



Mesa State College
Montrose Campus
Annual 2007 Clery Security/Crime Report

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It is the policy of Mesa State College (MSC) to provide for the safety and security of all members of its campus community. The College believes that academic freedom can only flourish in an environment that is free of criminal or other disruptive activity and unsafe conditions. The College is committed to maintaining the campus community as a place of study, work and residence that is free from abuse, intimidation and harassment and where everyone is treated with respect and courtesy. The College will not tolerate criminal activity and will actively pursue internal discipline, criminal prosecution, or both, for all offenders.

Mesa State College is a state-supported institution of higher education, whose main campus is located within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado. The Montrose Campus, is a branch campus of Mesa State College and is operated within the City of Montrose Colorado. In Montrose, the College works closely with the Montrose Police Department to coordinate efforts to provide for a safe and secure campus environment.

The Mesa State College – Montrose Campus annually serves approximately 300 degree-seeking students, and 30 faculty and staff, visiting guests, and members of the public.

Reporting of Criminal Activities or Emergencies

The Montrose Police Department, in cooperation with the campus community, is responsible for public safety, security, parking enforcement, after hours emergency maintenance, and response to law enforcement and emergency incidents. Administrative offices are located at 434 South 1st Street. The Department has officers available 24 hours a day and can be reached by calling 252-4010 for non-emergencies, or 911 for emergencies. The Police Department responds to all campus incidents reported by students, faculty, staff, and members of the general public.

Emergency response for fire, ambulance, or hazardous materials is the joint responsibility of the Montrose Fire Department and the Montrose Police Department.

TO REPORT A CRIME OR EMERGENCY

All students, staff, and visitors should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents, and other emergencies to the Montrose Police Department by dialing 911. Members of the campus community are encouraged to report any activity, situation, or conduct that disrupts, adversely affects, or interferes with the function of the College and the pursuit of its educational purpose.

If an individual chooses not to report directly to the Montrose Police Department as noted above, they may report the incident to one of the following Campus Security Authorities:

- The Director of the Mesa State College-Montrose Campus
970-249-7009
- The Assistant Director of the Mesa State College-Montrose Campus
970-249-7009

- Vice President of Student Services and Outreach and Dean of Students
970-248-1366
- The Student Conduct Officer
970-248-1058

Anonymously Reporting Crimes

Individuals may also report crimes anonymously through Crime Stoppers. The Crime Stoppers phone line is not recorded and has no caller ID. Information provided by callers is routed to the law enforcement agency investigating the case. If information leads to an arrest, up to \$1,000.00 may be rewarded to the caller. Individuals may provide information about a crime or suspect by calling 249-8500.

For the purpose of making timely warnings and annual statistical disclosures, a voluntary confidential report of any crime can be made to the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach and Dean of Students by any person directly associated with the college. The intent of the Montrose Police Department and the Office of the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach and Dean of Students is to provide information that is as accurate as possible and encourage pastoral and professional mental health counselors to refer persons that they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual crime statistics.

Montrose Police Department Authority

The Montrose Police Department has the authority to enforce all federal, state, and local laws, as well as official policies of Mesa State College, as Level I Peace Officers (CRS 18-1-901). The authority of police officers is limited to the boundaries of the City of Montrose or anywhere when in fresh pursuit of an offender, or when called to assist another agency outside the city limits.

The Montrose Police Department maintains close relations with all federal, state, and local law enforcement entities. Criminal cases are filed into the Montrose County Courts or alternatively into the Montrose Municipal Court. Mesa State College amplifies their available resources through this cooperative effort in order to support a safe, secure environment on campus.

Timely Warnings

A condition or incident that could compromise the safety and well-being of any member of the Mesa State College Community will result in an appropriate timely warning being issued. Depending on the nature of the condition or incident, the warning may be limited to a particular location, cohort or the entire community. The President's Office, the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach, or the Director of the MSC-Montrose Campus, in collaboration with the Montrose Police Department, will issue the warning.

Any member of the community who is aware of an incident or emergency should notify an employee of the college who will in turn notify the President, Vice President for Student Services, the Director of the MSC-Montrose Campus, or the Montrose Police Department immediately so a timely warning can be issued if need be.

Security and Access to Campus Facilities

The Mesa State College- Montrose campus leases its facility from the Montrose Library District. The MSC-Montrose Campus is an open campus with facilities available to students and the public. All academic buildings are unlocked during normal academic hours. Admission to any non-residential facility after hours is limited to authorized persons with a building key. Buildings are secured by faculty, MSC staff, Montrose Library District staff, and custodial personnel, and parking lots and buildings are periodically patrolled by police officers 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Maintenance Security

The maintenance of the facility is the responsibility of the Montrose Regional Library District. All mechanical problems that could cause physical harm to the public or members of the campus community are given a priority status. Maintenance personnel are provided by the Montrose Library District. Maintenance personnel can be contacted by calling the Montrose Library District at 970-249-9656.

Responsibility for Preparation of This Report

The Montrose Police Department makes a report of all crimes reported to them that occur on and near the campus. Once a year their records division compiles and classifies all of the statistics pertinent to the Campus Security Act for the purpose of making this report. Montrose Police Department Records Division may be reached Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m., at 252-5200.

Information for Student Discipline Statistics is generated from: Student Conduct Officer records, Assistant Director of Housing ~ Student Development records, and the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach and Dean of Students Office records. The Montrose PD statistics and the Student Discipline Statistics are compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment who updates the report. A draft of the report is then sent to appropriate members of the college community to update information from their individual areas. After all updates are made, the report is posted on the college's website and students and staff are made aware of it and its location through e-mail.

Note: The Student Conduct Officer, the Vice President for Student Services and the Campus Security Command Officer receive copies of incident reports of crimes occurring off campus involving enrolled students. These data are not included in the annual statistics.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Policies

College Standards of Conduct: Mesa State College attempts to provide a safe, comfortable academic and social environment. However, the campus is a part of society and is subject to the same concerns and problems inherent to that reality. All incidents of sexual assault are condemned by the College and will be dealt with immediately to the fullest extent of the law and the policies of the College.

Mesa State College is a community consisting of students, faculty, support staff, and administrators. The College does not attempt to define all "student conduct." It relies on students to assume the responsibility and obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the purpose of the College as an educational institution and the community as a place of residence. In addition to college rules and regulations, all students are subject to the same local, state, and federal laws as non-students and are beneficiaries of the same safeguards of rights as non-students. The academic community has a long and cherished tradition of expecting its members to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of personal behavior.

Definitions

Sexual Assault -- Inflicting sexual contact or sexual intrusion upon or engaging in sexual penetration with any person without that person's consent. Such conduct is "without consent" when no clear consent is given; when inflicted through force, threat of force, or coercion; or when inflicted upon a person who is unconscious or otherwise without the physical or mental capacity to consent, e.g., when someone is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Sexual Harassment -- either from a supervisor, co-worker, faculty, staff or fellow student, when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term of an individual's employment or academic status;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an employee is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual;
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, offensive work or academic environment;
4. Such conduct stereotypes a gender into a degrading, less than desirable status within the work place, creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment;
5. Any deliberate, unwanted or unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature or sexual stereotyping, whether verbal, non-verbal or physical;
6. In addition, the behavior must satisfy these three (3) legal requirements. The behavior must be:
 1. Unwanted;
 2. Unsolicited (prior behavior and dress are not indications of solicitation);
 3. Deliberate (It is important to understand that sexual harassment need not be repeated. A one-time-only offense may constitute harassment.)

Sexual Harassment may include:

1. Verbal harassment or abuse;
2. Subtle pressure for sexual activity;
3. Sexist remarks about a person's clothing, body or sexual activities;
4. Unnecessary touching, patting, or pinching;
5. Leering at a person's body;
6. Constant brushing against a person's body;
7. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning one's job, promotions, performance evaluation, grades, etc.;
8. Physical assault;
9. Sexual harassment can come from a person of either sex against a person of the same or opposite sex. It can come from peers, supervisors, or subordinates and may be directed toward any of these.

What to Do If You Are Assaulted

DO: Victims of a sexual assault are encouraged to seek medical help, report the crime, and tell someone such as a counselor, friend, authority figure, parent or a police department authority.

DO NOT: Medical help is important for your safety after a sexual assault. Until you are examined by a medical professional do not douche, bathe, shower, or throw away or wash clothing or bedding.

Remember, it is critical to preserve medical and criminal evidence for a future judicial case.

The decision is up to you to pursue criminal and/or college disciplinary charges. All information taken from a victim of a sexual assault is kept confidential.

Referrals

Any person may refer a victim or a student suspected of sexual assault and/or sexual harassment to any law enforcement authority for assistance in filing an incident report with the appropriate authority. In cases of sexual assault/sexual harassment, which involve student-to-student misconduct, the same processes as other violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be followed. Where sexual assault and/or sexual harassment involves staff to student misconduct, the incident will be investigated by the Affirmative Action Officer.

Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Educational Programming

Educational programs to promote awareness of rape and other sex offenses and to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act:

1. The Montrose Police Department provides sexual assault/ date rape educational programs for preventative purposes, as well as programs on personal safety and workplace violence.

2. **Campus Community** --- At the request of student organizations, staff and faculty, campus-wide presentations on sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexuality and alcohol and other drugs are presented for the general public, by the "AWARE Program" (Drug Abuse Prevention and Education) which is a component of the Mesa State College "Student Assistance Program." Each October and March, as part of the National Collegiate Programs, campus presentations are made concerning issues of health, wellness, sexual harassment, sexual assault and alcohol, and other drug abuse.

Medical, Legal, Counseling and Supportive Resources for Victims

Medical

Montrose Memorial Hospital, is located within a one-mile of the Montrose campus. After-hours emergency services for students are available through the Emergency Room at Montrose Memorial Hospital.

Law Enforcement/Legal

Legal options for victims of sexual assault include filing a criminal complaint with the Montrose Police Department or civil action against the accused through an attorney. Legal options for victims of sexual harassment include all criminal and civil remedies, as well as filing complaints with the College's Affirmative Action Officer (970-248-1266). Information about community legal services for victims can be obtained through the Montrose Police Department (252-5200).

Counseling and Supportive Resources

The Montrose Police Department maintains a Victim's Advocate Program, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Law enforcement on the scene notifies the Victim Advocate. In addition, Victims Advocate services can be accessed through the Montrose County Sheriff's Department.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The College operates a counseling program for all enrolled students, in conjunction with Behavioral Clinical Services. Initial assessment is done on campus, with referral to Behavioral Clinical Services, which is located in Montrose. Behavioral Clinical Services is recognized by the courts and the community as providing professional counseling services to victims and perpetrators of sexual assault.

Brochures/Handouts

Campus disciplinary policies and procedures are contained in the Mesa State College Student and Academic Policies Guide and Maverick Housing Guide, available online at www.mesastate.edu/main/policies/studenthandbook.htm. In addition, the Student Assistance Program (SAP) makes a separate brochure for victims of sexual assault and/or sexual harassment available for victims, as well as for all students.

Sex Offender Registration

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, volunteering at, or employed by institutions of higher education. The CSCPA is an amendment to the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Act. The federal law requires state law enforcement agencies (in Colorado, it is the Colorado Bureau of Investigation through the Montrose Police Department) to provide Mesa State College with a list of registered sex offenders who have indicated they are either enrolled at, volunteering at, or employed by Mesa State College.

Mesa State College is required to inform the campus community that a list of registered sex offenders residing within the city limits of Montrose will be maintained and available at the Montrose Police Department, 434 South 1st Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

Information about registered sex offenders enrolled at, volunteering at, or employed by Mesa State College can be obtained by contacting the Investigations Section of the Montrose Police Department at (970) 252-5200.

The CSCPA further amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in the Act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

The sex offender registry includes only those persons who have been convicted of certain acts of unlawful sexual behavior since July 1, 1991, and who are in compliance with the sex offender registration laws. Persons should not rely solely on the sex offender registry as a safeguard against perpetrators of sexual assault in their communities. The crime for which a person is convicted may not accurately reflect the level of risk.

This information should not be used to inflict retribution or additional punishment on any person convicted of an offense involving unlawful sexual behavior. Any reports of harassment will be investigated and prosecuted.

Offenders posted on this site include only those having committed specific crimes, and does not include a complete listing of individuals registered with the Montrose Police Department. For a complete listing of individuals who are in compliance with sex offender registration laws, and who are registered with the Montrose Police – contact the Records Section located at 434 South 1st Street, Montrose. Records staff are on duty five days per week from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Offenders who are not in compliance may be listed on the State of Colorado website. You can access this website by logging on to <http://sor.state.co.us/> or you can link to it from the State of Colorado government page.

Crime Prevention Programs

Security and Safety Awareness Campaign

This program is designed to make the campus community aware of campus crime and provide information on reporting and implementing self-security to reduce overall campus crime. Self-help tips and reporting information is provided through posters, brochures and media advertising. This campaign is provided in the fall and the spring semester.

Whistle Stop Program

The program was implemented in 2001 to provide students, faculty and staff with a means to bring immediate attention should they find themselves in a situation they perceive as threatening. Whistles are provided free of charge as well as training as to when usage would be appropriate. Training is also provided that instructs anyone hearing a whistle to immediately activate the emergency response system by dialing 911 to provide responders with a location, as well as other pertinent information which may assist in identification and subsequent prosecution should the situation warrant it.

Bicycle Registration Program

Members of the campus community are encouraged to register their bicycles with the Montrose Police Department. Registrants receive a bicycle license from the City of Montrose with an identifying number and the bicycle serial number is filed with the department.

Emergency Contact Service

The Office of the Director of the Mesa State College-Montrose Campus, or Office of the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach will serve as the primary referral points for students who need to be contacted due to an emergency. Although any campus personnel are free to deliver emergency messages to students when expedient, the Office of the Director of the Mesa State College-Montrose Campus, and the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach Office would like to be informed in order to assure appropriate follow up and documentation.

Determining messaging for "emergencies" while students are in class will be handled on a case by case basis. It is important to note that we cannot guarantee a contact with any student due to their highly mobile behavior, but a good faith effort will be made. Keep in mind that we will not become a messaging service for non-emergent situations.

Depending on the type of emergency, a message will be delivered to the faculty member or work supervisor asking for the student to be dismissed and to:

1. Immediately contact the source of the message or;
2. Immediately proceed to the Mesa State College-Montrose campus office for pertinent information.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

In the State of Colorado it is illegal for any person under the age of twenty-one years to possess, consume, or purchase any alcoholic beverage. Any person under twenty-one years of age who possesses or consumes an alcoholic beverage anywhere in the state commits a crime. A person over the age of twenty-one commits a crime if they provide an alcoholic beverage to an underage person. Mesa State College prohibits the possession of alcoholic beverages on campus-controlled property without valid use permits or permission of the College.

The State of Colorado prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, possession or use of drugs or controlled substances. The College is committed to maintaining a drug-free campus in compliance with federal and state law. As a public institution and state agency, Mesa State College expects all members of the college community to be responsible for their own behavior within the context of federal and state law and college regulations.

Mesa State College is dedicated to instilling positive change in students' lives. The College believes the abuse of alcohol and drugs is counterproductive to this goal and has established campus policies and programs that support the following:

1. Reduced consumption by those who heavily use alcohol.
2. Responsible consumption for those who occasionally drink alcohol.
3. Controlled usage of legal over-the-counter or prescription medications for medical benefit only.

For additional information on Mesa State's drug and alcohol policy refer to the DRUG - FREE SCHOOLS, CAMPUSES AND WORKPLACES policy publication, available online at <http://www.mesastate.edu/sl/doc/Drug-Free-Schools.pdf>.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Educational Programming

One goal of the recently formed student committee, “Mavericks for a Safe and Healthy Student Community”, is to educate the campus about the risks of using drugs and alcohol.

Campus Disciplinary Process

Members of the campus community are expected to assume responsibility for their conduct and are held accountable for obeying not only civil and criminal laws, but also Mesa State College Student Code of Conduct. Students can face both a criminal and a college disciplinary proceeding as a result of breaking a criminal law that also violates College policies. Faculty and Staff can face both criminal proceedings and college disciplinary actions through personnel or administrative actions in the same manner.

Disciplinary Hearings for Students

The disciplinary hearing process for students is outlined in the Student Handbook, which is made available to each student and is located online at:

www.mesastate.edu/main/policies/studenthandbook.htm

During a campus disciplinary proceeding, both the victim and the student accused are entitled to:

- have an advisor or support person present; and
- be notified of the outcome of the proceeding.

Typical sanctions include: housing eviction, warnings, disciplinary probation, suspension, dismissal and expulsion.

Recent Crime Statistics

The following statistics, provided in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, as amended, represent the reported crimes and offenses on and near the Montrose Campus of Mesa State College for calendar years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Arrests and Campus Disciplinary Referrals - Montrose Campus			
		On Campus	Public Property
Arrests			
Liquor Law Violations	2004	0	1
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Drug Violations	2004	0	2
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	1
Illegal Weapons	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals			
Liquor Law Violations	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Drug Violations	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Illegal Weapons	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0

Criminal Offenses - Montrose Campus			
		On Campus	Public Property
Criminal Homicide			
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Sex Offenses			
Forcible Sex Offenses	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Robbery			
	2004	0	0
	2005	0	1
	2006	0	0
Aggravated Assault			
	2004	0	0
	2005	0	1
	2006	0	2
Burglary			
	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft			
	2004	0	0
	2005	0	1
	2006	0	0
Arson			
	2004	0	0
	2005	0	0
	2006	0	0

Note: No hate crimes were reported in 2004, 2005, or 2006.