

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report

Wentworth Military Academy and College is committed to assisting all members of the campus community in providing for their own safety and security, and to supporting the welfare of its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. This report is published in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, enacted into law in 1990 and later amended as a part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act. The Clery Act is named in memory of Jeanne Ann Clery, a Lehigh University freshman who was assaulted and killed in her residence hall room in 1986.

This report references statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on or adjacent to campus. The report also includes institutional policies and procedures concerning campus security, crime prevention, crime and emergency reporting, fire safety, and related matters.

Crime Prevention

Campus safety and security is a shared responsibility. All campus community members and visitors should be aware while driving, walking, studying, working, and attending events. Each individual is expected to function responsibly concerning his or her own personal safety and the security of their possessions. Being alert to the immediate surroundings and using reason and caution during daily activities provides a degree of personal protection from crime. Community members who are aware and prepared to contact law enforcement authorities regarding criminal or suspicious activities, contribute to the campus wide safety net. Students, employees, and guests may contact the Wentworth Commandant's Office in Sanford Sellers Hall (660-259-2221 ext. 1400) at any time for assistance.

Reporting Crimes

Any individual on the campus of Wentworth Military Academy and College should promptly report any criminal activity to the Lexington Police Department at (660) 259-6321 and the Commandant's Office at (660) 259-2221 ext. 1400. Emergencies or incidents in progress should be reported immediately by dialing 911. Persons reporting criminal activity are encouraged to provide as much information as available. This may include the location, nature of injuries, description of possible suspects, and brief description of what happened. The Lexington Police Department will respond to protect the victims, investigate the incident as necessary, and make arrests when appropriate.

Emergency Notification and Timely Warnings

Emergency notifications will be issued in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 in response to a significant emergency or a dangerous situation that constitutes an immediate or impending threat to the health or safety of members of the Wentworth community. The Crisis Action Plan is distributed to all campus buildings and departments. Timely warnings or crime alerts are issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act in response to reported crimes that constitute a serious or continuing threat to members of the Wentworth community. Students, faculty and staff at the main campus and extension sites are notified by email or text message through the Wentworth Alert System. You may register for the Wentworth Connection at <http://my.textcaster.com/ServePopup.aspx?id=1883>

Emergency Response and Evacuation

The Wentworth Crisis Action Plan may be activated in response to an emergency or the potential for an emergency condition, such as a severe weather event. Wentworth students, faculty, and staff participate in regular drills and exercises that include campus security officials as well as local, county, and state public safety agencies.

Missing Persons

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, all students who reside in campus housing may identify an individual who will be contacted by College or law enforcement personnel after it has been determined that the student is missing. If campus security officials determine that a student for whom a missing person report has been filed has been missing for more than 24 hours, then within the next 24 hours, they must: notify the individual identified by the student to be contacted in this circumstance; notify a parent or guardian if the student is under 18 years old; and notify law enforcement. If at any time foul play is suspected or suspicious circumstances are uncovered, the Vice President for Operations, the Superintendent, and law enforcement officials will be contacted immediately. The complete policy is available from the Vice President for Operations, Second Floor, Administration Building (660) 259-2221.

Sex Offender Registration

Under provisions of the Campus Crimes Sex Prevention Act of 2000, an amendment to the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (Wetterling Act), any person required to register under a state sex offender registration program must notify the state when he or she enrolls or is employed at an institution of higher education, and must notify the state of any change in enrollment or employment at the institution. Sex offender registration information is transmitted from each state to law enforcement entities where registered sex offenders reside. In Missouri, the sex offender list is maintained at the county level. The identities of registered sex offenders living in or near Lafayette County is published on the Missouri Highway Patrol Registry Sex Offenders List <http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CRID/SOR/SORPage.html>

Sexual Harassment

Wentworth Military Academy and College is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free from sexual harassment and misconduct. The institution will take immediate action to eliminate all forms of sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. Sexual harassment includes sexual violence and any unwelcome written, verbal, or physical contact of a sexual nature. The Discrimination and Harassment policy is explained in the Wentworth Personnel Policy Manual (pages 21-25), provided to all employees. This policy describes types of sexual offenses, reporting of incidents, and disciplinary procedures. The Wentworth Sexual Harassment Officers are: Captain Becky Jo Young-Mueller and Colonel Richard Cottrell. The Sexual Harassment policy regarding student conduct and sanctions is contained in the Rules and Regulations Handbook (pages 73-75).

Sexual Assault

Sexual violence is a severe form of sexual harassment. It refers to physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent, particularly when incapacitated by drugs, alcohol, mental deficiency, or other disability. Sexual violence includes, but is not limited to rape, sexual assault, and sexual coercion. Sex offenses may be forcible or nonforcible, also encompassing nonconsensual sexual contact, and obscene or indecent behavior that is sexually motivated. In the event of a sex offense, students are encouraged to contact 911 immediately. Students should then contact the Commandant's Office (660-259-2221 ext.1400). Students may also contact the Commandant's Office if any assistance is needed when reporting the incident to law enforcement. Students who have been the victim of a sex offense are urged to seek medical attention for any injuries that may have been suffered, but to be aware of the need to preserve all evidence for the proof of a criminal offense. Students will also be referred to a professional counselor if desired.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, Wentworth Military Academy and College is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for its students, faculty, staff and guests. Abuse of alcohol and other drugs disrupts both the personal and professional development of individuals. Local, state, and federal laws prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol to minors. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled substance without a prescription is also prohibited and will be reported to law enforcement officials. Criminal penalties for violation of such laws range from fines of up to \$20,000 to imprisonment for terms up to and including life. All faculty and staff are required to be tested annually for drugs. The policy for compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act is published in the Wentworth Personnel Policy Manual (page 33).

Wentworth Military Academy and College is a drug-free, tobacco-free, and alcohol-free campus. The possession, consumption, enabling or sale of alcoholic beverages by a cadet, regardless of age, is prohibited. Intoxication is also a violation. Regulations prohibit the unlawful possession, use, distribution, and sale of alcohol and illicit drugs, as well as the improper use of prescription or over-the-counter medications and other household products by students and employees on school property, or school sponsored or supervised activities. Violations of this policy can result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge for employees and dismissal for students and referral for prosecution. Sanctions may also include referrals for appropriate rehabilitation. For additional information, please refer to the Student Conduct Code in the College Catalog, and the Testing and Disciplinary Process described in the Rules and Regulations Handbook (pages 70-72).

Fire Safety

In the event of a fire, any person should immediately contact the Lexington Fire Department (660-259-4550 or 911), and also notify the Commandant's Office (660-259-2221 ext. 1400). The January through December 2010, 2011, and 2012 Fire Safety Reports for Wentworth Military Academy and College document no fires on campus, and no injuries, deaths, or property damage due to fires.

Fire Regulations

Periodic fire drills are required to insure that students and staff know what to do in the event of a fire. Five drills are conducted annually (two during the fall and spring semesters, and one in the summer). Students and staff should be familiar with the posted emergency procedures and be on the alert to prevent fires. All cadets are required to evacuate the barracks when the fire alarm is sounded. All students and staff must leave campus buildings when the fire alarm sounds. Anyone refusing to cooperate with safety personnel or to evacuate buildings may be subject to disciplinary action.

Fire Drills

In the event of a fire alarm:

1. Leave the barracks and all other buildings at once, using the nearest exit. Depart the room immediately, but dress in preparation for going outdoors.
2. Lock the door to your room. If you are away from your room when the alarm sounds, do not return to your room but leave using the nearest exit.
3. Never use the elevator during a drill or actual fire.
4. Evacuate to the designated emergency evacuation location. Do not return to the barracks, classrooms or administration building until given the all-clear signal by safety personnel.

In the event of a fire:

1. Contain the fire by closing the door if possible.
2. Notify the barracks TAC Officer on duty immediately. Fire alarms are located in each hallway of the barracks. Always report a fire, no matter how small, even if it is already extinguished. If for any reason the TAC Officer is unavailable, contact the Commandant's Office by phone (660-259-2221 ext. 1400) or in person as quickly as possible and report the location of the problem area.
3. Leave all buildings by the nearest stairway. Do not use an elevator. Close the room and hallway doors behind you.
4. Evacuate to the designated emergency evacuation location. Remain calm at all times. Do not return to the barracks or other campus buildings until given the all-clear signal by safety personnel.

Fire Safety Policies

Wentworth Military Academy and College is a smoke and tobacco free environment. Smoking is not allowed in the barracks, classroom buildings, or any other area of the Lexington campus. Cooking, heating and other types of portable electrical appliances are not permitted in the barracks or other public areas, with the exception of the dining hall. Candles and incense warmers or pots are not allowed in the barracks or any other buildings on campus.

All members of the Commandant's staff undergo fire safety education and training prior to the beginning of each school year. The cadet barracks (East, Sellers, and Tillotson) are equipped with heat and smoke detectors. Tillotson Barracks has a full sprinkler system that is inspected each year. Fire extinguishers are inspected and tagged annually and checked weekly in case of discharge. Hardwired heat and smoke detectors are maintained in the classroom, dining hall, and administration buildings. Plans for additional upgrades to the current systems will be resolved as funding permits.

Fire Log

The Commandant's Office in Sellers Hall (660-259-2221 ext. 1400) maintains a log of all campus student housing fire incident reports, including the nature, date, time, and general location. The fire safety report statistics indicate the number of fires, the cause of each, the number of deaths related to each fire, the number of injuries related to that fire resulting in treatment at the infirmary or a medical facility, the value of the property damage related to the fire, and the number of fire drills conducted each year. There are no fires recorded on the 2010, 2011, and 2012 calendar year fire logs. Inquiries regarding the fire log and fire safety report should be sent to Col. Rick Cottrell, Vice President for Operations, Administration Building, Wentworth Military Academy and College, 1880 Washington Avenue, Lexington, MO 64067, or phone (660) 259-2221.