Towards an Understanding of
Community Safety
Fall 2004
Campus Police Department and Division of Student Affairs
A Message from the Chief of Police

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is a growing community of over 6,000 people working, living and learning on one of the most beautiful campuses in the state. It is also one of the safest campuses in this State thanks to our community’s participation in this effort. The purpose of this brochure is to supply you with the information you need so your stay on campus is both safe and enjoyable.

The Police Department is a full time sworn law enforcement agency and is responsible for the safety and security of the campus. Safety on campus is everyone’s business. We have long embraced community policing, seeking to develop partnerships with the community we serve and work with them to solve problems. Through these partnerships we provide a safe and secure environment that enables our students to obtain the high quality of education offered by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Our efforts in maintaining a safe community rely on a continuing desire to improve both the services we offer and our communication with the community. We ask that you visit our new and improved web site at www2.stockton.edu/police/ for additional information on campus safety. We hope that you find the information in this brochure and on our website helpful, and your stay on campus safe and enjoyable. Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Glenn M. Miller, Chief of Police

PREVENTION TIPS

Prevention is the most effective means of dealing with crime. You can help to diminish crime on campus by not tolerating it. When you see a crime, report it to the Campus Police. In addition, we offer you the following helpful hints:

- Secure your valuables, keep doors and windows locked.
- Value your safety and the safety of others.
- Employ common sense and be aware of your surroundings.
- Plan your route. Take well-lighted, busy walkways whenever possible.
- Never take shortcuts through poorly lighted areas.
- Don’t walk alone. Get a friend to walk with you, especially at night or take advantage of Stockton’s free escort program.
- If you must walk alone, walk near the curb. Avoid alleys, entryways, and shrubs where someone may be hiding.
- Have your keys ready before you get to your residence or car.
- If you discover that someone is following you, get to a well-lighted area and telephone the police.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger. We strongly recommend that you do not hitchhike.
- On campus students should not allow anyone into their residence halls or apartments without first asking for proper identification.
- For individuals who commute to the campus, we discourage you from keeping valuables in your car including clothing, loose change or other personal items.
- Be alert and cognizant of your surroundings. Watch out for suspicious persons and dangerous situations. Notify the police of all suspicious persons by calling 911.

Remember, many victims of crime once said,  
“It can’t happen to me.”

Finally, we hope that your stay at Stockton will be both an enjoyable and safe one!

Glenn M. Miller, Chief of Police
community. The Police Department is located on College Drive, between Oak Pond Drive and Pomona Road (County Rt. 575), across from the Housing IV residential complex. A Community Police/Sub-Station is located within the main academic complex, in the G-Wing Student Center.

**Other Emergencies**

Police Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to respond to emergencies and to provide other services. All officers are trained and certified in basic first aid and additionally they are trained and certified in the use and operation of Automated External Defibrillators or AED’s. Several officers are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The officers are assisted by the Office of Health Services, which is staffed by physicians and a registered nursing staff. We also receive assistance from the Galloway Township Ambulance Squad and Para-Medic staff from the Atlantic City Medical Center’s Mainland Division Hospital, which is located on the college campus.

**Information**

Awareness, prevention and involvement are the most effective means of dealing with community concerns and crime problems. An involved and aware community, in cooperative effort with the police can do much to prevent incidents of crime and help insure a safe and secure community. Such efforts have shown to do much in reducing incidents of crime and its effects. The Police Department encourages these efforts by working closely with individuals, groups and organizations that make up our growing community. Police Officers are always available to assist members of the campus community in a number of crime prevention and public safety efforts. These include, but are not limited to Operation Identification, which provides for the identification of personal property, RAD or Rape Aggression Defense instruction, a self-defense program for women, a Campus Safe Escort Program and bicycle registration. Officers also speak before groups and individuals regarding safety and crime prevention issues. The campus has strategically located around the campus Emergency Call Boxes/Telephones, many equipped with blue lights. These units can be used in an emergency by simply pushing the emergency button, which sends the call to Police Communications and an Officer is immediately dispatched. These units can also be used as a telephone and can be used to call anywhere on campus. For more information see our brochure entitled, *Stockton’s Police Department*. To arrange for a free safety lecture or for any other questions, please dial extension 4390 or 652-4390.

**EMERGENCY • POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE • DIAL 9-1-1**

**FROM OFF CAMPUS: 652-4390**
The numbers of referrals in the categories of liquor and drug violations indicate a sharp increase for 2003. This is due to recent clarifications in the act that requires the reporting of actions taken by college officials, other than the police department. The majority of these referrals come from actions taken by officials of Housing and Residential Life.

### A Look at a Few Major Policies

**ALCOHOL POLICY**

As an institution of higher education whose primary purpose is the pursuit of academic excellence, Stockton emphasizes development of the whole student, personally, socially and educationally. In doing so, the college has established a policy regarding the consumption, distribution and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on the college property. It follows that the academic mission is at the forefront, co-curricular activities must enhance and not detract from academic pursuits of the community. The policy is based on the philosophy that community life at Stockton must demonstrate a respect for others as well as uphold the laws of the State of New Jersey. For information and/or questions, please call the Office of Alcohol/Drug Education at extension 4987 or 652-4987.

*Please note that the State of New Jersey revised the legislation effective January 21, 2004, regarding Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs, lowering the blood alcohol concentration level from .10% to .08%*

**DRUG POLICY**

All State, Federal and local laws and ordinances regarding the possession, use, and distribution of drugs, both legal and illegal, as well as laws pertaining to the use and sale of alcohol, apply to all activities at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Stockton has incorporated, by reference, the prohibition of State law on the use, possession, or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs, or controlled dangerous substances into its Campus Code of Conduct. Accordingly, members of the college community and others who are charged with possession, possession with intent to distribute, and/or intent to sell drugs will be held accountable through the appropriate administrative office of the college, Stockton Police Department, Office of Housing and Residential Life and the Campus Hearing Board, as appropriate. For information and/or questions, please call the Office of Alcohol/Drug Education at extension 4987 or 652-4987. Note that students who are present on campus where a drug violation is taking place, even if not actually in possession of or consuming the substance(s) are subject to disciplinary action through the campus judicial process.
FIRE SAFETY
The college and its many departments work closely with the local Fire Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshall regarding all aspects of fire safety. All residential complexes are equipped with fire alarms and sprinkler systems. The residential complexes are also equipped with carbon monoxide detectors, with the exception of Housing IV. This newest complex has no natural gas appliances. The Police Department’s Communications Section, comprised of fully certified Communication Operators and manned 24/7, monitors a fire command system, which alerts to fire alarms campus wide. The residential systems are fully addressable systems. Community Policing Officers conduct a student program in fire safety entitled, Get Out And Stay Alive, prepared by the United States Fire Administration. It includes a lecture and video presentation that is mandatory for residential students.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION
All persons should become familiar with this critical procedure. It deals with the evacuation of the building(s) in the event of fire, bomb threat or other emergency or a major operational facilities malfunction. Upon hearing the alarm and/or seeing the visual strobe light signal, ALL persons shall assume that an emergency is in effect and must immediately evacuate the building. Everyone must exit via the nearest exit/outer door at the wing or gallery and move not less than 300 feet from the building. Please familiarize yourself with all exits from your classrooms and work areas, and plan alternate evacuation routes as well. All doors should be closed and lights turned off. No person is permitted to use the elevators during evacuation. Individuals who are physically challenged or require mobility assistance and find themselves on an upper level are to exit the building at the nearest bridge that connects the buildings and await assistance from the police or fire department personnel. No one is to re-enter the building for any reason unless or until a signal to do so is announced by the police or fire department. Failure to evacuate is a violation of New Jersey law and College policies. Violators may be subject to penalties enforced by the police and fire officials.

HAZING
Stockton College recognizes that student organizations are an integral part of the college. They provide an alternative lifestyle contributing to the academic and social experience of the students. This relationship carries with it certain rights of the college to protect and preserve an appropriate environment in which student organizations may operate.

Student organizations and their members are prohibited from engaging in or encouraging others to engage in activities that are defined as hazing.

HAZARD OR HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT
Stockton College is committed to providing every student with an environment free from unlawful discrimination. All forms of unlawful discrimination based upon race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, material status, familial status, sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for service in the Armed Forces, or disability are prohibited and will not be tolerated. The policy also applies to third party harassment. Third party harassment is unwelcome behavior of sexual, racial, or derogatory nature regarding any protected category, that is not directed at an individual but is a part of that individual’s academic environment. The policy applies to conduct which occurs in the workplace/educational environment and also extends to conduct which occurs at any location that can be reasonably regarded as an extension of the college or any facility where Richard Stockton College business is being conducted or discussed.

CAMPUS CONDUCT CODE
Stockton is dedicated to the transmission of knowledge, the pursuit of truth, the development of students, and the general well being of society. The rules, regulations, and procedures in this section are designed to establish standards of civil and considerate behavior, which are fundamental realization of these goals. The responsibility to respect and hold these regulations must be shared by all members of the Stockton community, who are expected to be fully informed of these regulations. The regulations govern the conduct of all administrators, faculty, staff, other employees and students and all visitors, guests, and licensees while that are on the campus or in college owned or controlled facilities. These regulations shall not preclude enforcement of applicable federal, state, and local laws or ordinances. The college is in no way a sanctuary from the law, and all persons who violate the law must expect to pay the penalties of the law.
Community Living and Campus Life

The Office of Housing and Residential Life provides housing for approximately 31% of the full-time student population. On-campus housing is available in two distinctly different types, each with its own lifestyle.

The apartments consist of Housing 1, a 255-unit, 1020 bed garden style apartment complex organized into eight courts of 32 apartments and Housing IV, a 62-unit, 250 bed apartment complex organized into eight buildings of 8 apartments. Students who live in the apartments must park their cars in the North and South lots adjacent to the apartments from 8 am to 6 pm when classes are in session. Both complexes are a ten-minute walk around Lake Fred to the main campus. Apartment residents are required to register their guests online using the Guest Registration procedures on HousingNet. Student residents are issued an ID card and in some cases a room key to ensure maximum safety standards. If a resident loses an ID card they must immediately report the loss to the campus police.

The two residence hall complexes offer a more traditional lifestyle than the apartments. Housing II consists of 11 three story buildings which are all connected into one building, housing 522 students. Housing III consists of five, three-story buildings which are connected in a complex housing 300 students. Each floor in the residence hall is self-contained with a common entrance accessible only to student residents of the floor. Guests of students may access the floors only when accompanied by a resident of the floor. Guests are permitted when properly registered online through the college’s Guest Registration procedure on HousingNet. Student residents are issued an ID card and a room key to ensure maximum safety standards. If a resident loses an ID card they must immediately report the loss to the campus police.

In addition to trained student staff, there are nine professional staff members responsible for the overall management and supervision of the housing complexes. Five of these professional staff members live on campus.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is housed on an open campus that cannot be patrolled at all times in all places. The college does not guarantee absolute safety to all students, employees, guests or visitors to the campus. Prudent preventative safety measures should be exercised at all times.

Safety in On-Campus Housing

As with any living arrangement, the responsibility of ensuring a safe environment relies on students to exercise prudent preventative safety measures. All guests and their vehicles must be registered using the Guest Registration procedure on HousingNet by their student host. All students and their visitors must share responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings by taking simple common-sense precautions. All students and their guests must carry picture identification.

All residents should carry renter’s insurance or have extra coverage on a homeowner’s policy. Apartment and Residence Hall doors should be locked at any time the room is unoccupied or the occupants are sleeping. Valuable items such as laptop computers, stereos, televisions, cameras, should be marked with engraving instruments provided by the Campus Police, Operation Identification Program, free of charge.

Bicycles can be registered either on line or in person by the police department. Registered bicycles will receive a numbered license sticker. In addition, all bicycles should be secured with a sturdy lock. Students with cars must register them on HousingNet. Students in Housing I and IV are only allowed to park in the North and South lots adjacent to Housing I & IV and students in Housing II & III are only permitted to park in lots 5, 6, and 7 from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday on days that classes are scheduled. From 6 pm to 8 am students may park in any lot. Students should keep their cars locked at all times. Never leave anything of value in clear view of a person walking by. Secure all valuables in your trunk.

Students should report all suspicious individuals whom they believe do not belong in the residence halls or any unusual incidents in and around the residence halls and apartments. These incidents should be reported to the Housing and Residence Life Staff as well as Campus Police.

Stockton recognizes the importance of establishing and enforcing acceptable community standards and behaviors on and off campus. Members of the college community should know that they will be held accountable for their off-campus actions and/or behaviors as they relate to established laws and regulations of federal, state, and local agencies, as well as policies of the college. Students should be aware that off-campus law enforcement officers have legal access to the campus at all times. These officers often work with our Campus Police as liaisons during investigations involving off campus activities.

We encourage those individuals residing off-campus to adopt the safety measures and preventative crime hints outlined in this brochure to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime on and off campus.
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SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey seeks a safe and healthy environment for all community members and visitors. Our community depends upon trust. A willingness to recognize the dignity and worth of each person at the college is essential to our mission. Thus, it is the responsibility of each person affiliated with the institution to respect the personal dignity of others. Everyone member of our community has a right to an environment void of coercion and assault. Sexual assault is a crime prohibited by the College, state and federal law. Sexual assault is the legal term used in New Jersey to refer to nonconsensual sexual contact. The National Incident-Based Reporting System Edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting System defines two types of sexual assault: forcible and non-forcible. The college will impose sanction in accordance with appropriate college processes upon any person found to have violated this policy, including, but not limited to, suspension or permanent expulsion. In addition, an individual charged may be subject to prosecution under the law.

Community Advisory: The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, amends the Violent Crime Control And Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to require sex offenders who must register under state law to provide notice of enrollment and/or employment at any institution of higher education in the state where the offender resides and to provide notice of each change of enrollment or employment status at the institution of higher education. New Jersey has a statute requiring sex offender registration. Information concerning registration of sex offenders may be obtained by accessing the New Jersey State Police web site at www.njisp.org and using the link to the New Jersey Sex Offender Registration information.

The Clery Act

Choosing a college or university is a major decision for students and their families. Along with all the financial, academic and geographic considerations, the issue of campus safety is a vital concern.


The "Clery Act," as it is commonly known, is intended to provide students and their families, as higher education consumers, with accurate, complete and timely information about safety on campus so that they can make informed decisions.

It is understandable that parents and students have concerns today regarding safety on university and college campuses. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey addresses these concerns and continues to meet its responsibility to provide a campus environment which is safe for all members of the community. Moreover, students, faculty and staff should know that we will continue our efforts to make the campus as safe as possible from any threat to their safety and well-being.

Although Stockton has been fortunate in that we have not experienced a significant number of serious crimes, it would be unrealistic to state that such incidents would not occur on campus. In accordance with Public Law 101-542: The "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act", formerly the Campus Security Act, the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is required to provide information relating to our crime statistics and security measures to all persons on request. This act requires all colleges and universities to report incidents that fall under the following categories:

- Murder
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault
- Robbery
- Rape
- Vehicle Theft

This Act also requires all colleges and universities to report the number of arrests/referrals for the following crimes on campus:

- Liquor Law
- Drug Abuse
- Weapon Possession

The college’s department of Campus Police submits the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) monthly to the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit. Crime statistics from the last three years at Stockton are as follows and now include the following facilities:

- Atlantic City Medical Center, Mainland Division
- Atlanticare Behavioral Health Center
- The Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation Pomona, NJ
- Carnegie Library
- The Marine Science and Environmental Field Station at Nacote Creek
- Port Republic, NJ
- Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center Mays Landing, NJ

Recent clarifications and revisions to the Clery Act require that we publish the crime information on the above areas of the college. Under the Clery Act, three (3) of these facilities are defined as separate campuses because they are not located on the main campus property. The Atlantic City Medical Center and Bacharach Institute For Rehabilitation are two (2) hospitals that are on a leased section of the main college campus property. The policing of these two (2) institutions are mainly the responsibility of the Galloway Township Police Department with assistance from the Campus Police. The Environmental Field Station at Nacote Creek in the Town of Port Republic is within the jurisdiction of the New Jersey State Police, Tuckerton Station. This facility is patrolled by the Campus Police with assistance from the State Police.

The Carnegie Library in Atlantic City and the Southern Regional Institute/Educational Technology Training Center in Mays Landing were opened in the spring of 2004. Therefore all of the crime information regarding these two facilities will be published in the 2004 report. Therefore to comply with the clarifications and revisions of the Clery Act, the statistical information for the five (5) facilities will be listed separately in the brochure.
**Opportunities**

The Police department also employs students to assist in the delivery of safety services on campus. Most notable of these is the Safe Campus Escort Program and Neighborhood Watch. Also available is an Internship Program available to qualified students through the Criminal Justice Program within the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Parking and Traffic**

Stockton Police Officers enforce all state and local statutes and/or laws regarding the operation of motor vehicles. Operators must have a valid drivers license and only motor vehicles bearing current and valid registration, inspection and insurance may be operated on campus. Except for residential students, long term parking on the campus is prohibited. Disabled vehicles must be reported to the police immediately and removed within 24 hours from any roadway or parking lot. Parking lots and/or spaces are not reserved, except for the handicapped and authorized service vehicles with the proper permits. Certain operators and vehicles may require a special permit and/or pass while on campus. The following exceptions apply: licensed buses and taxis, attendees at events to which the general public is invited, persons who are invited guests of a current employee, faculty or staff member or a recognized college organization or division. For further information contact the police department.

**Crime Alerts, Timely Notices and Crime Logs**

The Police Department in cooperation with Student Affairs and Dean of Students issues crime alerts in various ways. These include but are not limited to the college’s web site, the police web site, campus e-mails, housing notices and the college’s television and radio networks.

Timely information regarding crimes both on and off campus is issued in the same manner. Members of the college community who know of a crime or other serious incident should immediately report it to the police department. The Police Department maintains a crime log that is available to public inspection as outlined by law. This includes the date, time and nature of every complaint and call for service. The Stockton Police Department has been an active participant in the state’s Uniform Crime Reporting System for over 25 years.

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Reported in accordance with Uniform Crime Reporting procedures and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act

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*NOTE: The numbers of referrals in the categories of liquor and drug violations indicate a sharp increase for 2003. This is due to recent clarifications in the act that requires the reporting of actions taken by college officials, other than the police department. The majority of these referrals come from actions taken by officials of Housing and Residential Life.*
A Brief History of Campus Crime Reporting

In 1990, Congress authorized the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act. This act required all colleges and universities to disclose campus crime statistics and other public safety and security information. This act was amended in 1992, 1998 and 2000. In 1998, the act was renamed to the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act” in memory of a student who was slain in her dorm room in 1986. In essence the act requires the colleges and universities to collect, report and disseminate crime information to the campus community with the goal of maintaining a safe environment for students to learn, faculty to teach and for staff and administrators to work by increasing the awareness of crimes committed on campus. It is intended to provide students and their families as consumers of higher education with accurate, complete and timely information so that informed decisions can be made.

The Stockton Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students and the Office of Housing and Residential Life share the responsibility for this report at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Stockton’s Police Department

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Police Department is a fully sworn and commissioned police agency responsible for maintaining safety, law and order on the campus. The Officers are approved, trained and certified by the New Jersey Police Training Commission. Following successful completion of the Basic Police Academy, officers attend annual in-service training and other training courses, conferences and seminars, which provides for the professional delivery of police services. The Police Department is fundamentally concerned with the protection of life and property and works closely with the many law enforcement agencies within the state and the nation in order to protect and serve our growing community. The department’s efforts are geared toward maintaining a safe and secure environment in which to learn, work and live.

Cooperation

The Stockton Police Department works closely with the Galloway Township Police Department, the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office and all other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and departments. We rely on these working relationships for support on many levels. This allows for the sharing and dissemination of critical information among all such agencies in our efforts to maintain an informed and safe community.

Uniformed police officers patrol the campus and surrounding roadways in marked police vehicles, on bicycles and on foot, ready to respond to any emergency or call for service. The majority of the officers are certified Community Policing Officers and work closely with the many and varied groups within the
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FROM OFF CAMPUS: 652-4390

GENERAL INFORMATION

On Campus............................... Extension 4390
From Off Campus...................... (609) 652-4390

POLICE ADMINISTRATION

On Campus............................... Extension 4378
From Off Campus...................... (609) 652-4378

The Dean Of Students
Extension 4645 or (609) 652-4645

Housing And Residential Life
Extension 4332 or (609) 652-4332

Health Services
Extension 4701 or (609) 652-4701

Counseling Center
Extension 4722 or (609) 652-4722

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