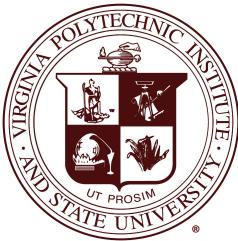


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2011 JEANNE CLERY ACT REPORT
THE ANNUAL CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT
FOR THE
VIRGINIA TECH BLACKSBURG CAMPUS

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CAMPUS SAFETY:
A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The Virginia Tech Police Department is a Nationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency.

Virginia Tech Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report

The Virginia Tech Police Department has been designated as the department responsible for compiling and publishing the university's annual security and fire safety report. This document is intended to serve as the annual security and fire safety report, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The purpose of the report is to provide information about security on campus, to include: campus and community crime statistics, fire statistics and safety information, policy information, safety tips, resource phone numbers and a brief overview of the many services the university provides. A map of the campus can be found at: <http://www.police.vt.edu/clerymaps> and is attached in *Appendix A*. Keep this information where it can be easily located; it provides you with a useful reference source of information.

Information for this report is compiled from reports provided by campus security authorities including, but not limited to, the Office of Student Conduct, Environmental Health and Safety, the Dean of Students Office, the Virginia Tech Women's Center, and the Office of Residence Life. Statistics are also compiled from law enforcement agencies in jurisdictions that Virginia Tech owns, leases, or controls property or those with jurisdiction on adjacent property. Information for the main campus in Blacksburg was obtained from the Blacksburg Police Department, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, the Christiansburg Police Department, the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the New River Regional Drug Task Force, and the Virginia State Police. Individuals who want to report crimes for inclusion in the Annual Security Report, or for the purpose of making timely warning reports, should report them to the Virginia Tech Police Department.

Virginia Tech is committed to providing the members of the campus community and visitors with the safest and most secure environment possible; however, even the most extensive initiatives cannot succeed without the awareness and cooperation of the community members who work, study, and live on campus.

Campus Overview

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University has a student population of over 28,000 on its main campus and serves over 2,300 students at extension campuses located throughout the Commonwealth. Surrounded by the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia Tech is situated on 2,600 beautifully landscaped acres located in the New River Valley and only a short drive from the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, the Appalachian Trail, and the New River itself.

Virginia Tech Police Department

The Virginia Tech Police Department (VTPD) is a nationally accredited professional law enforcement organization staffed by highly trained men and women. The department consists of 51 sworn officers and a full time support staff of 23 employees. Numerous seasonal employees supplement the support staff during the academic year. The Virginia Tech Police Department operates 24 hours a day and provides full police services to the university community. The officers are state-certified and empowered to enforce all federal, state, and local laws on university property. They have full authority to make arrests and carry firearms.

In addition to patrol, investigation, and crime prevention, the department answers calls for assistance, such as motorist assists.

Virginia Tech police officers have jurisdiction and respond to incidents on the immediate campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, property owned or leased by Virginia Tech, and university related corporations in the Blacksburg area. The Virginia Tech Police Department has jurisdiction on any other public or private institution of higher learning, if requested by that institution. A concurrent jurisdiction agreement was granted by the Circuit Court Judge of Montgomery County and includes the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, as well as the County of Montgomery.

The Virginia Tech Police Department also has a specified enhanced patrol zone in downtown Blacksburg. Officers have the authority to conduct routine patrol and make arrests in the enhanced patrol zone. A map displaying these boundaries has been added to this report as *Appendix B* and can be found online at <http://www.police.vt.edu/clerymaps>.

The Virginia Tech Police Department maintains a close working relationship with the Virginia State Police, Blacksburg Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and Christiansburg Police Department, as well as other law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The Virginia Tech Police Department has a written Memorandum of Understanding with the Blacksburg Police Department and the Virginia State Police concerning sexual assault and death investigations. The Virginia Tech Police Department does not have any other written Memorandum of Understanding with any other law enforcement agency, as the department has the responsibility and authority to conduct all criminal investigations for crimes that occur on Virginia Tech owned, leased, or controlled property. As a participant in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and the Virginia Crime Information Network (VCIN), the Virginia Tech Police Department is able to transmit and receive crime information with other police agencies throughout the United States. Through its membership in related professional organizations, the department is able to keep abreast of new or developing ideas and has a medium for the exchange of information on law enforcement issues. The Virginia Tech Police Department has a news release called "Daily Crime and Fire Log" that is published each day with the exception of weekends and holidays. The "Daily Crime and Fire Log" lists all incidents of crime and actual fires in residence halls within the past 24 hours, or over the weekend. A copy is e-mailed to administrative personnel with a need to know and to the local media stations. The report is available for review 24 hours a day at the Police Department and on the department's website at www.police.vt.edu. The Blacksburg Police Department notifies the university, via a Referral of Student Conduct, when students or university recognized student groups are involved in criminal activities off campus within the Town of Blacksburg.

Policies and Regulations

Timely Warnings / Crime Alerts

Timely Warnings/ Crime Alerts will be provided to the community in the event of a reported crime, either on campus or off, that, in the judgment of the Chief of the Virginia Tech Police Department or a designee, constitutes an ongoing or continuing serious threat to the university community. The Clery crimes for which *Timely Warnings / Crime Alerts* may be issued may include, but are not limited to, arson, homicide, burglary, robbery, sex offenses, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft.

The *Timely Warnings / Crime Alerts* are generally written by the Chief of Police or a designee and they are typically distributed to the community via email to anyone who has a vt.edu email address by University Relations. If someone from University Relations is unavailable, there are several administrators in the Virginia Tech Police Department who can initiate the email system. The *Timely Warnings/ Crime Alerts* are also posted on the Virginia Tech Police Department website. Updates to the Virginia Tech community about any particular case resulting in a *Timely Warning / Crime Alert* will normally be distributed via email.

Missing Persons

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should *immediately* notify the Virginia Tech Police Department at 540-231-6411. The Virginia Tech Police Department will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.

After investigating the missing person report, should the Virginia Tech Police Department determine that the student is missing and has been missing for more than 24 hours, the Virginia Tech Police Department will notify the student's emergency contact, or confidentially identified individual, no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, the Virginia Tech Police Department will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after making the determination that the student has been missing for more than 24 hours. As required by law, the Virginia Tech Police Department will inform the Blacksburg Police Department of any missing student in order to inform them that the Virginia Tech Police Department has conducted an initial investigation and has determined that a student is missing. This notification will be made no later than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in on-campus housing have the option to identify, confidentially, an individual to be contacted by Virginia Tech in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24 hours. Students who wish to identify a confidential contact can do so through the Hokie Spa web site. This confidential contact information will be accessible to authorized campus officials only and law enforcement and it will not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

Access to Campus Buildings

Security and access control design standards have been developed for new and renovated buildings owned by the university. Designs are reviewed by the Virginia Tech Police Department for compliance with security requirements. Exterior doors in all residence hall buildings remain locked at all times except in those buildings that also house university offices. During special circumstances such as student move in, exterior entrances are scheduled to be unlocked during specified time periods. Residents of the building and their escorted guests, as well as authorized persons, access the building by utilizing the card access system. Resident Advisors (RAs) and Housing and Residence Life Resource Officers make rounds during evening hours to verify that exterior entrances are locked and secured. Housing and Residence Life Resource Officers also make reports of malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions that need to be addressed. Information in those reports is forwarded to the appropriate facility/department for follow-up. Facilities and landscapes are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. When facilities receive maintenance or renovations, security measures such as lighting, landscape and entrance security are included, if it is deemed necessary by the Office of the University Architect and the Virginia Tech Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist. Academic and administrative buildings are open to the public during operating hours and are generally secured after operating hours and during extended breaks. For information about the access protocol for a specific building, see the building manager, a department head, or contact the Virginia Tech Police Department at 540-231-6411.

Virginia Tech has designed policies and regulations in order to create a safe and harmonious environment for the members of its community. All campus community members and visitors of the university are required to obey these regulations. These policies not only reflect the university's high standards of conduct, but also local, state and federal laws. Observed and enforced, they create a significant degree of safety for the university community.

Alcohol and Drugs

Virginia Tech recognizes that the misuse and abuse of alcohol is a persistent social and health problem of major proportion in our society and that it interferes with the goals and objectives of any educational institution. Accordingly, Virginia Tech does not encourage the use of alcoholic beverages and strongly discourages illegal or otherwise irresponsible use of alcohol. Members of the university community are responsible for their decisions regarding their use of alcohol as well as their behavior, which occur as a result of these decisions. In this context, Virginia Tech created a comprehensive policy on Alcoholic Beverages and Other Controlled Substances. This policy can be found in the University Policies for Student Life and on the web at <http://www.studentconduct.vt.edu>.

Alcohol Policy

Virginia Tech fully complies with the alcohol regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia. All state laws apply to Virginia Tech students, faculty, staff, and visitors while in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These laws prohibit possession, distribution, and consumption of all alcoholic beverages by persons less than 21 years of age while in the Commonwealth

of Virginia. To maintain conditions conducive to a learning environment, and to ensure that all community members are in a safe, productive environment, the university further restricts the use of alcohol within specified criteria. For more comprehensive details, please refer to the University's Policy on Alcoholic Beverages at <http://www.policies.vt.edu/1015.pdf>.

Controlled Substances

The university strictly prohibits the illegal use or possession of any controlled substance. The illegal use of controlled substances is incompatible with the goals of an academic community. Students found guilty of possessing, using, distributing, or selling controlled substances will face serious disciplinary action that may include suspension and/or dismissal from the university for the first offense. Violations of state law should be reported to the Virginia Tech Police Department which will take appropriate legal actions. For more comprehensive details, please refer to the University's Policy for a Drug Free University at <http://www.policies.vt.edu/1020.pdf>.

Pastoral and Professional Counselors

The Women's Center at Virginia Tech employs counselors. Crimes reported to the Women's Center are confidential, but information such as the location, date, and offense type are communicated to the police department for inclusion in the annual crime statistics.

Counselors at the Cook Counseling Center provide information to victims about other community services available to them as well as the procedures for reporting crimes to the Virginia Tech Police Department. There are no formal procedures that require professional counselors to inform persons they are counseling of any procedures to report crimes on a voluntary and confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.

Emergency Response and Evacuation

Emergency Notifications

Virginia Tech will immediately notify the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff occurring on the campus. In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended and Section 23-9.2:11 of the Code of Virginia, the university has implemented a comprehensive communications system, "VT Alerts," to provide prompt warning notifications and alerts of immediate threats to the health and safety of members of the campus community using a variety of methods, including but not limited to: email notices; phone, cellular phone, and text messages; classroom electronic message signs; posters; university website notices; campus loud speakers/sirens, desktop alerts and twitter feed @vtalerts. Protocols for emergency notifications, as outlined in the Emergency Notification Systems Protocols, are available at:

<http://www.emergency.vt.edu/programs/plans/ENSprotocol.pdf>

Parents and members of the larger community are not eligible to sign up for all of the immediate notifications through Virginia Tech Alerts. However, they are able to sign up for Desktop Alerts and are encouraged to do so and can also check the University Website at <http://www.vt.edu> for updates during an emergency on campus. The Virginia Tech Police Department is primarily responsible for confirming that there is a significant emergency or

dangerous situation on campus that could cause an immediate threat to the health and safety of the members of the campus community. There are other departments on campus that could be in a position to confirm certain types of emergencies, such as a pandemic flu outbreak, etc. The Office of University Relations, the Virginia Tech Police Department the Office of Emergency Management and the Vice President for Administrative Services have access to the systems to notify the campus community of immediate threats that have occurred and necessitate evacuation, shelter or secure in place or other action on the part of students, employees, and campus visitors. These departments have the authority to determine the appropriate segment or segments of the campus community that will receive alerts, to determine the content of the alert, and to initiate the notification system. The institution typically provides follow-up information to the community using the same systems that were used to send out the original alert.

One of the listed departments above will, without delay, take into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of first responders, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. The typical first responders to an incident that causes an immediate threat to the health and safety of the Virginia Tech community include the Virginia Tech Police Department, Virginia State Police, Blacksburg Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Christiansburg Police Department, Virginia Tech Rescue and the Blacksburg Fire and EMS Department.

Annually, the Offices of University Relations and Human Resources provide communications to the university community regarding university procedures for authorized closings and receiving emergency alerts. Additional information about the "Alert" process can be found in the University Safety and Security Policy at:

<http://www.policies.vt.edu/5615.pdf>

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency preparedness and information on what to do in an emergency can be found on the "Be Hokie Ready" link from the Office of Emergency Management webpage <http://www.emergency.vt.edu>. In an emergency it is important to remember three important things: **do not take unnecessary risks, there is no substitute for remaining calm, and always use common sense.**

University departments are responsible for developing Emergency Action Plans (EAP) and Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) for their staff and areas of responsibility. The University conducts numerous emergency response exercises each year, including table top exercises, functional exercises, drills and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution. Drills and exercises completed during 2011 are listed in table 1.

Table 1

Date	Location	Description	Unannounced/Announced
1/7/11	Operation Orange Outbreak	Tabletop	Announced
2/16/11	Regional ENS Protocols Workshop & Drill	Tabletop	Announced
2/28/11	Regional ENS Protocols TTX - NCR	Tabletop	Announced
3/21/11	IDU Select Agent TTX	Tabletop	Announced
3/22/11	Power Plant Fire TTX	Tabletop	Announced
4/19/11	Operation Orange Outbreak - 2nd group	Tabletop	Announced
5/2/11	HR/Payroll EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
5/24/11	Fleet Services EAP / COOP	Tabletop	Announced
6/14/11	EHS Chemical TTX & Drill	Tabletop	Announced
6/15/11	Parking Services EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
6/21/11	Mail Services EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
6/21/11	Records Management Services EAP/COOP	Tabletop	Announced
6/27/11	Provost/VP-Dean for Undergraduate Education TTX	Tabletop	Announced
8/3/11	Operation Interrupted Infrastructure	Functional Exercise	Announced
8/8/11	Printing Services	Tabletop	Announced
8/16/11	Air Services EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
8/17/11	VT Electric Service EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
9/1/11	Stadium Evacuation Drill/Exercise	Exercise	Announced
9/14/11	Sterrett Facilities Complex EAP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
10/18/11	April 16 Tabletop Exercise	Exercise	Announced
10/27/11	Grounds Operations EAP/COOP TTX	Tabletop	Announced
11/8/11	VTPD Unusual Incident TTX	Tabletop	Announced
11/15/11	IDU VTPD TTX	Tabletop	Announced
12/14/11	Disaster Mental Health TTX	Tabletop	Announced

The Virginia Tech Police Department, Office of Emergency Management and other critical university divisions are trained in Incident Command and response to campus incidents. When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat, the first responders to the scene at the Blacksburg campus to an incident that causes an immediate threat to the health and safety of the Virginia Tech community include the Virginia Tech Police Department, Virginia State Police, Blacksburg Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Christiansburg Police Department, Virginia Tech Rescue and the Blacksburg Fire and EMS Department, as well as other university departments and jurisdictions. These agencies work together to manage the incident. At other campuses first responders from local jurisdictions will manage incident response.

General information, about the emergency response and evacuation procedures for Virginia Tech, is publicized each year as part of the institution's Clery Act compliance efforts.

Virginia Tech will notify the university community of its emergency notification protocols, emergency response and evacuation procedures via email, in conjunction with at least one drill or exercise each calendar year. Information related to emergency notifications and emergency guidelines can be found at <http://www.emergency.vt.edu>. Information related to evacuation procedures can be found at <http://www.ehss.vt.edu>.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Each occupied residence hall is required to conduct a quarterly fire drill in compliance with the Virginia statewide fire code. Thus, the emergency response and evacuation procedures are tested at least twice each year and, for some of the buildings, four times a year. The purpose of the drills is to provide all residents and staff practice, in the event there is ever a real fire or other evacuation emergency. The drills prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in case of a fire or other emergency. Evacuation drills are used as a way to educate and train occupants on fire safety issues specific to their building. During the drill, occupants familiarize themselves with procedures and the location of exits and the sound of the fire alarm. Alarms and other components of the fire safety system are also checked to see that they are working properly. The fire drills are generally held within the first 10 days of the semester, during the hours of 8:00a.m. - 11:00p.m. Following the drill, residents receive a report and feedback on the evacuation process. Be sure you know what to do when the fire alarm sounds, and always evacuate!

Each university department or unit develops an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that outlines the actions occupants in the building must take during emergencies. Evacuation planning is a part of each department's EAP. Once you have reviewed your evacuation and fire prevention plans with your employees, practice drills are recommended to ensure that the employees are prepared for emergencies. All drills must be coordinated with Environmental Health and Safety Services (EHSS) in advance by calling (540) 231-9068 or email firesafe@vt.edu. EHS Fire Safety and Residential Programs work together each year to provide fire and life safety education to students living on campus. Each year Area Coordinators, Resident Directors and Resident Assistants are required to attend fire and life safety training during their orientation in August.

Secure-In-Place Procedures

When it is necessary to secure-in-place, you will be the safest by placing a locked door or other barricade between you and the associated violence or danger.

HOW DO I SECURE-IN-PLACE?

- REMAIN CALM!
- If you are outside during a secure-in-place emergency you should seek cover in the nearest unlocked building.

- If the buildings in the immediate area have exterior doors that have been locked, continue to move away from the danger, seek cover, move to another building, or leave campus if it is safe to do so.
- Once inside, find an interior room and lock or barricade the doors.
- To minimize vulnerability, turn off lights, silence phones, draw blinds, and move away from windows.
- Await further instruction from VT Alerts and emergency personnel.
- DO NOT leave until an “All Clear” is received.

WHAT IF SOMEONE WANTS TO ENTER A SECURE AREA?

If there is any doubt about the safety of the individuals inside the room or building, the area needs to remain secure. Allowing someone to enter a secure location may endanger you and others. USE GOOD JUDGMENT.

If there are individuals outside the secured door who wish to get in, several factors should be considered to determine if it is safe:

- Can you see the area outside the door to determine that someone is not lying in wait? Is it a trap?
- If a physical description of the subject was given in the secure-in-place alert, consider similarities such as age, race, clothing description, height, weight, gender, and hair and eye color.

If the decision is made to let a person in, consider the following:

- Have the person leave anything he or she is carrying (a backpack, laptop case, package, etc.) on the ground, outside of the secure area.
- Have the subject lift up his or her shirt, coat, and/or jacket until the waistline is visible and rotate 360 degrees to see if he or she is concealing a weapon.

Remember, always use common sense. There are exceptions to all guidance and prescribed directions.

Shelter-In-Place Procedures

Shelter-in-place events are usually weather related emergencies. When it is necessary to shelter-in-place, you will be safest by moving inside to a building space that protects you from the danger. DO NOT lock doors behind you as others may also need to shelter-in-place.
HOW DO I SHELTER-IN-PLACE?

- REMAIN CALM!
- Immediately seek shelter inside the closest sturdy building. Do not wait until you physically see a tornado or severe weather event to react.
 - Resist the temptation to go outside and check the weather conditions yourself.
 - Once inside, stay away from windows, glass, and unsecured objects that may fall.
 - Seek shelter in interior rooms and corridors.
 - Avoid large free standing expanses such as auditoriums and gymnasiums.
 - DO NOT use elevators.

- Await further instruction from VT Alerts and emergency personnel.
- DO NOT leave until an “All Clear” is received.

During a tornado, seek shelter on the lowest level possible. If warranted, consider crouching near the floor and seeking additional shelter under a sturdy desk or table, or cover your head with your hands.

Remember, always use common sense. There are exceptions to all guidance and prescribed directions.

WEATHER DEFINITIONS

- Watch: Conditions are favorable for the development of severe weather. Closely monitor the situation in case it gets worse.
- Warning: Severe weather has actually been observed. Listen closely to instructions provided by weather radios/emergency officials.

Reporting a Crime or Getting Emergency Assistance

Individuals are responsible for being aware of and complying with university policies/procedures and applicable law. Employees and students are encouraged to accurately, voluntarily and promptly report crimes, emergencies, potential threats or risks to the appropriate university office(s). Crimes and other emergencies should be reported to the Virginia Tech Police Department at 540-231-6411 or 911 for an emergency. Victims or witnesses of crimes on campus may report those crimes anonymously on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual crime disclosure by calling 540-232-TIPS.

Criminal or suspicious acts and emergencies should be reported to the police immediately in person, by telephone or by using one of the emergency call boxes strategically located around campus. A program has been added to the Virginia Tech Police Department’s website that enables students, faculty and staff to report incidents via the internet. The report form contains all information needed to complete a police report. This form can only be used for vandalism, damage or destruction of property, larceny or theft offenses and annoying or harassing phone calls. If a person wants to report an incident either anonymously or formally to the Women’s Center, Office of Student Conduct or to the Virginia Tech Police Department, they can access the *Stop Abuse* website by clicking on the link provided on the Virginia Tech Police Department’s website.

This allows anyone to report a crime anonymously or simply to give information about a crime or alleged crime he or she has general knowledge or suspicion about. All information is kept in the strictest confidence and is only accessible to the authority the reporting party selects. This information will be reported in the annual crime disclosure. These forms can be accessed at www.police.vt.edu. If you ever need to contact the police, officers and staff will attempt to assist you in any way possible. The Virginia Tech Police Department is located behind Lane Stadium next to the University’s Fleet Services building. The dispatch office is staffed 24 hours a day and the department’s dispatchers are always available to answer

questions or to have an officer respond to take a complaint. Below are a few tips for contacting the police. By using these tips, you can help us help you.

The Virginia Tech Police Department encourages everyone that has become a victim of crime to come forward and report it to the police. However, on occasion and depending on the nature of the crime the victim refuses to press charges. This is the victim's option. Just because a report is filed with the police department does not mean that criminal charges have to be filed. Students also have the option of contacting other university resources, such as the Virginia Tech Women's Center, Office of Student Conduct, Cook Counseling Center, McComas Health Center, or academic advisors who will assist with notifications, if desired. Victims/witnesses of crimes can anonymously, voluntarily and confidentially report crimes to 540-232-TIPS. This information will be included in the annual disclosure of crime if the caller provides the date, location and crime committed. Crimes can also be reported to the Virginia Tech Police Department for the purpose of making *Timely Warnings / Crime Alert* reports and the annual statistical disclosure.

The Virginia Tech Police Department has two phone numbers. One, 911 is for Police, Fire and Rescue emergency calls. The other phone line, 540-231-6411 is for non-emergency calls.

Services and Prevention Information

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Services

The Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention Center, located in 147 McComas Hall is the university resource for alcohol abuse prevention. They may be contacted at 540-231-2233 or by email to CAAPC@vt.edu. Drug education prevention is provided by A.D.A.P.T. (Alcohol and Drug Prevention Team). ADAPT Peer Educators are dedicated to addressing alcohol and other drug abuse issues in the Virginia Tech community.

ADAPT members promote awareness through educational programs and outreach, while serving as accessible resources for fellow students. ADAPT members strive to minimize the abuse of alcohol and other drugs in an effort to encourage students to pursue positive behavioral changes, and to promote a healthier environment at Virginia Tech. They can be contacted through the Office of Student Conduct in Suite 141 New Hall West or at 540-231-3790.

Safety and Security Programs

The Virginia Tech Police Department has a full time crime prevention unit that provides educational programming, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and other crime prevention functions to the university community. Educational programs include Student Police Academy, Alcohol Awareness, Bicycle Safety, Drug Awareness, Operation ID, Personal and Property Safety (basic crime prevention and personal safety), Rape Aggression Defense, and Women's Awareness and Safety.

Safety programs begin with orientation sessions for incoming freshmen and their parents. Once school begins, the Community Outreach Unit continues with educational programs throughout the year in the residence halls as requested and actively recruits participants for

its interactive programs. These programs include personal safety and security, drug and alcohol awareness, women's awareness, sexual assault prevention and other requested topics. All programs are available to faculty, staff and students upon request or if a need becomes apparent. During 2011, the Virginia Tech Police Department conducted 159 programs, Virginia Tech Athletics conducted 16 programs, and the Virginia Tech Women's Center conducted 25 separate training sessions and provided 56 presentations. The Virginia Tech Police Department presented programs addressing alcohol, self-defense, sex offender registry, alerts, bicycle regulations, crime statistics, Rape Aggression Defense, emergency call boxes, crime prevention, campus and traffic safety.

Programs presented by the Women's Center included: bystander intervention, dealing with student disclosure, domestic violence, healthy relationships, effects of media on violence against women, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, violence against women, and Mentors in Violence Prevention.

Operation Identification

The Virginia Tech Police Department has engravers to loan for the purpose of engraving personal property. This nationally recognized identification procedure is thought to help make items theft resistant, because engraved items are more easily identified making them harder to sell. Another benefit to the program is, if an item is lost or stolen, then recovered, it is much easier for the owner to be located and the property returned.

Procedure for engraving items is to abbreviate your state and driver's license number on the item with an engraving tool (e.g. VA 211110000). Do not use your social security number due to the rise of identity theft.

Fingerprinting Services

The Virginia Tech Police Department also provides fingerprinting services for Virginia Tech students, faculty, staff, and their families at no cost, and at any time.

Safe Ride

The Virginia Tech Police Department sponsors a nighttime safety escort service called "Safe Ride." This service is available to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the university. Safe Ride operates from dusk until dawn and provides transportation or a walking escort, upon request, to persons who must cross campus during the nighttime alone. Safe Ride may be contacted by calling 540-231-SAFE (7233).

Sexual Assault and Prevention

Sexual Assault/Sex Offenses

Sexual Assault is a crime punishable by both civil and criminal legal action. The Virginia Tech Police Department investigates all sexual assaults reported to the police department. Detectives are regularly on call and capable of responding immediately at any time. Once reported to the police, officers or detectives respond, investigate, and make applicable criminal charges based on evidence collection and victim/witness statements. The Virginia Tech Police Department works closely with other area law enforcement personnel and other

university departments to ensure that appropriate support services are made available and utilized when necessary. The victim of a sexual assault may also choose to file a report with the university judicial system administered through the Office of Student Conduct. In this instance, the Office of Student Conduct adjudicates all cases involving sex offenses in which the alleged perpetrator is a Virginia Tech student. Virginia Tech also encourages victims to prosecute alleged perpetrators to the fullest extent of the law. There are several avenues for assistance if a person becomes the victim of a sex offense.

Victims of sexual assault tend to feel a variety of conflicting emotions: rage, fear, depression, relief to have survived, numbness, and exhaustion, to name just a few. Two key points to remember are that the assault was not the victim's fault and there is help available.

The Virginia Tech Police Department is always available and ready to assist if needed. The Virginia Tech Police Department is a valuable resource for information. The department has educational literature available on prevention methods and procedures to follow if you should become the victim of a sex offense. The Virginia Tech Police Department and the Women's Center provide educational awareness programs regarding rape, acquaintance rape, other sex offenses, personal safety and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes upon request. Rape Aggression Defense classes are self-defense classes for women only and consist of awareness, safety tips, and progresses into hands on attack simulations at the end of the class.

The police department's Victim/Witness Assistance Program protects the rights of victims and witness of crimes. Referral information is accessible at all times regarding area services available for general counseling, medical attention, emergency housing, and financial assistance. Responsiveness to the needs of crime victims is a department priority.

If Sexual Assault Happens to You

- Contact the police for assistance and information or to report the incident. The Virginia Tech Police Department should be contacted for on-campus incidents and the local police should be contacted for off-campus incidents. The Virginia Tech Police Department will assist the victim in contacting the correct law enforcement agency, if requested.
- Go to the New River Valley Medical Center in Radford or LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery in Blacksburg. A qualified physician or nurse will examine you for injuries and collect physical evidence that could be used in judicial proceedings, if you decide to prosecute. The New River Valley Medical Center and or LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery offer the services of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.
- If possible, do not change your clothes, shower, eat or drink between the rape and the trip to the emergency room. Preserving evidence is critical and can assist in prosecution. Bring a change of clothes with you because the police will need the clothes you were wearing for evidence.
- The hospital will notify the Women's Resource Center of Radford, who will supply you with a trained companion at the hospital. The companion will look after your needs and will help direct you to available services.
- Even if you do not wish to prosecute, it is important that you have a physical exam after the attack. Besides bruises or other physical injuries, the perpetrator might have passed on a sexually transmitted disease that requires treatment. An HIV/AIDS test may also

ease your mind, although six months must elapse after an attack to accurately detect the presence of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

- Seek counseling from the Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center, the Women's Center at Virginia Tech, the Women's Resource Center, or a private counselor. All these services are free of charge (except private counseling) and CONFIDENTIAL. If you are not comfortable talking with a counselor, consider talking with a trusted friend or family member. (See Counseling)
- Consider your judicial options if you have not done so already. Although there are statutes of limitation on criminal cases, they are often longer than you think. You also have the option of campus and civil charges (See Judicial Options).
- If the assault and its aftermath are interfering with your ability to complete your academic work, talk with the Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center, Women's Center at Virginia Tech, or the academic dean of your college about academic relief. The Dean of Students will also assist in changing academic and living situations after an alleged sexual assault incident, should the victim request such assistance and such changes are reasonably available.
- Remember that it is never too late to deal with a sexual assault, and that you can heal from this significant trauma. People are ready and able to help you, but they cannot if you do not ask.

Medical Care

As mentioned above, victims of very recent assaults should go to the emergency room of the New River Valley Medical Center or LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery for a physical exam and the collection of evidence. All victims, past or present, should be seen by a qualified physician or nurse to check for sexually transmitted diseases, physical trauma, and possible pregnancy. The New River Valley Medical Center and LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery offer the services of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. Female victims may prefer to see a female physician, and should request one if that will increase their comfort, though in the emergency room that may not always be possible.

Virginia Tech students can receive all necessary medical care through Schiffert Health Services; however, Schiffert cannot collect evidence and will refer victims to LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery or the New River Valley Medical Center. The Women's Clinic of Schiffert Health Services offers gynecological care, pregnancy testing, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. Victims may also wish to see their family doctor. Even if no symptoms are apparent, victims are still strongly encouraged to seek medical attention.

Counseling Options

Students coping with a sexual assault have at least three counseling options that are free of charge. Two of those options are on-campus: The Women's Center at Virginia Tech and the Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center. The Women's Center at Virginia Tech offers short-term crisis counseling and sexual assault support groups. The Thomas E .Cook Counseling Center offers both short-term and long-term individual and group counseling. The Women's Resource Center in Radford offers a 24-hour crisis line, individual and group counseling, and legal advocacy. These three agencies frequently collaborate to provide services to victims of

sexual assault and these services are CONFIDENTIAL. Many other options exist which have some cost associated with them, such as private therapists. Counseling is often crucial to the recovery process, and victims should be encouraged to seek the assistance of qualified professionals, even if many years have elapsed since the assault. As always, the choice to seek counseling should be the victim's.

Legal and Judicial Options

Sexual assault victims have four options from which to choose: filing criminal charges, filing campus judicial charges, requesting an administrative investigation, and filing a civil suit for monetary damages. Victims are not limited to just one of these options, but can choose any combination including filing all three types of charges. Below is a brief description of each type of judicial process.

Title IX Coordinator

Virginia Tech's Director for Compliance and Conflict Resolution serves as the university's Title IX Coordinator. This position in the Human Resources Equity and Access office is responsible for overseeing administrative investigations in compliance with Title IX requirements and may be contacted by calling 540-231-9331.

Criminal

A police report must be generated before an investigation can begin and charges can be filed. If the assault happened on campus, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Tech Police Department. If the assault happened off campus in the town of Blacksburg, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Blacksburg Police Department. If the assault occurred in the county, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. If the assault occurred in the Town of Christiansburg, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Christiansburg Police Department and must be reported there. If the assault occurs anywhere other than on the Virginia Tech campus, the Virginia Tech Police Department will assist the student in notifying these authorities, if the student requests the assistance of these personnel.

Many victims believe that if they do not file criminal charges immediately, they lose that option. This may not be the case. There are statutes of limitation for filing criminal charges, but they are typically several years in duration. Certainly, it is best to go to the police as soon as possible after an assault, in order to preserve as much evidence as possible. The police will arrange for the victim to be seen at LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery for medical care and evidence collection. However, even if some time has elapsed, the police still encourage victims to come forward. Criminal charges are prosecuted by the State of Virginia, not the individual victim. A Commonwealth's Attorney will argue the case at no cost to the victim. The victim serves as the primary witness to the crime, and his or her testimony is crucial to the case. Criminal cases may take considerable time to proceed through the justice system. Typically, the press protects the identity of the victim, although the identity of the accused perpetrator is not protected.

Campus

Campus judicial charges can only be filed if the alleged offender is a Virginia Tech student. The referral agent is typically a member of the Virginia Tech community as well. The

campus judicial system examines violations of university policy. Campus judicial hearings do not replace or substitute for criminal prosecutions, and students who choose campus judicial hearings are also encouraged to seek redress through the criminal justice system and civil court. So long as the accused student is enrolled in school, there is no statute of limitations on filing judicial charges. The student accused of sexual misconduct may choose between an administrative hearing and a panel hearing. The hearing typically takes place within two weeks of the time of the complaint, called a referral of student conduct. At the hearing, the alleged offender and the referral agent each have the opportunity to present their side of the story and to call witnesses. Each also may have a support person/advisor present. The burden of proof is lower than in a criminal court. The hearing officers will base their decision on a preponderance of the evidence. Both the accuser and the accused will be notified of the outcome of the judicial hearing.

Upon written request Virginia Tech will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such a crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph.

Sexual misconduct is classified in the Student Code of Conduct as a violation of the Abusive Conduct Policy. Depending on the circumstances of the case, students who are found in violation of the Abusive Conduct Policy may receive sanctions that include suspension for one or more semesters or dismissal from the university. If a student is found guilty of a sexual assault involving penetration, the minimum sanction will be one year's suspension.

Students found in violation of the university sexual misconduct policy do have the right to appeal. The victim also has the right to the appeal process. Notification of judicial action taken against students is made on a "need to know" basis. This includes the Commandant of Cadets in cases involving cadets, the Office of the Graduate School in cases involving graduate students and international students, the Athletic Department in cases involving varsity athletes, the Director of the Office of Student Programs, in cases involving residence hall students, and victims of violent crime, including sexual assaults, involving student perpetrators. Other university agencies or organizations may be required to obtain written release before they can receive notification. Copies of all judicial sanction letters are archived in the Office of Student Conduct. Additional information can be located in the University Policies of Student Life or by contacting the Student Life & Advocacy Office.

Civil Court

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

Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information

The federal “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act”, enacted on October 28, 2000, went into effect October 28, 2002. The law requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders 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, volunteers their services, or is a student. Information about the Sex Offender registry can be found at <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/>, or can be accessed through the Virginia Tech Police Department web site at <http://www.police.vt.edu>.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, convicted sex offenders must register with the *Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry*. The registry was established pursuant to [§ 19.2-390.1](#) of the Commonwealth's Criminal Code. Every person convicted on or after July 1, 1997, including juveniles tried and convicted in the circuit courts pursuant to [§ 16.1-269.1](#), whether sentenced as adults or juveniles, of an offense for which registration is required shall be required as a part of the sentence imposed upon conviction to register and reregister with the Commonwealth's Department of State Police, as provided in this section.

In addition, all persons convicted of offenses under the laws of the United States, or any other state substantially similar to an offense for which registration is required, shall provide to the local agency all necessary information for inclusion in the State Police Registry within ten days of establishing a residence within the Commonwealth. Any person required to register shall also be required to reregister within ten days following any change of residence, whether within or outside of the Commonwealth.

Nonresident offenders entering the Commonwealth for employment, to carry on a vocation, volunteer services or as a student attending school who are required to register in their state of residence or who would be required to register under this section if a resident of the Commonwealth shall, within ten days of accepting employment or enrolling in school in the Commonwealth, be required to register and reregister pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section “student” means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part- time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution, or institution of higher education.

Information concerning offenders registered with the *Sex Offender and Crimes Minors Registry* may be disclosed to any person requesting information on a specific individual in accordance with the law. Information regarding a specific person requested pursuant to the law shall be disseminated upon receipt of an official request form that may be submitted directly to the Commonwealth's Department of State Police or to the State Police through a local law-enforcement agency. The Department of State Police shall make registry information available, upon request, to criminal justice agencies including local law enforcement agencies through the Virginia Criminal Information Network (VCIN). Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, for the screening of current or prospective employees or volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. *Uses of the*

information for purposes not authorized by this section are prohibited and a willful violation of this section with the intent to harass or intimidate another shall be punished as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Virginia State Police maintain a system for making certain registry information on violent sex offenders publicly available by means of the internet. The information made available includes the offender's name; all aliases which he has used or under which he may have been known; the date and locality of the conviction and a brief description of the offense; the offender's date of birth, current address and photograph; and such other information as the State Police may from time to time determine is necessary to preserve public safety. The system is secure and is not capable of being altered except by or through the State Police. The system is updated each business day with newly received registrations and re-registrations.

This section has attempted to offer an overview of sexual assault issues, and the available options on the Virginia Tech campus. No one publication can be entirely comprehensive. Sexual assault is a complex issue; no two cases will have exactly the same results or the same course of action. The university therefore offers a variety of services so that victims can get the assistance they most need. A good starting point for a victim, or family and friends of a victim, is with the Sexual Assault Education Coordinator who is based in the Women's Center at Virginia Tech.

Important Phone Numbers

For further explanation or elaboration of the information in this report, and for assistance or services, contact the agencies whose numbers are listed here.

Virginia Tech Police Department	911 (emergency, on campus) 540-231-6411 (non-emergency)
LewisGale Hospital at Montgomery	540-953-1111 (main number)
New River Valley Medical Center	540-731-2000
Women's Center at Virginia Tech	540-231-7806
Women's Resource Center	540-639-1123 (hotline, 24 hours) 540-639-9592 (office)
Thomas E. Cook Counseling Center	540-231-6557 (8:00am – 5:00pm)

Schiffert Health Services	540-231-6444 (5:00pm – 8:00am)
Blacksburg Police Department	540-231-6444 911 (emergency, off campus) 540-961-1150 (non-emergency)
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	540-382-2951 (non-emergency)
Christiansburg Police Department	540-382-3131 (non-emergency)
Dean of Students	540-231-3787
Office of Student Conduct	540-231-3790
Office of Student Programs	540-231-6204
Student Legal Services	540-231-4720
Safe Ride (Dusk until Dawn)	540-231-SAFE (7233)
Title IX Coordinator	540-231-8771

Safety Tips

Security doesn't begin and end with the university police. It takes the entire university, faculty, staff, and students to make our campus a safe and secure place to live, work, and play. What can you do to help? The number one thing you can do is to take a few precautions and follow a few safety tips that will help us, help you.

- Trust your instincts. If a place or situation doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.
- Avoid working or studying alone in a building at night.
- Avoid shortcuts and isolated areas when walking after dark.
- Don't walk alone after dark - use the Safe Ride Service.
- Don't leave personal property lying around unattended.
- Carry a whistle or other noisemaker.
- Never prop open exterior doors.
- Keep your room door locked when leaving even for "Just a minute" and when sleeping.
- Lock windows and close shades after dark.
- Never attach your name and address to keys, if lost or stolen they could lead to theft.
- When traveling in your vehicle keep windows up and doors locked.
- Engrave your valuables.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police and report all crimes.

Virginia Tech Blacksburg Campus Crimes Statistics

OFFENSE TYPE	On Campus			Non Campus			Public Property			Year Total			Residential		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Murder & Non negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forceable	8	3	14	0	1	0	0	0	2	8	4	16	5	0	9
Sex Offenses, Non Forceable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	3	3	0	2	1
Burglary	29 ¹	42	29	0	3	1	0	0	0	29	45	30	23	17	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	6	3	0	0	0
Arson	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	0	0
Liquor Law Violations Referred	637	415	530	0	0	0	0	0	0	637	415	530	587	377	457
Liquor Law Arrests	244	262	289	5	1	1	7	10	9	259	273	299	48	53	85
Drug Law Violations Referred	21	20	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	20	22	17	17	10
Drug Law Arrests	32	55	67	2	1	1	6	4	5	40	60	73	17	33	34
Illegal Weapons Possession Referred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0

* No hate crimes were reported in 2009, 2010 or 2011

1 The Department of Education provided new guidance related to classifying breaking and entering incidents. This guidance resulted in a reduction of incidents meeting the new criteria. This statistic will also differ from UCR data, since the system does not allow crime classification changes for the previous year.

Virginia Tech Higher Education Opportunity Act

Blacksburg Campus Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report for 2011

Overview

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) became law in August, 2008, requiring all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus statistics related to student housing. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Virginia Tech as outlined in the initial regulation; subsequent yearly reports will comply with the Act as amended and published October 29, 2009.

On-Campus Housing Fire Safety Equipment

At Virginia Tech, all forty-six of our residence halls are protected by [fire detection and alarm systems](#) which are centrally monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week. The buildings are also equipped with either emergency generators or lighting fixtures that incorporate backup batteries; upon loss of power, these systems automatically activate to assure adequate egress lighting in hallways and emergency exit stairwells. [Twenty-eight](#) of our residence halls have full sprinkler systems, including all high-rise residence halls. Carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in all residence hall mechanical rooms where products of combustion could occur. All fire safety systems and equipment are strictly maintained and tested in accordance with applicable national standards. A summary of the fire protection systems present in each residence hall is provided in Table 1.

Fire Safety Education, Training and Fire Drills

All on-campus residents (including those with special needs) receive intensive and comprehensive fire safety training at the beginning of each semester. Training on fire and life safety is also provided to all Residential Advisors, Area Coordinators, Building Managers, Fraternity & Sorority House Managers, University Unions and Student Activities Event Staff & Crowd Managers, Housekeeping staff and Hot-work Coordinators. In addition, a quality control program that covers emergency and evacuation procedures is reviewed regularly with the occupants and staff of each respective residence hall. Each resident is required to review and comply with the requirements outlined in the [Hokie Handbook](#), [Housing Policies](#), [University Policies for Student Life](#), and [Housing and Residence Life Policies](#), which include information on fire safety and what appropriate action to take during a fire alarm or fire emergency. Student Programs also maintains extensive information on fire safety on its [website](#). There is an emergency evacuation map posted on each floor to direct occupants to primary and secondary exits.

Fire drills are conducted four times per year in all of the occupied residence halls in coordination with Virginia Tech's offices of Environmental, Health and Safety Services and Student Programs. Fraternity and sorority houses that are located on university property must follow the same procedures that apply to residence halls.

Specific Fire Prevention Related Policies and Programs

- Policy 1005, [Health and Safety](#), affirms that faculty, staff and students must comply with university health and safety policies and programs, attend required training, report any identified safety or health hazard, and know their roles in an emergency.
- Policy 1010, [Policy on Smoking](#), prohibits smoking in all university properties owned and operated by Virginia Tech, including residence halls.
- Policy 5000, [University Facilities Usage and Event Approval](#), requires that an application must be submitted for certain types of events on campus, and affirms that these events are subject to a review and approval process. The use of open flames and pyrotechnics, layout of assembly areas/events, and use of decorations are all evaluated during this review.
- Policy 5406, [Requirements for Temporary Facilities/Tents/Stages](#), assures that tents, stages and other temporary facilities comply the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, including the prohibition on the use of open flames near or under any tent.
- Policy 5605, [Residence Hall Fire and Fire Alarm Procedures](#), affirms that students must evacuate the building upon fire alarm activation and outlines the role of staff members in overseeing evacuation procedures and reentry into the building when authorized.
- Policy 5615, [University Safety and Security](#), requires that Resident Advisors be trained to perform safety audits of residence rooms, coordinate emergency evacuations and warning procedures, and facilitate the performance of fire and other drills.
- The [Hokie Handbook](#), [Housing Policies](#), [University Policies for Student Life](#), and [Housing and Residence Life Policies](#), which are part of the housing contract, limit the types of electrical appliances allowed in residence halls, establish expectations for compliance with drills and training, provide for periodic health and safety inspections of residence rooms, affirm limitations on materials that may be stored in resident rooms, prohibit open flames without a permit, limit the use of combustible decorations/furnishings, and define the consequences if students violate university policies and programs. Specifically:
 - Electrical appliances such as electric stoves, George Foreman-type grills, toaster ovens, toasters, crock pots, sandwich makers, air conditioners, space heaters, hot plates, and other open coiled appliances are not permitted in residence hall rooms. No extension cords of any type are permitted, and halogen bulb lamps and high intensity lamps are prohibited.
 - Room furnishings/decorations and the decorating of public spaces is strictly controlled. Additional limitations on the use of flammable and combustible materials for decorations in both residence rooms and common areas are affirmed in the [Policy for Residence Hall Decorations](#).
 - Items that require an open flame, operate on fuel, or produce heat (such as Bunsen burners, lit candles, incense, and alcohol burners) are prohibited.
 - Student rooms, common areas, storage, and mechanical areas are subject to regular inspection by the Virginia State Fire Marshal's office, Environmental Health and Safety personnel, and Student Programs staff. In addition, resident room inspections are conducted once per semester by hall staff in order to identify any health or safety concerns. Violations of fire and life safety policies are subject to university judicial action and appropriate sanctions.

- Anyone found causing a false fire alarm, tampering with fire-safety equipment, or not properly evacuating during a fire alarm will face arrest and/or judicial referral.
- Virginia Tech's [Fire and Life Safety Program](#) establishes requirements for the performance of periodic fire safety inspections of all university buildings, including residence halls; provides for periodic training for employees and students on basic fire safety; affirms conditions that must be maintained in all university properties to comply with the Virginia State Wide Fire Prevention Code; and, establishes requirements for the permitting, approval and inspection of hot work, use of open flames/burning, pyrotechnics and special effects, and temporary facilities, tents and stages.

Table 1 - Fire Protection Systems in Blacksburg Campus Residential Facilities

Building Name	Onsite Fire Alarm Monitoring (VTPD)	Partial Sprinkler System²	Full Sprinkler System³	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishing Devices	Evacuation Plans & Signs	Number of Fire Drills each calendar year⁴
Ambler Johnston Hall (East) 720 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4 ⁵
Ambler Johnston Hall (West) 700 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Barringer Hall 240 Kent St.	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Brodie Hall 310 Alumni Mall	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Campbell Hall (East) 320 Drillfield Drive	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Campbell Hall (Main) 300 Drillfield Drive	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Cochrane Hall 790 Washington St. SW	X	X		X	X	X	4
Eggleston Hall (Main) 440 Drillfield Drive	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Eggleston Hall (West) 410 Drillfield Drive	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown 155 Otey St. NW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Harper Hall 240 West Campus Drive	X		X	X	X	X	4
Hillcrest Hall 385 West Campus Drive	X			X	X	X	4
Johnson Hall 500 Washington St SW	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Lee Hall 570 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Miles Hall 460 Washington St. SW	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Monteith Hall 170 Turner St. NW	X ¹			X	X	X	4
New Hall West 190 West Campus Drive	X		X	X	X	X	4
New Hall East 540 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Onsite Fire Alarm Monitoring (VTPD)</i>	<i>Partial Sprinkler System²</i>	<i>Full Sprinkler System³</i>	<i>Smoke Detection</i>	<i>Fire Extinguishing Devices</i>	<i>Evacuation Plans & Signs</i>	<i>Number of Fire Drills each calendar year⁴</i>
Newman Hall 200 Kent St.	X ¹			X	X	X	4
O'shaughnessy Hall 530 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Payne Hall 380 Drillfield Drive	X		X	X	X	X	4
Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall 610 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Pritchard Hall 630 Washington St. SW	X		X	X	X	X	4
Rasche Hall 260 Alumni Mall	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Slusher Tower 280 Drillfield Drive	X		X	X	X	X	4
Slusher Wing 280 Drillfield Drive	X		X	X	X	X	4
Thomas Hall 190 Turner St. NW	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Vawter Hall 180 Kent St.	X ¹			X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. A 2750 Oak Lane	X			X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. B 2740 Oak Lane	X			X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. C 2720 Oak Lane	X			X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. D 2805 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. E 2705 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. F 2615 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. G 2575 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. H 3205 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. I 3160 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4

Building Name	Onsite Fire Alarm Monitoring (VTPD)	Partial Sprinkler System²	Full Sprinkler System³	Smoke Detection	Fire Extinguishing Devices	Evacuation Plans & Signs	Number of Fire Drills each calendar year⁴
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. J 3170 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. K 3115 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. L 3115 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. M 3025 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. N 3025 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. O 2965 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. P 2965 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. Q 2875 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. R 2875 Oak Lane	X		X	X	X	X	4

¹ denotes single stations in residence rooms with smoke and/or heat detection in common areas

² denotes having sprinklers in the common areas only

³ denotes having sprinklers in both common areas and individual rooms

⁴ denotes having drills conducted four times per year when the building is occupied

⁵ East Ambler Johnston is currently under construction; performance of fire drills will resume upon re-occupancy

Fire Statistics

The number and cause of each fire in each residence hall is summarized in Table 2. There were no reported fire-related injuries or fatalities in residence halls during calendar years 2009 through 2011. There were five (5) reported fires during this period. Total damages for fire-related losses were \$3,482.72.

Fire Reporting

The Virginia Tech Police Department monitors the status of all fire detection and fire suppression systems in residence halls. If a fire has occurred, it should be reported to the Communications Center of the Virginia Tech Police Department by calling either 540-231-6411 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).

Plans for Future Improvement

Virginia Tech maintains a prioritized list of projects to upgrade older fire systems, enhance the capabilities of existing systems, or install new fire safety systems in existing buildings.

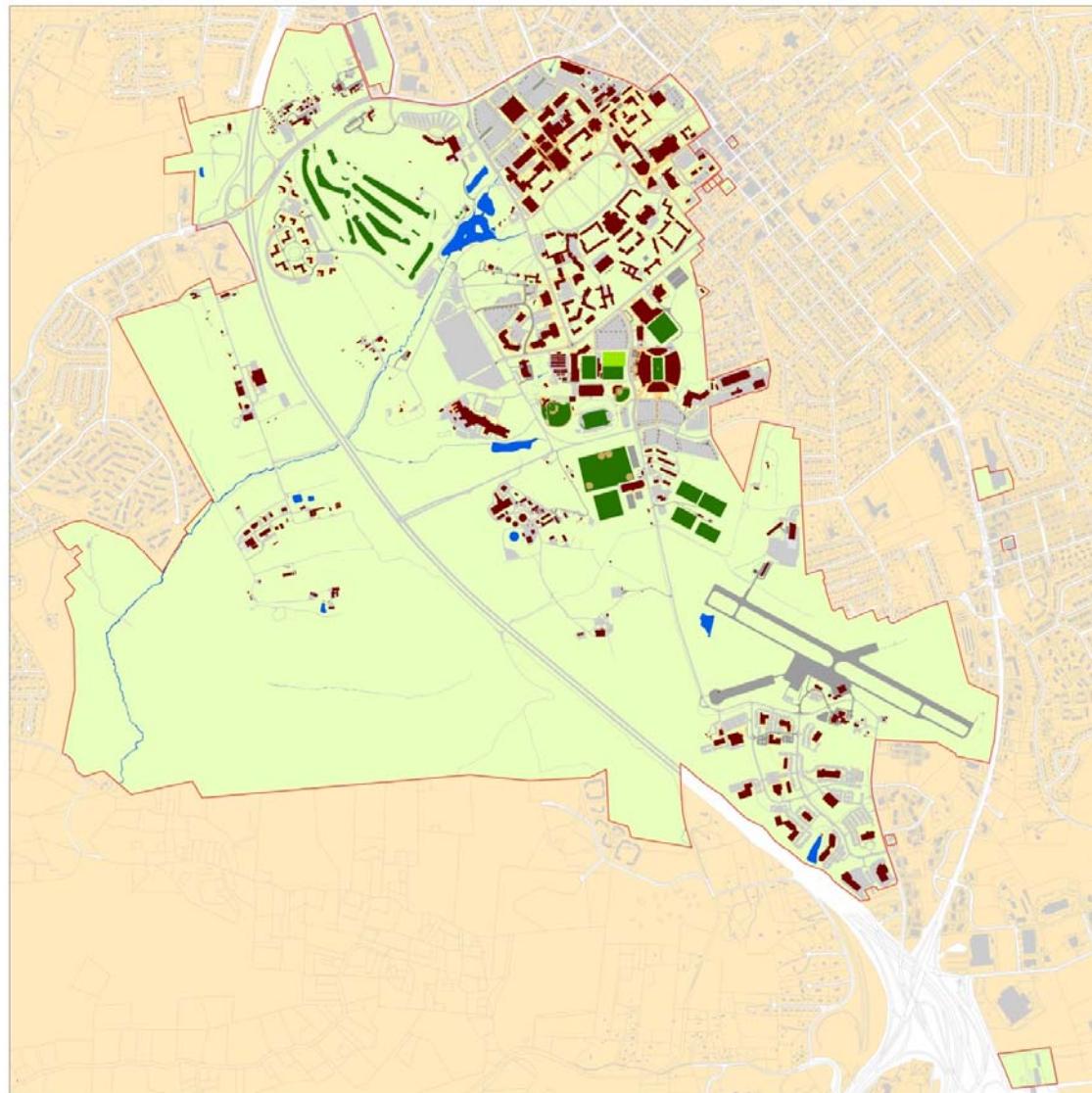
Table 2 - Fire Statistics for the Blacksburg Campus Residential Facilities for Calendar Years 2009, 2010 and 2011

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Total Fires in Each Building</i>	<i>Fire Number</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Cause of Fire</i>	<i>Number of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical Facility</i>	<i>Number of Deaths Related to a Fire</i>	<i>Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire (Dollars)</i>
Ambler Johnston Hall (East) 720 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ambler Johnston Hall (West) 700 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Barringer Hall 240 Kent St.	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brodie Hall 310 Alumni Mall	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Campbell Hall (East) 320 Drillfield Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Campbell Hall (Main) 300 Drillfield Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cochrane Hall 790 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eggleston Hall (Main) 440 Drillfield Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eggleston Hall (West) 410 Drillfield Drive	0	1	1/29/2011 2354 hours	2 nd floor kitchen	Unintentional – Burnt food	0	0	\$0
Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown 155 Otey St. NW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harper Hall 240 West Campus Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hillcrest Hall 385 West Campus Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Johnson Hall 500 Washington St SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lee Hall 570 Washington St. SW	3	1	11/14/2009 0418 hours	3 rd floor study lounge	Intentional – Hand sanitizer placed on carpet and lit	0	0	\$3482.72
		2	11/20/2009 0239 hours	2 nd and 3 rd floors	Intentional – Paper flyers were set on fire	0	0	\$0
		3	12/09/2010	2 nd floor kitchen	Unintentional – pizza box left in oven	0	0	\$0
Miles Hall 460 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<i>Building Name</i>	<i>Total Fires in Each Building</i>	<i>Fire Number</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Cause of Fire</i>	<i>Number of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical Facility</i>	<i>Number of Deaths Related to a Fire</i>	<i>Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire (Dollars)</i>
Monteith Hall 170 Turner St. NW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hall West 190 West Campus Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Hall East 540 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Newman Hall 200 Kent St.	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
O'shaughnessy Hall 530 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Payne Hall 380 Drillfield Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall 610 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pritchard Hall 630 Washington St. SW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rasche Hall 260 Alumni Mall	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Slusher Tower 280 Drillfield Drive	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Slusher Wing 280 Drillfield Drive	1	1	3/01/2011 1631 hours	1 st floor lounge	Unintentional – Wax left on stove to melt caught on fire	0	0	\$0
Thomas Hall 190 Turner St. NW	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vawter Hall 180 Kent St.	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. A, 2750 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. B, 2740 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. C, 2720 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. D, 2805 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. E, 2705 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. F, 2615 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. G, 2575 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. H, 3205 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. I, 3160 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. J, 3170 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. K, 3115 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. L, 3115 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. M, 3025 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. N, 3025 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. O, 2965 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. P, 2965 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. Q, 2875 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Purpose Housing - Bldg. R, 2875 Oak Lane	0	0			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

APPENDIX A
Blacksburg Campus Clergy Reporting Boundary Map



APPENDIX B

Blacksburg Campus Extended Downtown Jurisdiction Map

