

# Florida Atlantic University Police Department

## Annual Report

### Crime Statistics

2008



Emergency 9-1-1

Central Dispatch 561.297.3500

[www.fau.edu/police](http://www.fau.edu/police)



### **Policy for Reporting the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics**

The Florida Atlantic University Police Department (FAUPD) provides annual crime statistics in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Police and Campus Crime Statistics Act. These statistics include reports from the University Police, other University officials and law enforcement agencies in areas surrounding the seven FAU campuses.

### **Timely Warnings**

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus that, in the judgment of the Chief of University Police, constitutes a serious and/or continuing threat, a university wide “timely warning” will be issued. Notices will be posted in each residence hall and along the Breezeway. The warning will be issued through the college e-mail system to students, faculty and staff, and posted on the University Police website at <http://www.fau.edu/police/>.

The daily logged police blotter is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff and students. Anyone with information, which they believe may constitute the issuance of a timely warning, should report the circumstances to the University Police through Central Dispatch at 561-297-3500.

Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students, faculty and staff that provides the web link to access this report. Hard copies of the report may also be obtained at the University Police Department located in CO 69 or by calling Police Central Dispatch at 561-297-3500. All prospective employees may obtain a copy from FAU’s Department of Human Resources located in AD 10 or by calling Police Central Dispatch. Attendees at new employee orientation receive a copy of this report.

### **Reporting crime:**

To contact University Police Central Dispatch on all campuses, call 561-297-3500 or use the Code Blue telephones located in the residential halls, parking lots and throughout the campuses. Any suspicious activity, or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around the residential halls should be reported to the police department. In addition, you may report a non-emergency crime to the following areas:

1. Dean of Students	561-297-3542 Building SS 226
2. Health Services	561-297-3512 Building SS 240
3. Director, Student Health Center	561-297-3516 Building SS 234
4. Director, Human Resources	561-297-3057 Building AD 113
5. Director, Equal Opportunity Programs	561-297-3004 Building AD 265
6. Attorney’s Office	561-297-3007 Building AD367
7. Victim Advocate	561-297-0500 Building SS124a
8. Director, Housing and Residential Life	561-297-3907 Building SH 215

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL, 911 ON ALL CAMPUSES.

CENTRAL DISPATCH 561-297-3500. <http://www.fau.edu/police/>

### **Confidential Reporting Procedures**

If you are the victim of a crime and are unsure if you want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, you may still make a confidential report. The chief of police or the victim advocate may be told of the details of the incident in confidence. The purpose of confidential reporting is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure your future safety and the safety of others. With such information, the University can keep accurate records of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. These incidents are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution with no identifying information.

The FAU Police Department operates an anonymous crime-reporting program through the police department web page called the "Silent Witness Program." Confidential reports may also be submitted at [http://www.fau.edu/police/silent\\_witness.php](http://www.fau.edu/police/silent_witness.php), or you may call 561-297-INFO (4636). All tips will be taken seriously, and all information provided will be kept in confidence.

### **Crime Reporting**

The FAU Police Department encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, the FAU Police Department cannot hold reports of crime in confidence; however, state law protects the identity of the victims of sex crimes. Confidential reporting for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can be reported to the victim advocate and/or the chief of police, and no police report will be taken.

Dispatchers are available to answer your call 24 hours a day at the FAU Police Central Dispatch (561-297-3500). This number is available at all seven campuses. **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911 ON ALL CAMPUSES.** In response to a call, FAUPD will take the required action to address your needs. Non-emergency calls, such as to obtain information on reporting, victim rights and confidential reporting, may also be directed to the victim advocate (561-297-0500).

All incident reports involving student referrals are forwarded to the Dean of Students office for review and potential action. FAUPD detectives will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation also will be forwarded to the Dean of Students. All incidents will be reviewed and investigated on an individual basis. When a potentially dangerous threat to the University community arises, timely warnings will be issued through the appropriate means.

Crimes should be reported to the University Police Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

## **Sexual Assaults**

The University Police Department maintains a policy to ensure sexual assault victims are afforded sensitivity and compassionate consideration. Investigating officers have received specialized training in the investigation of sex offenses. Topics discussed are Florida law, university philosophy and policy, sensitivity to the needs and feelings of the victim, support resources, and investigative methods.

- The department will ensure a victim advocate is available throughout the process to address you and your significant others' needs, answering questions and explaining the justice process.
- The department will ensure a victim advocate is available during all interviews with you, according to your request.
- The department will treat you with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity and understanding.
- The department will act thoughtfully, without prejudging or placing blame, will consider each case seriously regardless of your gender, and will diligently investigate each case.
- The department will inform you of services available on and off campus.
- Your name and identifying information will be withheld from the public and press in accordance with the Florida Public Records Law.
- The department will remember, at all times, that you are a person who has suffered great trauma and will respect that this may affect your actions and emotions.

Most sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows. Stranger assaults do happen but not nearly as frequently as an assault by an acquaintance. Because of legislation passed during the 2007 session, victims will no longer be required to report a sexual battery in order to have a forensic sexual assault exam that is paid for by victim compensation. Victims also now have a formalized right to have an advocate present during the exam. In order for police to collect evidence of the assault, it is best if you do not bathe, shower, douche, brush your teeth, urinate, defecate, change, or launder clothing or bedding. Clothing and/or bedding may be taken as evidence. You will receive a physical exam and pictures will be taken as evidence.

If you wish assistance in notifying University Police or other law enforcement agencies about a sexual battery or other crime, you may contact the victim advocate. You may report a sexual assault confidentially to the victim advocate and still receive assistance. See sections on Confidential Reporting Procedures and Victim Advocacy Program.

In addition, students have mental health counseling services available to them through the FAU Counseling Center (561-297-3540) and health services at Student Health Services (561-297-3512) at no charge. Employees have mental health counseling services available to them through the Employee Assistance Program (800-865-3200).

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## **Access Policy**

During business hours, University property (excluding certain housing facilities and card access buildings) will be open. During non-business hours, access to all University facilities is by key, card access or by admittance via the University Police or Housing and Residential Life staff. In the case of periods of extended closing, the University Police will control access. Some particular buildings, such as the library, arena or cafeteria, will have varied and individual hours, and will be secured by the responsible department.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day, with admittance by key, card access system or at the discretion of Housing and Residential Life staff or the University Police. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules and/or may require the closing of the entire campus property.

University officials and students conduct an annual safety tour of the campus. Maintenance of the campuses is the joint responsibility of Facilities Planning, Physical Plant, and Engineering and Utilities.

## **Campus Police Authority and Jurisdiction**

The FAU Police Department has complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to a campus. If minor offenses involving University rules and regulations are committed by a University student, the campus police may also refer the individual to the Dean of Students.

Major offenses may involve joint investigative efforts with other local and state law enforcement agencies. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted at county, state and federal court levels.

University Police personnel work closely with local, state and federal police agencies, and have direct radio communication with the Boca Raton, Jupiter and Port St. Lucie Police Departments. The University Police Department is also a part of the Palm Beach County 911 Emergency System and a member of Palm Beach County's Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

By mutual agreement with state and federal agencies, the University Police Department maintains a NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network) terminal. Through this system, police personnel may access the NCIC (National Crime Information Computer) system as well as the FCIC (Florida Crime Information Center). These computer databases are used for accessing criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information, as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement information.

## **Crime Prevention Programs**

During orientations throughout the year, students and their parents are presented with information on police services, property safety, personal safety and sexual assault prevention by members of the FAU Police Department. Similar information is presented to all new employees. Crime prevention programs and sexual assault prevention programs are offered on a continual basis during the year by law enforcement officials and other on campus groups such as Resident Life, Today Wellness and Beyond, Student Health Services and student groups. Programs

address such topics as theft, personal safety, relationship and domestic violence, cyberstalking and stalking, bias-based crimes, traffic safety, sexual assault and other important crime avoidance topics. In addition to these programs, the university created Safety Month, a full month of activities on FAU's campuses in which the university devotes specific attention to issues related to safety and security.

**Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)** classes are taught by personnel of the University Police Department throughout the year on a number of campuses and are offered to not only students, staff and faculty but to interested members of the community. RAD students also receive education about the availability of victim services for crimes committed both on and off campus. Dates for classes are posted on the FAUPD website.

The **University Police Website**, located at [www.fau.edu/police](http://www.fau.edu/police), contains crime statistics, the current police blotter, upcoming self-defense classes (RAD) and information on a variety of subjects, including acquaintance rape, sexual assault, drugs and alcohol, identity theft, campus safety, victimization and other crime prevention topics. The department's anonymous crime-reporting program, the "**Silent Witness Program**," can be found at [http://www.fau.edu/police/silent\\_witness.php](http://www.fau.edu/police/silent_witness.php).

### **Victim Advocacy Program**

FAU Victim Services is intended to assist students, staff and faculty with the traumatizing consequences of being a victim of crime even if the crime occurred off campus. Victim services are also available to campus visitors who may be victimized on any FAU campus.

<http://www.fau.edu/police/victimservices/> (561-297-0500 or [victimservices@fau.edu](mailto:victimservices@fau.edu))

Because most people have little contact with the criminal justice system, it can be confusing, intimidating and frustrating. FAU's Police Department will provide the members of our community, who are criminally victimized, with information and services to lessen the impact of victimization. The victim advocate can:

- Provide crisis intervention
- Give you information about a victim's rights according to Florida Statutes
- Help you evaluate your options
- Document absences caused by judicial appearances for school or employers
- Help you create a safety plan
- Assist you in reporting crimes both on and off any campus
- Accompany you to appointments/interviews at police stations, the state attorney's office, court rooms, Dean of Students, human resources, Office of Equal Opportunity, judicial hearings and other places
- Be present at forensic exams
- Provide you with referrals to social services, such as counseling, legal and medical services
- Coordinate assistance and services to your individual needs
- Explain how the judicial process works
- Provide you with information about the progress of your individual case
- Explain and help you apply for victim compensation as designated by Florida Statute
- Act as your liaison to the Criminal Justice Community

- Assist with changes in academic and living arrangements if desired and available

Crime victims frequently experience a myriad of feelings. The Victim Services program offers resources and referrals to assist victims in managing and understanding the emotions and physical reactions. Victims often need help changing from victim to survivor.

Sometimes victims are reluctant to report crimes or are not sure whether what occurred is a crime. You can discuss your situation with an advocate and decide if a crime truly occurred and if you want to report it to the police. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAKE A POLICE REPORT TO TALK WITH AN ADVOCATE.** You can speak to the advocate without revealing your identity. While making an official report is encouraged, it is never required. Victim Services is available even if the crime is not reported.

**ALL SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL.** However, Florida State Statute does require some types of crime information be reported to the appropriate authorities, such as mandatory reporting of child abuse or the abuse of a vulnerable adult. Other victim information is kept **CONFIDENTIAL**.

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**Community Service Officer (CSO)** program was initiated in 1997. This program employs students in a security capacity on the Boca Raton campus. The objectives of the CSO program are to provide a safer living and working environment for the campus community, to enhance safety through vehicle, foot and golf cart patrol, and to provide FAU students with information about campus safety. All CSO employees are provided with basic security and first aid training. Hours of operation are 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., seven days a week. Hours of operation may vary during the summer.

**University Substance Abuse Policy** FAU is committed to providing a safe and orderly environment for all members of the campus community. To accomplish this goal, the University has established a University Substance Abuse Policy, which advises all members that it is unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess and/or use illegal drugs on university property. Any violation of this policy and/or state and federal laws regarding drugs may result in prosecution and/or campus disciplinary action. The use of alcoholic beverages by members of the University community is at all times subject to state laws and the University Alcohol Policy and guidelines. It is unlawful for any person to sell, give, serve or permit to be served alcoholic beverages to any person less than 21 years of age. Housing also provides specific guidelines regarding the use of alcohol in all resident areas. University programs are available to assist students and employees who may be in need of drug or alcohol counseling, and treatment or rehabilitation programs.

FAU's Counseling Center provides students with psychological assessment and screening, short-term treatment of appropriate cases, or referral to other treatment resources as needed. The main contact number is 561-297-3540. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can provide university employees help in dealing with alcohol or drug use problems. Information regarding EAP may

be obtained through the Office of Human Resources at 561-297-3057, or directly by calling 1-800-865-3200.

### **Sex Offender Registration Information**

Information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained by visiting <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/> or <http://www.fau.edu/police/> and accessing the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sexual Offenders database. Sexual offenders are required to register in the state of Florida, and each university is to be provided with notice if an offender is employed or is a student. This link can also be found on the FAU's Police website. Any immediate concerns will be addressed through the timely warning system.

### **Crime Statistics**

The following tables provide information on reportable offenses according to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Statistics and other information, as well as a copy of this report, may be found at FAU's Police website, located at <http://www.fau.edu/police/>.

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
BOCA RATON CAMPUS**

**OFFENSES**

	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	5	7*	2
Robbery	1	2	0
Aggravated Assault	7	3	3
Burglary	48	44	38
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	18**	13***
Arson	2	0	0

\*4 of the offenses were reported confidentially to campus authorities

\*\*11 Golf Carts/\*\*9 Golf carts

**DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS**

	2006	2007	2008
Illegal Weapon Possession	4	0	4
Drug Law Violations	38	27	36
Liquor Law Violations	197	79*	63

\*3 Referrals at Lockhart Stadium

**HATE CRIMES**

	2006	2007	2008
Race	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0

**ARRESTS**

	2006	2007	2008
Alcohol Violations	1	0	0
Narcotics Violations	9	6	9
Weapons Possession	0	0	0

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
MACARTHUR CAMPUS**

**OFFENSES**

	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	1	2	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	1
Arson	0	0	0

**HATE CRIMES**

	2006	2007	2008
Race	0	0	0
Gender	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0

**DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS**

	2006	2007	2008
Illegal Weapon Possession	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	8	8	12

**ARRESTS**

	2006	2007	2008
Alcohol Violations	0	0	0
Narcotics Violations	1	0	0
Weapons Possession	0	0	0

**PORT ST. LUCIE CAMPUS**

**OFFENSES**

	2006	2007	2008
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Sexual Offenses	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0

Port St. Lucie Campus had no hate crimes, arrests or disciplinary referrals.

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY  
DAVIE CAMPUS**

**OFFENSES**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Forcible Sexual Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Davie Campus had no hate crimes, arrests or disciplinary referrals.

**DOWNTOWN FT. LAUDERDALE CAMPUS**

**SEATECH CAMPUS DANIA BEACH**

**OFFENSES**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Forcible Sexual Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**OFFENSES**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Forcible Sexual Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor Veh. Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Downtown Ft. Lauderdale Campus and SeaTech Campus had no hate crimes, arrests or disciplinary referrals.