REPORTING CRIME STATISTICS

The College coordinates the collection and reporting of crime statistics as specified by federal law. The information is compiled into a report. Each year, enrolled students are notified via electronic mail, student handbook, and WNCC’s web site where this report can be accessed and reviewed. Faculty and staff receive similar notifications by electronic mail and/or their electronic portal. Copies of this report can also be obtained from the Student Services Office. All prospective employees are notified of the report and may also obtain a copy of this report from the Human Resources office. Copies of this report will be provided to others as specified by law and upon request.

The individuals and agencies involved in the collection of data include the Vice President of Student Services, the Dean of Students, the Director of Student Life, Human Resources, Campus Security, the Alliance Police Department, the Scotts Bluff Police Department, the Sidney Police Department, the Box Butte County Sheriff’s Department, the Cheyenne County Sheriff’s Department and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff’s Department.

In addition, WNCC, through a cooperative process with the agencies obtain relevant crime statistics from their databases, which provides appropriate crime codes, and the nature, dates, times, and the locations of crimes committed within their jurisdiction. WNCC’s Institutional Research Director requests data from the agencies involved in collecting criminal statistics so that the annual report may be updated and disseminated to the campus community, the general public, and the U.S. Secretary of Education. With the exception of certain alcohol-abuse violations that may be referred for handling by residence hall staff and the Assistant and/or Director of Student Life, campus agencies required to collect crime statistics report all crimes to the Dean of Students.

Statistics on the following Clery crime definitions and offenses are included in the annual security report:

* **Criminal Homicide and Non-Negligent Manslaughter.** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human by another.

* **Negligent Manslaughter.** The killing of a person through gross negligence.

* **Sex Offenses, Forcible or Non-forcible.** A forcible sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent, e.g., intoxicated. Non-forcible sex offenses are acts of "unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse," e.g., incest or statutory rape.

* **Robbery.** The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value from the control, custody, or care of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

* **Aggravated Assault.** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. An assault that results in hospitalization (or should have) is an aggravated assault.
* **Burglary.** The unlawful entry (breaking and entering) into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

* **Arson.** Willful or malicious burning or an attempt to burn a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property.

* **On-campus Arrests for Alcohol, Drug and Illegal Weapon Violations.**

* **Hate Crimes.** Any of the crimes listed herein in which the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, or disability must be reported as hate crimes. Category of prejudice should be reported.

  * Larceny – Theft. Unlawful taking of another’s property.
  * Assault. Unlawful contact causing bodily injury.
  * Intimidation. Threats of bodily injury to another person.
  * Destruction / damage / vandalism of property.

* **Stalking.** The willful harassment of another person, regardless of gender, or the family or household member of that person, with the intent to injure, terrify, threaten, or intimidate. Actions include, but are not limited to, deliberately following, detaining, contacting, or harassing the person(s), or imposing any restraints on their personal liberty.

* **Dating Violence.** A pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse, to control his or her dating partner. Dating partner means any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement, whether casual, serious, or long-term.

* **Domestic Violence.** A person intentionally and knowingly causes bodily injury to his/her intimate partner; threatens an intimate partner with imminent bodily injury; or threatens an intimate partner in a menacing manner. Intimate partner, regardless of gender, means a spouse; a former spouse; persons who have a child in common, whether or not they have been married or lived together at any time; and persons who are or were involved in a dating relationship. Dating relationship means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement, but does not include a causal relationship or an ordinary association between persons in a business or social context.

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

**Programs WNCC coordinates include, but are not limited to:**

- Campus-wide e-mails, text messages and voice mails sent in extreme threat circumstances;
- Daily crime logs available for public review;
- Distribution of information to campus publications such as the student newspaper, staff newsletters, and other sources; printed material, such as brochures and fliers, displayed in public places and distributed at meetings and other events;
• Outreach services and informational programs for residence halls, and other student organizations that provide crime awareness and prevention education, information and guidance on personal safety, as well as an opportunity to promote an open dialogue about various safety and security issues;
• Voluntary programs, such as Safe Zone, designed to reduce prejudice and discrimination at the College as well as create a safe and affirming environment for all students;
• Tallying of pertinent statistical data as the result of confidential crime reports; and
• Crime alerts and crime notices posted in conspicuous locations to provide timely warnings to the community about criminal incidents considered a potential threat to students and employees.

REPORTING CRIME

In case of a life-threatening emergency, make the following calls
1. 911
2. Or 9-911 from campus phone (except for Conestoga Hall, use 911)

The 911 operator will assist in directing the necessary response from emergency services, i.e., police, fire and paramedics. Be prepared to give the operator information about the emergency, including:
• Your name, address, and phone number for verification
• Description of suspicious person(s) or vehicle(s) involved (if applicable)
• On a first aid call, determine if the victim is conscious and breathing

College community members are strongly encouraged to report all criminal incidents, suspicious activities and emergency situations immediately to their local police department by calling 911 or 9-911. Crimes of a non-emergent nature may be reported by calling the following based on your location or by telling any campus official:

**Alliance:** (308) 762-4955

**Scottsbluff:** (308) 630-6261 (during business hours M-F, 7 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
(308) 632-7176 (after business hours)

**Sidney:** (308) 254-5515

WNCC also utilizes an online “Incident Reporting Form” for non-emergency situations that can be accessed at [http://www.wncc.edu/](http://www.wncc.edu/)

WNCC security personnel routinely patrol the campus area in vehicles and on foot. On the Scottsbluff campus, security can be reached after business-hours at (308) 641-0351. In certain situations, campus-wide alert is sent.

Additionally, the Vice President of Student Services and Dean of Students maintain a daily crime log that is available for review.

Campus security authorities are directed to formally report to Vice President of Student Services specified criminal incidents that are reported to them or that have occurred at, or in association with, officially sanctioned events and/or activities. A “Campus Security Authority” (CSA) is defined as an “official of the institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus
activities.” Examples of persons who meet the definition of a CSA include (but are not limited to):

- Dean of Students.
- Director of athletics or a team coach.
- Faculty advisors to student organizations

Members of the WNCC community are strongly encouraged to report all criminal activity immediately to their local police department. Formal reports of this nature are documented, investigated and referred for disposition. However, we recognize that in certain situations, individuals who are victims of crime may not wish to disclose certain details of crimes or their identities. The person with whom you may discuss all of this with confidentially is the licensed counselor at the Counseling Center. If you wish only for support and counseling services, please contact the counselor at 308-635-6050.

Keep in mind that victims of offenses committed by WNCC students have several reporting options. These include 1) reporting to the police for criminal action, 2) filing a civil lawsuit against the suspect and 3) reporting to campus officials. For college sanctions to be considered, you may pursue these options simultaneously, or any one of them separately.

For example, reporting a crime and cooperating with a law enforcement investigation are necessary for criminal prosecution of a sexual assault case, but are not required for college sanctions to be brought against a student found responsible. Please see the Judicial Code in the student handbook or on the WNCC website for details.

**ADDITIONAL REPORTING OPTIONS**

WNCC does not tolerate any form of sexual misconduct or sexual assault. Non-stranger rapes account approximately 85 percent of sexual assaults committed on college campuses. These include situations in which a person is without physical or mental capacity to consent, often due to being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Students are encouraged to report misconduct to college officials.

Anyone who reports an incident of sexual misconduct retains the right to notify proper law enforcement, and college officials will assist in notifying local police if the student so chooses. Students may request changes in their academic and/or living situations. Such changes will be granted provided appropriate arrangements are reasonably available. The Title IX Coordinator, Mr. David Groshans, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1815, (308) 635-6105 can assist you with these requests. (See, Sexual Assault: Facts and Prevention, Reporting an Incident for more detailed information).

Regardless of whether formal criminal charges are filed, WNCC reserves the right to pursue disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. The college will consider the concerns and rights of both the person making an allegation and the accused student. These rights include, among others, the right to have an adviser present during any disciplinary proceeding, and the right to notification of the outcome of any disciplinary action taken.

**MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

All College employees, with the exception of the College’s counseling employees, who are aware of or witness sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are required to promptly report to the Title IX Coordinator or a Title IX Deputy Coordinator. Any student who is aware of or who witnesses sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking is encouraged to
promptly report to the Title IX Coordinator or a Title IX Deputy Coordinator. All reports will be treated with the greatest degree of respect and privacy possible while still fulfilling the College’s obligation to investigate and effectively respond to the report. It is the survivor’s choice whether to participate in the investigation; however the College may proceed with the investigation without the survivor’s participation if there is a potential threat to other members of the community.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

WNCC enjoys and excellent working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies including the Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance and Sidney Police Departments, County Sheriff offices throughout the service area and the Nebraska State Patrol. WNCC does not, however, have a formal written memorandum of understanding for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses with the external agency. The Scottsbluff Campus has a contracted Security force that patrol buildings and residence halls at night but have no powers of arrest. Although WNCC security personnel do not have arrest powers, they work closely with appropriate jurisdiction law enforcement personnel as necessary.