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Introduction

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, located within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado. In conjunction with the Grand Valley Board of Education, the college operates two vocational education facilities located in Grand Junction: the Bishop Campus, located at 2508 Blichmann Ave, and the Industrial/Energy Training Center, located at 29 & D Road. The Montrose Center, an MSC satellite campus, is operated within the City of Montrose Colorado. There are no college-recognized fraternity or sorority houses on or off campus.

The College contracts with the City of Grand Junction Police Department to provide a safe and secure environment for campus community members. Grand Junction police officers have the authority to enforce federal, state, and local laws and official college policies as Level I Peace Officers (CRS 18-1-901). The authority of police officers is limited to the boundaries of the City of Grand Junction or anywhere when in fresh pursuit of an offender, or when called to assist another agency outside the city limits.

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

The College insists that police officers treat all subjects as individuals and use their access to both college discipline and the criminal justice system to benefit individuals and the community as a whole. Other law enforcement agencies can access the College Discipline System at their discretion.

The Mesa State community contains 6,061 enrolled students, 393 faculty, staff, visiting guests, and members of the public.

A paper copy of the annual security report for all campuses is available upon request at the Police Station, the Office of Human Resources, and the Housing Office on the Main Campus. The report is also available at the main offices of the Bishop and Montrose Campuses.

Reporting of Criminal Activities or Emergencies

The Grand Junction Police Department, in partnership with the campus community, is responsible for public safety, security, campus parking enforcement, after-hours emergency maintenance, and response to law enforcement and emergency incidents. Administrative offices are located at 625 Ute Avenue, with a sub-station located on the campus at 1060 North Avenue. The Department has officers available 24 hours a day and can be reached by calling 242-6707 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 Grand Junction Fire Department and the Grand Junction Police Department.

TO REPORT A CRIME OR EMERGENCY

All students, staff, and visitors should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents, and other emergencies to the Grand Junction Police Department by dialing 911. Individuals may also report incidents in person at the campus office of the GJPD, located at 1060 North Avenue.

The College has installed emergency two-way call boxes (blue light phones) throughout campus for use during emergencies. By pressing the red button on the stations, users communicate directly with an emergency communications officer.

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.

Should an individual choose not to report directly to the Grand Junction Police Department as noted above, they may report the incident to one of the following Campus Security Authorities:

- Vice President of Student Services and Outreach and Dean of Students
970-248-1366
- The Student Conduct Officer
970-248-1058
- The Residence Life Conduct Officer
970-248-1536
- Department Heads
970-248-1881
- Advisors of Student Clubs
970-248-1807
- Any Residence Life Staff (RD's, ARD's, RA's & Desk Attendants)
970-248-1536
- Administrative Personnel of Student Service Programs or Departments
- Athletic Directors and Coaches
970-248-1503

Anonymously Reporting Crimes

Individuals may 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 241-STOP (7867) or 1-800-221-STOP (7867).

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 college employs no pastoral counselors but does have a contract with professional counselors for anyone in the college community to visit if psychological assistance is needed. These counselors are not campus security authorities but the college encourages them to refer persons that they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual crime statistics.

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. The warning will be communicated to the college community in one or more of the following ways: e-mail, emergency text and voicemail messaging system (Code Red), notices on the college's website (Mav Zone portal), notices on televisions in classroom buildings and the college student center (Channel 2), and posters/flyers posted around campus. The President's Office or the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach, in collaboration with the Grand Junction Police Department, will issue the warning.

Since the Grand Junction Police Department is the security personnel for the campus, any situation that occurs off campus but poses a threat to the campus will be known immediately and a timely warning can be issued if warranted.

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 either the President, Vice President for Student Services, or the Grand Junction Police Department Command Sergeant immediately so a timely warning can be issued if need be.

Security and Access to Campus Facilities

The Mesa State College 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 or with an after-hours "Building Use Permit." Buildings are secured by custodial personnel, and parking lots and buildings are periodically patrolled by police officers 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Residence Halls

All residence halls on the Mesa State College campus feature electronic controlled access 24 hours a day. Doors are locked and staff is on duty or on call. Residents and authorized staff have unlimited access to the residence halls. All guest/visitors to the residence halls MUST be accompanied by a resident at all times. Access to individual rooms is limited to the residents and authorized college employees who must follow procedures established to protect the safety of the residents. Other elements of our residence hall security system are:

- Locked entrance doors
- Door peepholes
- Security cameras at each entrance and fire door location
- Available information about steps students can take to maintain their safety
- Requirement that residents show identification to a authorized staff member at the staff members request
- Requirement that students escort their guests at all times.

The Mesa State College Facilities Services department manages the door access system and works with the Department of Housing and Residence Life and the MAV Card office to print and approve access to the residence halls. In the Walnut Ridge Apartment and Four Point Apartment Complex all apartment exterior doors are access by key controls. Housing and Police Department personnel patrol both the Walnut Ridge and Four Point Apartment complexes.

Maintenance Security

All mechanical problems that could cause physical harm to the public or members of the campus community are given a priority status. Maintenance personnel may be contacted through 254-HELP (4357), 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Mesa State College incorporates environmental security design practices in the planning, building and maintenance stages of all physical structures and grounds keeping on the Mesa State College campus. Lighting and visual blockage surveys are conducted on an as-needed basis in conjunction with Facilities Services staff, and inadequacies are corrected as soon as practicable.

Responsibility for Preparation of this Report

The Grand Junction 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. Grand Junction Police Department Records Division may be reached Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 10:00 p.m., at 244-3556.

Information for Student Discipline Statistics is generated from: Student Conduct Officer records, Housing Conduct Officer records, and the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach.

The GJPD statistics and the Student Discipline Statistics are compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment staff who update 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. Mesa State College does not have any off campus student organizations.

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. The behavior must satisfy these three (3) legal requirements:
 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. That which comes from a person of either sex against a person of the same or opposite sex, from peers, supervisors, or subordinates, or which is directed toward any of these.

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 Grand Junction 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, 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, alcohol, and other drug abuse.
3. Residence Life --- A variety of educational programming on the subjects of sexuality, sexual harassment, sexual assault, alcohol and other drug abuse, risk-taking, and acquaintance and date rape are presented to residential students by the Residence Life Staff throughout the academic year. These programs are ongoing and regularly scheduled, in both the fall and spring semesters.

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 campus security 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 campus security 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.

Medical, Legal, Counseling and Supportive Resources for Victims

Medical

Community Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital are located within a one-mile radius of the campus. In addition, the College has contracted with Desert Sun Health Provider to provide a Student Health Center, which is adjacent to the campus within Community Hospital. The Student Health Center is open during the fall and spring semesters. After-hours emergency services for students are available through the Urgent Care Facility which is in the same office as the Student Health Center.

Law Enforcement/Legal

Legal options for victims of sexual assault include filing a criminal complaint with the Grand Junction 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 (248-1266). Information about community legal services for victims can be obtained through the Latimer House (241-0324) or Mesa County Victim Services (244-3275).

Counseling and Supportive Resources

Each residence facility is staffed with a Resident Director, Assistant Resident Director and Resident Assistants, who receive training on dealing with alcohol and other drug abuse, sexual harassment and sexual assault. They are familiar with all campus/community assistance resources. Additionally, the Grand Junction 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. Also, the Latimer House has a 24-hour crisis line available for victims at 241-6704.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

The College operates a counseling program for all enrolled students, in conjunction with Behavioral Clinical Services (BCS). BCS is located at 1600 Ute Ave and can be reached at 241-6500. BCS also has one counselor at an office located in the Student Health Center (see "Medical" above) Monday thru Friday. BCS 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. Housing rules and regulations are published and periodically distributed to all residents. These rules and regulations are incorporated, by reference, into the Student Housing Contract. In addition, the Student Assistance Program (SAP) makes available to all students a separate brochure for victims of sexual assault and/or sexual harassment. The Latimer House provides brochures on dealing with sexual assault and legal services.

Relocation and Room Change Policy

If a Mesa State College student who is a survivor of a sexual assault, harassment, and/or relationship violence, requests a change in his or her living arrangements or academic schedule, the Vice President of Student Services and Outreach or his/her designee will assist the student. In conjunction with the Vice President for Student Services Office, the appropriate Chair and/or the Director of Housing and Residence life will make changes to a student's academic or living arrangements, as long as those changes are reasonably available. The option to change the on-campus living arrangement of the victim and/or the accused is provided through the policies of Housing and Residence Life, as specified in the Student Housing Contract and the Maverick Housing Guide, available online at www.mesastate.edu/main/policies/studenthandbook.htm.

Student Conduct Authority

Infractions of College policy governing student behavior should be handled at the first level of authority when possible. If resolution is not achieved at this level, general campus violations should be directed to the Student Conduct Officer (CHO). Violations involving the Housing and Residence Life Community Standards should be directed to the appropriate Residence Life Staff member. Generally, College jurisdiction and discipline shall be limited to conduct which occurs on College premises, property owned by the College, all satellite campuses, or at College authorized functions, or which adversely affects the College community and/or the pursuit of its objectives.

Student Conduct Policies

1. Any member of the College community may file charges against any student for misconduct. Charges shall be prepared in writing and directed to the Student Conduct Officer (SCO).
2. The Student Conduct Officer may conduct an investigation to determine if the charges have merit and/or can be disposed of administratively by mutual consent of the parties involved on a basis acceptable to the SCO. Such disposition shall be final and there shall be no subsequent proceedings. If the charges cannot be disposed of by mutual written consent, the SCO shall convene a hearing before the Campus Student Conduct Board. The Campus Student conduct Board is composed of members of the campus community including students, faculty, and staff. *Student representation on the Campus Student Conduct Board will consist of Associated Student Government Justices of the Supreme Court. The Faculty Senate appoints faculty representatives while staff representatives are appointed by the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach.*
3. All charges shall be presented to the accused student in written form. A time shall be set for a hearing with maximum time limits for scheduling of hearing extended at the discretion of the Campus Student Conduct Board.
4. Hearings shall be conducted by the Campus Student Conduct Board according to the following guidelines:

- a. Hearings normally shall be conducted in private and conducted in an informal basis. Every effort will be made to arrive at the truth and to insure a fair hearing without the appearance of a court proceeding.
- b. Admission of any person to the hearing shall be at the discretion of the Campus Student Conduct Board with permission of all involved parties.
- c. In hearings involving more than one accused student, the Campus Student Conduct Board, by discretion, may permit the hearings concerning each student to be conducted separately.
- d. The complainant and the accused have the right to be assisted by any advisor they choose, at their own expense. The advisor may be an attorney. However, the complainant and/or the accused is responsible for presenting his/her own case. The advisor may not speak on the student's behalf, but may advise the student.
- e. The Campus Student Conduct Board, complainant and the accused have the privilege of presenting witnesses, subject to right to question by involved parties. Pertinent records, exhibits, and written statements may be accepted as evidence for consideration at the discretion of the Campus Student Conduct Board.
- f. All procedural questions are subject to final decision by the Campus Student Conduct Board. Following the hearing, the Campus Student Conduct Board shall determine on the basis of whether it is more likely than not, that the accused student violated the Student Code of Conduct.
- g. Should a student disregard a notice to appear before the Campus Student Conduct Board, the hearing will continue, a determination will be made, and sanction(s) imposed if she/he is found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

5. There shall be a single verbatim record - such as audio/video/written - of hearing proceedings. The record shall be the property of the College.

Sanctions

1. The following sanctions may be imposed upon any student found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct:
 - a. Warning - A notice in writing to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.
 - b. Probation - A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations. Probation is for a designated period of time and includes the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions if the student is found to be violating any institutional regulation(s) during the probationary period.
 - c. Loss of Privileges - Denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time. This can include placing a disciplinary hold on all academic records and accounts.

- d. Restitution - Compensation for loss, damage, or injury. This may take the form of appropriate service and/or monetary or material replacement.
- e. Discretionary Sanctions - Work assignments, service to the College or other related discretionary assignments, which is approved by the SCO.
- f. College Suspension - Separation of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission may be specified.
- g. College Expulsion - Permanent separation of the student from the College.

- 2. More than one of the sanctions listed above may be imposed for any single violation.
- 3. Other than College expulsion, disciplinary sanctions shall not be made part of the student's permanent record, but shall become part of the student's confidential record.
- 4. The following sanction may be imposed upon groups or organizations:
 - a. Those sanctions listed above, a through g.
 - b. Deactivation - loss of privileges, including College recognition for a specified period of time.
- 5. Following the hearing, the Student Conduct Officer (SCO) shall advise the accused in writing, within five working days, of determination and the sanction(s) imposed.

Interim Suspension

Any College Administrative Officer reserves the right to temporarily suspend a student without prejudice pending the outcome of a Campus Student Conduct Board Hearing under the following circumstances:

- 1. Interim suspension may be imposed only:
 - a. To ensure the safety and well being of members of the College community or preservation of College property;
 - b. To ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety and well being;
 - c. If the student poses a definite threat of disruption of, or interference with, the normal operation of the College.
- 2. During the interim suspension, students shall be denied access to the campus, including classes and/or all other College activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible, as determined by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach.

Appeals

1. A decision reached by Campus Student Conduct hearing or a sanction imposed may be appealed by accused students within five (5) working days of the decision. Such appeals shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach or his/her designee.
2. Except as required to explain the basis of new evidence, an appeal shall be limited to review of the verbatim record of the initial hearing and supporting documents for one or more of the following purposes:
 - a. To determine whether the original hearing was conducted fairly in light of the charges and evidence presented, and in conformity with prescribed procedures giving the complaining party a reasonable opportunity to prepare and to present a rebuttal of those allegations;
 - b. To determine whether the decision reached regarding the accused student was based on substantial evidence, that is, whether the facts in the case were sufficient to establish that violation of the Student Code of Conduct occurred;
 - c. To determine if the sanction(s) imposed were appropriate given the violation of the Student Code of Conduct which the student was found to have committed;
 - d. To consider new evidence, sufficient to alter a decision, or other relevant facts not brought out in the original hearing, because such evidence and/or facts were not known to the person appealing at the time of the original hearing;
 - e. All sanctions will be considered in full effect during the appeal process; that is, students will be expected to abide by all sanctions and in spite of the appeal process.
3. The Campus Student Conduct Board will hear all appeals in which the initial adjudication results include either a College expulsion or College suspension.

Interpretation and Revision

1. Any question of interpretation regarding the Student Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach or his/her designee for final determination.
2. It is reasonable to expect that some students will not agree with established policies; and means to implement change are available to students via student government representation and/or formal proposals for policy change to the College Administration. However, until a particular policy is administratively altered, students are responsible to abide by published policies or risk being held accountable student conduct for misconduct.
3. The Student Code of Conduct shall be reviewed at least once every five years under the direction of the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach or his/her designee.

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 Grand Junction 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 Grand Junction will be maintained and available at the Grand Junction Police Department, 625 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501. The list is also available from the City of Grand Junction website at <http://www2.gjcity.org/e-netvs/GJPDSO/>.

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 Grand Junction Police Department at (970) 244-3605.

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 Grand Junction Police Department. For a complete listing of individuals who are in compliance with sex offender registration laws, and who are registered with the Grand Junction Police – contact the Records Section located at 625 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction. Records staff are on duty seven days per week from 6:00am – 10:00pm except on holidays.

Offenders who are not in compliance may be listed on the State of Colorado website. This site can be accessed by logging on to <http://sor.state.co.us/> or through links 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.

Operation ID

This program is provided to help reduce theft on campus and aid in the recovery of stolen property. Forms are available from the Grand Junction Police Department to register the make, model, and serial numbers of valuable items such as digital cameras, laptop computers, iPods, etc. Without this information it is extremely difficult to recover stolen property or prosecute the offender(s). This is a free program available to all students, faculty, and staff.

Campus Escort Program

A joint effort of Mesa State College, Associated Student Government, and the Grand Junction Police Department, the Escort Program is a free service available to all students, faculty, and staff. Trained student employees are available during the evening hours of 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM to walk you to your class, car, library, or residence hall. This service is available every day of the fall and spring semesters, except for school holidays. Call 260-2683 to request an escort. All escort employees receive training from the Grand Junction Police Department and undergo a background check before being hired.

Public Safety Education Service

Informative classes and mini-programs are presented by the Grand Junction Police Department throughout the year. Subjects ranging from personal safety to property security are available for campus residents through the Housing Department and for the campus community at large by contacting the Grand Junction Police Department. Educational programs aimed at alcohol and drug abuse prevention are provided by the Grand Junction Police Department upon request. Fire safety and emergency procedures are available through the Housing Department for residents and through the Grand Junction Fire Department for the campus community.

Emergency Blue Light Phone Program

Emergency telephones are strategically placed in eight locations on-campus. When activated, the phones provide a direct connection via a 911 line to the regional communications center. When the phone is in use, a blue strobe light is activated which not only calls immediate attention to that particular area, but also assists emergency responders for a more direct response. A map of the campus with the location of the blue phones is included at the end of this report.

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 Grand Junction Police Department. This program is free of charge and greatly aids in the recovery of stolen bicycles and prosecution of the offender(s). It is recommended that good quality locks always be used to secure bicycles. If possible, storing bicycles inside a residence hall or apartment helps prevent them from being stolen.

Crime Stoppers

This program allows members of the campus community to call a special phone line (which is not recorded and does not have caller ID) and provide information about a crime or suspect. The caller remains anonymous, but if the information received leads to an arrest, the caller may be entitled to an award of up to \$1000. If you have information about a crime or suspect, call 241-STOP (7867) or 1-800-221-STOP (7867).

Video Surveillance

Video cameras are located in various areas throughout the campus. Besides serving as a deterrent to crime, these cameras have assisted law enforcement in identifying suspects in several cases.

Code Red Emergency Notification System

In the case of an emergency situation or timely warning, registrants are provided information and/or instructions via voice mail. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to register into this system through Mav Zone.

Weapon Storage

A safe is maintained at the Grand Junction Police Department Substation on campus to store firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, knives, etc. Students who reside on campus are welcome to store items that are used for hunting, sporting, or competitive purposes in the safe.

Residence Life Staff Training

The Grand Junction Police Department in conjunction with the Mesa State Housing Department conducts extensive training with the residence life staff each semester. Topics of instruction include when to call 911, suspicious activity, identifying illegal narcotics, dealing with intoxicated individuals, personal safety, and available resources.

Faculty and Staff Safety Presentations

The Grand Junction Police Department offers presentations to faculty and staff about safety on campus and reporting suspicious activity. Groups that have participated in this training include the library staff, bookstore staff, custodians, and business faculty. These presentations can be scheduled at a time convenient for the group.

Crisis Intervention Training

Several officers with the Grand Junction Police Department have undergone specialized training to assist individuals who are in a crisis situation. Two of those officers are currently assigned to Mesa State College. Crisis situations can include mental illness, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

Emergency Contact Service

The Office of the Vice President for Student Services and Outreach will serve as the primary referral point 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 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 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 Vice President for Student Services 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. Anyone 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 Grand Junction Police Department has the authority to enforce all federal, state, and local laws and official college policies. 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 upon request at the Office of Human Resources and online at <http://www.mesastate.edu/sl/doc/Drug-Free-Schools.pdf>.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Educational Programming

“Mesa County Underage Drinking Coalition” is a cooperative between Mesa State College, Mesa County, the City of Grand Junction, and the State of Colorado that provides training seminars on a regular basis for students and employees on the dangers of underage drinking. 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. Another group, “Social Norming,” holds lectures in the residence halls on various subjects including underage drinking and the use of drugs.

Crime Location Definitions

On Campus – Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls; and

Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

On Campus - Residence Halls – “Dormitories or other residential facilities for students on campus” is a subset of the on campus category.

Noncampus Building or Property - Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution’s educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area on the institution.

Public Property – All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

Note: Include sidewalks and streets surrounding the campus as well as the sidewalk across the street from campus, but do not include public property beyond the sidewalk.

Crime Definitions

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. NOTE: Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded.

Negligent Manslaughter: The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Sex Offenses – Forcible: Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Sex Offenses – Non-forcible: Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse. This includes incest and statutory rape.

Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control 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 type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Burglary: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned- including joy riding)

Arson: The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another kind.

Weapon Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Drug Abuse Violations: Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances

include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

Liquor Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinance prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Definitions taken from the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook

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 main campus of Mesa State College for calendar years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Arrests and Campus Disciplinary Referrals - Main Campus

	Calendar Year Reported	On Campus Property	Campus Residential Facilities	Non-campus Building or Property	Public Property
Arrests					
Illegal Weapons	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	1	0	0	2
	2007	1	0	0	0
Drug Violations	2005	11	6	0	0
	2006	8	8	0	5
	2007	30	18	2	0
Liquor Law Violations	2005	20	10	0	0
	2006	12	8	0	0
	2007	19	12	0	0
Disciplinary Referrals					
Illegal Weapons	2005	9	9	0	0
	2006	1	1	0	0
	2007	9	9	0	0
Drug Violations	2005	24	24	0	0
	2006	26	18	0	0
	2007	45	45	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2005	222	222	0	0
	2006	289	248	0	0
	2007	188	187	0	0

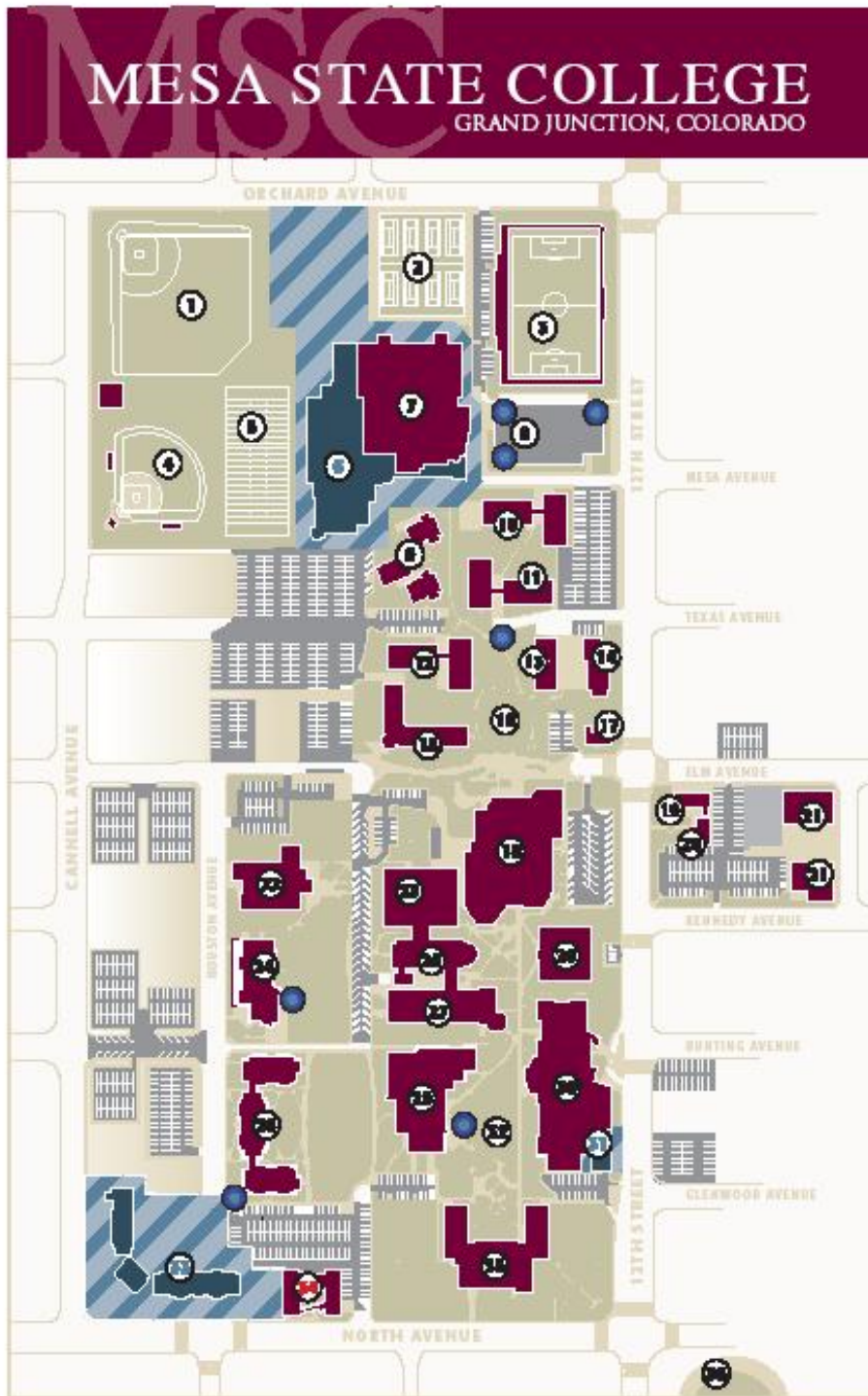
Criminal Offenses - Main Campus

	Calendar Year Reported	On Campus Property	Campus Residential Facilities	Non-campus Building or Property	Public Property
Criminal Homicide					
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter					
	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses					
Forcible Sex Offenses	2005	3	3	0	0
	2006	1	0	0	1
	2007	2	1	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Robbery					
	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault					
	2005	3	2	0	0
	2006	3	3	0	1
	2007	0	0	0	0
Burglary					
	2005	13	11	0	0
	2006	9	9	0	0
	2007	5	2	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft					
	2005	4	0	0	0
	2006	4	1	0	0
	2007	5	0	0	0
Arson					
	2005	0	0	0	0
	2006	0	0	0	0
	2007	0	0	0	0

Note: The “Campus Residential Facilities” category is a subset of the “On Campus” category.

There were no Reported Hate Crimes in 2005, 2006, or 2007.

Emergency Blue Phone Map



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