchester Medical Center, White Plains Hospital and the S.A.N.E Unit (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner).

The campus discipline process, as well as special guidelines for cases involving physical/sexual aggressive/violent behavior, is detailed in the Community Standards of Conduct. This publication provides, in part, that the accused and the victim will each be allowed to choose a support person from the campus community to accompany them throughout the hearing. Both the victim and accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student accused of sexual misconduct may be criminally prosecuted in the New York State courts and as well as charged with violating the campus community standards of conduct. Student victims have the option to change their academic and/or campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

Law Enforcement Authority and Interagency Relationship

The University Police Department at SUNY Purchase College is responsible for law enforcement, security, and emergency response for the campus. The department consists of, a Chief, an Assistant Chief, a Deputy Chief, 2 Inspectors, an Investigator, 3 Lieutenants, 11 Police Officers (usually one assigned to the Community Policing and Education Unit) and 3 Communication Officers.

The members of the University Police Department are Police Officers for the State of New York pursuant to Section 1.20, Paragraph 34 (S) of the Criminal Procedure Law of the State of New York. In addition, SUNY Police Officers are appointed by the State University pursuant to Subdivision 2 of Section 355 of New York State Education Law.

University Police officers are vested with full law enforcement authority and have responsibilities identical to the local police. Officers are trained at the Westchester County Police Academy. They receive specialized training in first aid, defensive tactics, legal responsibility, sexual assault investigation, assistance to victims and other law enforcement topics.

The University Police Department maintains a close working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies in Westchester County. In particular, the department works closely with the Town of Harrison Police and Village of Rye Brook Police Departments, Westchester County Department of Public Safety, New York State Police and federal agencies. Crime incident records for state and national distribution are maintained via the New York Statewide Police Information Network (NYSPIN).

Sexual Offender Registration

Federal regulations also require colleges and universities to advise the campus community where it can obtain information about registered sex offenders. This information is provided by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, and is provided to local law enforcement agencies, communities and the general public, upon request. Individuals who wish to obtain this information may contact the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services at <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us>. New York State also maintains a sex offender registry information line (1-900-288-3838) where persons can call and request up to 5 searches for a modest fee.

PROGRAMS

The University Police Department takes a proactive approach to crime prevention. The Department offers a comprehensive series of programs to the campus community. The goals of these programs are:

1. To eliminate or minimize criminal activity whenever possible.

2. To encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others.

The following programs are designed to meet these goals:

Student Escorts-Student Safety Program (SSP)

This program provides “students walking with students” during the academic year. Students may request an SSP escort by calling University Police at 251-6900 or by using the Emergency Blue Light Phone System during the posted hours to obtain a student escort to their room, any residential area, their parked car or any academic building. You may also request an SSP escort by simply asking an SSP staff. SSP staff work primarily during the high-risk times of the evening and night. Call University Police to request an escort when SSP is not in operation. This program also welcomes faculty, staff and visitors.

HUDLE (Help Understand Daily Law Enforcement) NEW!

This new program will start in November 2007. It will afford students and the campus community the opportunity to participate in workshops and seminars; conducted by members of the University Police Department, to better understand the daily law enforcement of the Purchase College campus community. This program will also encourage the students to express their concerns to make Purchase College a safe place to live.

New Student Orientation

The crime prevention and awareness orientation heightens the awareness of new students to potential crime and criminal activity encountered on or near a campus. This program includes videotapes, brochures, and other printed materials.

Community Policing and Education Unit

This program is offered to the campus community, primarily in the Residential Areas, and to other student groups to promote discussion between students and University Police personnel. Crime prevention as well as safety and residence hall/apartment security information is disseminated during these sessions.

Rape Awareness and Personal Safety Workshops

With the cooperation of the Residence Life staff, Health Education, and the Counseling Center, these programs are offered to provide personal safety tips and risk reduction strategies to members of the campus community. Health and crisis counseling services are available from all of the aforementioned resources.

R.A.D. Women’s Self- Defense

This one semester course is offered 2 times a semester for all female students, faculty and staff. RAD at Purchase College is offered for 2 credits or can also be taken for no credit. Certified RAD self-defense instructors teach the course. Women get to experience simulation drills with target pads and other training equipment. Actual simulation is experienced with "The Aggressor" at the end of the course. Check University Police web site for more information.

Crime Prevention News- (New program developing)

Police newsletters and other crime prevention information will be widely distributed to the campus community. These printed materials will keep students, faculty, and staff informed of potential hazards on campus and communicate ways to remain safe and secure while living on campus and in the local community.

SUNY Purchase College believes that an informed public is a safety conscious public.

The following statistics, provided in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, are for your information. These statistics reflect the number of on-campus offenses reported to University Police and other college officials at SUNY Purchase College and are compiled by calendar year. All definitions conform with the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition, 1992, as required by the Campus Security Act of 1990.

Disciplinary Action

All criminal offenses are also forwarded to the Student Affairs Division for disciplinary action.

President's Committee on Personal Safety

This committee reviews, evaluates and makes recommendations regarding campus safety and security issues.

Crime Alerts

When circumstances warrant it, printed or electronic crime alerts and campus advisories can be prepared and distributed selectively or campus wide notifying employees and students of important crime related information.

Policy for Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

The University Police prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus and the Division of Student Affairs. Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to UPD, designated campus officials (including but not limited to directors, deans, department heads, judicial affairs, advisors to student organizations, athletic coaches), and local law enforcement agencies. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students that provides the web site to access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the University Police Department located in the basement of the Humanities building room # 0029 and 0053 or by calling (914)-251-5993.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUNY PURCHASE COLLEGE

SUNY Purchase College is part of the larger State University of New York (SUNY). The State University of New York is a public university comprised of 64 campuses enrolling more than 378,000 students. SUNY Purchase College is located in affluent Westchester County, New York,

35 miles north of New York City near White Plains, NY (Exit 28 Lincoln Avenue off the Hutchinson River Parkway or Exit 8E off of I-287). The College is located on 500 acres. Over 3,820 students are enrolled at SUNY Purchase College.