



2023 ANNUAL FIRE AND SAFETY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

THIS REPORT REFLECTS THE POLICY AND PRACTICES OF THE COLLEGE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION (09-30-2023.) STATICAL DATA IS REPORTED FOR THE 2020, 2021 AND 2022 CALENDAR YEARS.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Students, Faculty, Staff, Alumni, Friends and Visitors.

As President of Northwest Florida State College, there is nothing I take more seriously than the safety of our campus community. NWFSC is committed to providing our students, faculty, staff and visitors a safe and welcoming learning environment.

We are proud to have a fully functional, service-focused police department on campus. The Northwest Florida State College Police Department, under the very capable leadership of Executive Director/Chief Aaron Murray, is comprised of dedicated, full-time and part-time staff, who are focused on assuring the safety and security of our entire college community.

It is important to note that we each play a role in keeping our campus safe. Please read this safety report thoroughly, as it provides a wealth of information about campus safety and includes Emergency Action Guides for each of our off-site centers and the Fort Walton

Beach Campus. A safe campus is everyone's responsibility. I ask that you remain vigilant, and if you see anything out of the ordinary, please do not hesitate to call NWFSC Campus Police at 850-729-6888. Our Campus Police Officers and Campus Safety Specialists are on duty at all times. They stand ready to respond, to protect and to serve our college community. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time.

Thank you for striving to make Northwest Florida State College as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Dr. Devin Stephenson
President
Northwest Florida State College

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE POLICE



Recognizing the importance of campus safety and security the Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees authorized the establishment of the NWFSC Police Department in 2015. Comprised of sworn law enforcement officers and non-sworn Campus Safety Specialists the department provides public safety services for the college community.

The police department provides a full range of police services, including, but not limited to: criminal investigations, enforcement of state and campus traffic laws, campus safety monitoring and delivery of campus safety programs. Working with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies the department strives to meet and exceed the safety and security expectations of the campus community.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hours of Operation and Contact Information

The normal hours of operation for NWFSC Police Department, are Monday through Friday, 7am-11pm. Officers are also available for selected special events. College Safety Specialists serve on weekends and holidays.

Location	Niceville Campus: Building 330 Fort Walton Beach Campus: Building 200
Mailing Address	100 College Boulevard East, Niceville, FL 32578
E-Mail Address	NWFSCPolice@nwfsc.edu
Non-emergencies	Niceville Campus: (850) 598-6602 or Ext. 6888 Ft. Walton Beach Campus: (850) 598-6609 or Ext. 5537
Emergencies	9-1-1

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Greetings,

On behalf of the dedicated members of the Northwest Florida State College Police Department, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the NWFSC campus community.

The Police Department is a service-focused police agency with sworn and non-sworn officers, committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Comprised of full-time and part-time state certified Law Enforcement Officers and civilian Campus Safety Specialists, the NWFSC Police Department serves all six campus locations in Okaloosa and Walton counties. Uniformed personnel proactively patrol the campus to ensure maximum availability and visibility.

We are glad that you are part of our campus community. Please feel free to call us if you need any type of assistance to include an escort, information, or specialized training. We can be reached at (850) 598-6602 at our Niceville campus or (850) 598-6609 at our Ft. Walton Beach campus, or visit our Police Department page on the NWFSC website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Murray'.

Aaron Murray
Executive Director of Campus Safety & Security / Chief of Police
Northwest Florida State College

THE CLERY ACT

In 1990, the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) was amended to include the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act (Title II of Public Law 101- 542).

This amendment required all postsecondary institutions participating in Title IV student financial aid programs to disclose campus crime statistics and security information. In 1998, the act

was re-named the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act in memory of Jeanne Clery, a university student who was killed in her dorm room in 1986.) In 2015, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act expanded the categories of crimes for which colleges must report. The Clery Act, requires all colleges and universities to:

- Collect, classify and count crime reports and statistics
- Issue campus alerts
- Publish annual security and fire reports
- Submit crime statistics to the Department of Education
- Maintain a daily crime log
- Provide crime prevention and awareness programs to the campus community

PREPARING THE ANNUAL REPORT

This annual security report is compiled and prepared by the Northwest Florida State College Police Department in cooperation with many campus departments, including:

- The Vice President of Student Success
- Human Resources
- Fire Marshal
- Title IX Coordinator

Crime and disciplinary referral statistics are collected from the college's internal reporting system. Statistical information regarding crime on campus is collected from the police department's own records as well as from cooperating law enforcement authorities.

REPORTING CRIMES

If you see crime occurring on campus please call the Northwest Florida State College Police Department at Niceville Campus: **(850) 598-6602 or Ext. 6888**, Fort Walton Beach Campus: **(850) 598-6609 Ext. 5537** or in the **case of an emergency dial 9-1-1**.

9-1-1 telephone calls made from the Niceville or Fort Walton Beach Campuses will be answered by the Okaloosa County Consolidated Dispatch Authority. The Dispatch Authority will contact the Northwest Florida State College Police Department to advise of the report and to coordinate an emergency response to our campus.

9-1-1 telephone calls made from all other campus locations will be answered by the appropriate dispatching authority and handled by local law enforcement agencies. If you are involved in an off campus incident requiring the assistance of local public safety agencies, please contact the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office	(850) 651-7400
Niceville Police Department	(850) 729-4030
Walton County Sheriff's Office	(850) 892-8111
Crestview Police Department	(850) 682-2055
Defuniak Springs Police Department	(850) 892-8511

CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES

Although the reporting of criminal activity directly to the Northwest Florida State College Police Department is encouraged, crimes may also be reported to Campus Security Authorities (CSA) or on the campus website at www.nwfsc.edu/disputes or RaiderCONNECT APP.

If an incident is reported to a Campus Security Authority, they are responsible for forwarding the incidents to the college. Once reviewed the college will forward any criminal incidences to the NWFSC Police Department for investigation.

CSAs are college officials who have responsibility for campus security or who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities. As defined under the Clery Act, CSAs may include campus law enforcement, the athletic director and assistant staff, athletic team coaches, faculty advisors to student groups, and campus staff involved in disciplinary and judicial proceedings.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Northwest Florida State College assists students with referrals to contracted community mental health providers. For assistance, contact the office of the Vice President of Student Success, located on the second floor of the Student Services Center on the Niceville campus (Building 400). The office can be reached by phone at **(850) 729-6459**.

VOLUNTARY/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

If you are the victim or have knowledge of a crime, we encourage you to file a report. If, as a witness or a victim, you would like to maintain anonymity and do not wish to pursue criminal charges you are encouraged to consider filing a report for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. These types of reports can be made to the college and the NWFSC Police Department by completion of an incident report at www.nwfsc.edu/safety/ or RaiderCONNECT APP.

If you are aware of information regarding criminal activity or other suspicious matters that have occurred on campus, please feel free to reach out to the NWFSC Police Department. You may remain anonymous or you may provide your name if you desire, we just appreciate your information. Remember that sometimes it just takes one tip to solve or prevent a crime - your tip might be that important one.

OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Criminal activity at off-campus locations should be reported to the local law enforcement. The NWFSC Police Department maintains a working relationship with area law enforcement agencies and facilitates the exchange of relevant information as appropriate.

SECURITY AND FACILITIES ACCESS

During business hours, NWFSC campus locations are open to students, employees, vendors and guests. During non-business hours, access to campus facilities is restricted to those with issued keys or to those admitted for unscheduled access through the NWFSC Police Department after verification of identity and authorization.

SAFETY CONSIDERATION ON CAMPUS FACILITIES



During the year, the Northwest Florida State College Police Department continually monitors the Niceville and Fort Walton Campuses to identify any safety hazards. Surveys are conducted to review issues and identify areas of concern with respect to building security, campus lighting, landscaping and other potential safety and security issues. Lighting and safety hazards identified during routine patrol of the campus are forwarded to the physical plant. NWFSC faculty and staff are encouraged to report any hazards to the physical plant through RaiderNet.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The President or designee is authorized to establish plans and procedures that enhance the protection of lives and property through the effective use of college and/or community resources in responding to an emergency or disaster on campus or at any of the College's sites.

RAVE Mobile Safety

RAVE is the official emergency notification system for Northwest Florida State College. Alert messages are issued in response to a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of persons or property on campus. The alert messages will include information regarding the applicable location, type of emergency, and response and evacuation procedures if required.

During an emergency you should NOT call the Police Department if you are merely seeking updated information. Monitor the notification system and our social media pages to track the most current situational information.



NWFSC ALERT messages will be sent to all NWFSC students, faculty and staff through:

- Text to cellular phones (if provided)
- E-mail
- Telephone

NWFSC Website

During an emergency, NWFSC's home page will reflect any necessary information. Students should monitor the College's website for information regarding campus closures or other hazards.

Emergency Drills / Exercises

NWFSC performs annual emergency drills or exercises for the assessment and evaluation of the emergency response plan.

TIMELY WARNINGS

A timely warning may be issued by the Chief of Police or other approved college personnel in order to alert the campus community to a serious or continuing threat. The intent of the warning is focused on events that present an on-going threat to property or personal safety. Information is provided so members of the campus community may take action to protect themselves. Events that qualify for timely warnings include on-going criminal activity or other events that represent a continued threat.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATIONS PROCEDURES

The campus Emergency Response Plan (ERP) provides the framework for an organized response to various human-caused and natural emergency situations. These emergencies include fires, hazardous spills, flooding, explosion and civil disorders.

NWFSC conducts emergency response exercises each year, such as tabletop drills, field exercises and tests of the emergency notification systems on campus.

Certain emergency situations may require that NWFSC community members are directed to **"Shelter in Place"**. This protective action is aimed to keep students, faculty, staff and visitors safe while remaining at/in their current location. SHELTER-IN-PLACE means securing your current location, darkening the room and maintaining a quiet environment.

Quick reference Emergency Action Guides are posted at each campus and provided in appendix A.

Safety Tips

- When leaving your vehicle, park in a well-lit area, make certain your lights are off, keys are in your hand, and all doors are locked.
- Do not leave valuables in parked vehicles. Valuables should be left at home, placed in the vehicle's trunk, or hidden where they cannot be seen from the outside of the vehicle.
- When approaching your parked vehicle, check the surrounding areas for strangers hiding near the vehicle.
- Keep vehicle doors locked while driving on campus.
- Make arrangements with the NWFSC Police Department for escort to a vehicle if leaving in the evening.
- Report any suspicious incident or individual to the NWFSC Police Department as soon as possible.
- Never leave personal property unattended on campus, and mark your books on an internal page for later identification.

The NWFSC Police Department actively participates in efforts to educate the campus community about crime awareness, personal safety and wellness. The NWFSC Police Department develops and delivers crime prevention, crime awareness, and bystander intervention programs for the campus community.

While the NWFSC Police Department may offer advice and assistance regarding campus safety, all members of the campus community are encouraged to take responsibility for their own safety and, when possible, assist others through bystander intervention.

Always use common sense, be proactive, and take precautions. Protect the security of your keys and immediately report the loss or theft of keys to the physical plant and/or the NWFSC Police Department.

Report crimes or any suspicious circumstances to the NWFSC Police Department.

RISK REDUCTION AND WARNING SIGNS OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR

Victims are never to blame for being assaulted or abused. Unfortunately, studies show that a person who is the victim of sexual or dating violence is more likely to be re-victimized. Below are some tips to help reduce your risk, to recognize warnings signs of abusive behavior and how to reduce the risk of a potential attack.

Warning signs of abusive behavior

Domestic and dating abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. And, while physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic and dating violence are also severe. Warning signs of dating and domestic violence include:

- Being afraid of your partner;
- Constantly watching what you say to avoid a “blow up;”
- Feelings of low self-worth and helplessness about your relationship;
- Feeling isolated from family or friends because of your relationship;
- Hiding bruises or other injuries from family or friends;
- Being prevented from working, studying, going home, and/or using technology (including your cell phone);
- Being monitored by your partner at home, work or school; and
- Being forced to do things you don’t want to do

Help reduce your risk and avoid potential attacks

If you are being abused or suspect that someone you know is being abused, speak up or intervene.

- Get help by contacting Student Services for available services
- Learn how to look for “red flags” in relationships so you can learn to avoid some of those characteristics in future partners
- Consider getting a protection from abuse order or no contact order from a local judge or magisterial justice
- Learn more about what behaviors constitute dating and domestic violence, understand it is not your fault, and talk with friends and family members about ways you can be supported
- Trust your instincts—if something doesn’t feel right in a relationship, speak up or end it

Traveling around campus

- Make sure your cell phone is easily accessible and fully charged
- Take major, public paths rather than less populated shortcuts
- Avoid dimly lit places and inform the physical plant if you believe that lights need to be installed in an area
- Avoid putting music headphones in both ears so that you can be more aware of your surroundings, especially if you are walking alone
- Walking through a dark area is sometimes unavoidable, so try to walk with a friend or classmate
- Carry a noisemaker (like a whistle) on your keychain
- Carry a small flashlight on your keychain
- If walking feels unsafe, call the NWFSC Police Department for an escort

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

Laws pertaining to firearms, weapons, or destructive devices on campus property can be found in Chapter 790 of the Florida Statutes. Florida law prohibits possessing or discharging weapons or firearms at a school-sponsored event or on school property.

In addition to legal ramifications, disciplinary action may be initiated by NWFSC against any student found responsible for committing the following:

- Violations of Chapter 790 including possession, storage or display of firearms, fireworks, explosives, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, and/or any object or dangerous substance in any way, including but not limited to knives, firearms, blackjacks, or containers of noxious material.
- Use or discharge of firearms, fireworks, explosives, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, noxious materials and/or other objects or substances used as an explosive or weapon.
- Possession of realistic replicas of weapons or explosives.

MISSING PERSONS

If a member of the NWFSC community has reason to believe that a student is missing, he or she should immediately notify the NWFSC Police Department at (850) 598-6602, Ext. 6888 or the appropriate local law enforcement agency if after hours. The police department will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation. If the NWFSC Police Department determines that the student is missing, notifications will be made to the following, within twenty-four hours of the determination:

- The student's designated confidential/emergency contact
- The student's parent or legal guardian, if under the age of eighteen and not emancipated
- Surrounding law enforcement agencies

The confidential/emergency contact information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and may not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. In addition to the notifications mentioned above, once an investigation is initiated, it may include contacting any or all of the following:

- The student's parents
- The law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction where the student's permanent residence is located
- Law enforcement agencies along a route where the student may have likely traveled
- Any other person or entity that may have information as to the whereabouts of the missing student

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

The College recognizes the serious nature and potentially harmful effects of using controlled substances and alcohol in the workplace and educational setting.

NWFSC policy HR 4.0 addresses the possession, use, or sale of alcohol and drugs on campus property. The NWFSC Police Department enforces all applicable state laws regarding the possession, use, or sale of alcohol and drugs within their jurisdiction.

NWFSC does not currently have prevention programs designed to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. Community resources are listed under the following substance abuse assistance section.

Drinking age laws

Florida State Statute 562.111 makes it unlawful for any person:

- Under the age of 21 years to have in his or her possession alcoholic beverages;
- To sell, give, serve, or permit to be served alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age or to permit a person under 21 years of age to consume said beverages on licensed premises;
- To misrepresent or misstate his or her age or any other person for the purpose of inducing any licensee or his agents or employees to sell, give, serve, or deliver any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age

Florida drug laws

Under Florida law, no person may possess substances regulated under the provisions of Florida State Statute Chapter 893.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE

Northwest Florida State College recognizes the impact of the abuse of alcohol and drugs can have on academic, professional and family life. Individuals who may be experiencing difficulty with drugs or alcohol are encouraged to seek assistance. Listed below are various local organizations that can provide counseling and assistance:

Alanon (For families of substance abusers)

(850) 222-2294; www.al-anon.org

Alcoholics Anonymous

(For adults and teenagers with alcohol problems)

(850) 244-2421; www.fwb-area-aa.org

Narcotics Anonymous

(For adults and teenagers with drug problems)

(850) 496-1673; www.pensacolana.org

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services:

(800) 662-4357; www.samhsa.gov/treatment

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

NWFSC policy HR22.00 addresses sexual offenses. This policy defines a zero tolerance approach for all sex offenses including sexual assault, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment (unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature), harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Reporting of sex offenses may be made to the NWFSC Police Department. Reporting of sex offenses can be addressed both through the College administrative procedures and through the criminal justice system.

Any criminal proceeding is entirely separate from administrative proceedings of NWFSC.

Police officers are trained in the proper identification, collection and preservation of evidence, which is essential to the successful prosecution of most sex offenses. It is

crucial that the police department be contacted as soon as possible in cases of sexual misconduct. Reporting the crime to law enforcement also allows action that may prevent further victimization, and can lead to the apprehension of the suspect.

If you do not wish to make a report to the police, you are still encouraged to seek professional medical advice and counseling. NWFSC will provide written notification to students and employees about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available to victims, both within the institution and in the community. (Please note that all healthcare providers are legally required to report all cases of suspected sexual or physical assault to law enforcement.) Additional assistance is available through the following:

**Shelter House
(Domestic Violence
and/or Rape Crisis)**
(850) 226-2027

**State Attorney's Office
Victim's Advocate Unit**
(850) 606-6000

**NWFSC Title
IX Coordinator**
(850) 729-5365

If you are the Victim of a Sexual Assault

Victims of sexual assault are strongly encouraged to take the following steps:

- Get to a safe place as soon as possible.
- Call the police by dialing 9-1-1.
- To preserve evidence that will be helpful in prosecution, do not eat, drink, wash, shower, go to the bathroom, douche, or clean up prior to a medical exam.

WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent must be informed, freely given and mutual. If coercion, intimidation, threats or physical force, are used there is no consent. If a person is mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired so that such person cannot understand the fact, nature or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent: this includes impairment or incapacitation due to alcohol or drug consumption, or being asleep or unconscious. Inducement of incapacitation of another with the intent to affect the ability of an individual to consent or refuse to consent to sexual contact almost always, if not always, negates consent. Silence does not necessarily constitute consent. Whether a person has taken advantage of a position of influence over an alleged victim may be a factor in determining consent.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/DATING VIOLENCE/STALKING

Domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are violations of state law and are prohibited on the campuses of Northwest Florida State College. The NWFSC Police Department provides information on awareness and prevention of these acts of violence. If you are, or if you know of someone who is, the victim of this type of offense, you are encouraged to contact the NWFSC Police or a Campus Security Authority. These offenses should be reported to law enforcement to prevent further incidents and injury.

Both criminal and on-campus disciplinary action may be taken against the perpetrator of these offenses. Following a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, the institution will provide the student or employee a written explanation of the students' or employees' rights and options. On-campus proceedings will be conducted by officials who receive annual training on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault stalking. Officials are also trained on how to conduct an investigation, and the hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability. The standard of evidence that NWFSC will use is the **preponderance of evidence presented**. Victims of these crimes can also obtain further assistance from the agencies listed above. Upon request from the victim, or next of kin if the victim is deceased, the College will disclose the results of a disciplinary proceeding for a violent crime or non- forcible sex offense.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

NWFSC has established disciplinary procedures detailed in the student handbook. Students seeking assistance/resolution of Clery related offenses may utilize this process.

SEXUAL OFFENDER/PREDATOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Federal and State law requires a person designated as a sexual predator or offender to register with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The FDLE is then required to notify the local law enforcement agency where the registrant resides, or attends or is employed by an institution of higher learning.

For more information visit Florida's sexual offender and predator homepage at:
<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>

SOURCES FOR CRIME STATISTICS

This report contains crime statistics compiled for the previous three calendar years. The information was compiled from law enforcement agencies including the NWFSC Police Department, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Niceville Police Department, Crestview Police Department, Walton County Sheriff's Office, Defuniak Springs Police Department. Reported crime statistics are also gathered from college resources.

CRIME DEFINITIONS

Per the Clery Act, crimes are classified based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook (UCR). For sex offenses only, the definitions used are from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) edition of the UCR. Hate crimes are classified according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Guide for Hate Crime Data Collection. Although the law states that institutions must use the UCR for defining and classifying crimes, it does not require Clery Act crime reporting to meet all UCR standards.

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter—the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

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—incidents of unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse. Only two types of offenses are included in this definition:

- Incest is non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- Statutory Rape is non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent. If force was used or threatened, or the victim was incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth, or temporary or permanent mental impairment, the offense should be classified as forcible rape, not 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.

Burglary—the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. The UCR classifies offenses locally known as Burglary (any degree) unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts at these offenses as Burglary.

Motor Vehicle Theft—the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

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

Hate Crimes—any of the aforementioned offenses, larceny, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias.

Categories of bias are:

- Race -- A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics (e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc.) genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind (e.g., Asian, Black, White).
- Gender -- A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because those persons are male or female. Gender bias is also a Clery Act-specific term, not found in the FBI's Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines.
- Religion -- A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being (e.g., Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Atheist).
- Sexual orientation -- A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex (e.g., Gay, Lesbian, Heterosexual).
- Ethnicity/national origin -- A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons of the same race or national origin who share common or similar traits, languages, customs and traditions (e.g., Arab, Hispanic).
- Disability. A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

Liquor Law Violations—the violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

Drug Law Violations—the violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use; the unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance.

Weapons Law Violations—the violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons.

The Higher Education Act (HEA) defines the new crime categories of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in accordance with section 40002(a) of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 as follows:

Domestic violence -- means a “felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by:

- a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
- a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies [under VAWA], or
- any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.”

Dating violence -- means violence committed by a person:

- who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
 - length of the relationship
 - type of relationship
 - frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Stalking -- means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or
- suffer substantial emotional distress.

GEOGRAPHIC 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; 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 Residential (subset of On Campus)

Any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility.

Non-campus 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 of 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.

CRIMES STATISTICS

NWFSC Niceville Campus	2020			2021			2022		
	Public Property	On Campus	On Campus Student Housing	Public Property	On Campus	On Campus Student Housing	Public Property	On Campus	On Campus Student Housing
Criminal Offenses									
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter Negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses									
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)									
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals									
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests									
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NWFSC Fort Walton Beach Campus	2020		2021		2022	
	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus
Criminal Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter Negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)						
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0

NWFSC Aviation Center of Excellence- Crestview	N/A		2021		2022	
	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus
Criminal Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter Negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)						
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0

NWFSC Crestview Campus- Sikes	2020		2021		2022	
	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus
Criminal Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter Negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)						
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0

NWFSC DeFuniak Springs Campus	2020		2021		2022	
	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus
Criminal Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)						
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0

NWFSC South Walton Campus	2020		2021		2022	
	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus	Public Property	On Campus
Criminal Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter Negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)						
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Actions/Judicial Referrals						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests						
Drug Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unfounded Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0

In-case of a fire call 9-1-1.

Reporting fires for inclusion in the Annual Fire Report

Per federal law, Northwest Florida State College is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fires that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. The college community is encouraged to file a report at www.nwfsc.edu/safety or the RaiderCONNECT APP to report any fire that may have occurred that was not reported to local fire authorities.

Description of fire safety systems in on-campus student housing facilities

On-campus student housing facilities utilize individual smoke detectors and fire extinguisher in each unit. Upkeep and inspection is the responsibility of the facility management.

Policies and practices regarding fire safety

In 2022 NWFSC did not hold any fire drills for on-campus housing facilities located at the Niceville campus.

In the event of a fire, the College expects that all campus community members will evacuate by the nearest exit, closing doors and activating the fire alarm system (if one is present) as they leave. Once safely outside a building, it is appropriate to contact 9-1-1. No training is provided to students or employees in firefighting or suppression activity as this is inherently dangerous and each community member's only duty is to exit safely and quickly, shutting doors along the exit path as they go to contain the spread of flames and smoke, and to activate the alarm as they exit. At no time should the closing of doors or the activation of the alarm delay the exit from the building. NWFSC does not currently provide training on fire safety or evacuation procedures in the event of a fire.

ANNUAL FIRE STATISTICS

Statistics and related information regarding fires in residential facilities 2020

Facility	Total fires	Fire number	Cause of fire	Number of injuries that required medical attention	Number of deaths related to a fire	Value of property damage caused by a fire
Garden Apartments complex	0	0	NA	0	0	\$0

Statistics and related information regarding fires in residential facilities 2021

Facility	Total fires	Fire number	Cause of fire	Number of injuries that required medical attention	Number of deaths related to a fire	Value of property damage caused by a fire
Garden Apartments complex	0	0	NA	0	0	\$0

Statistics and related information regarding fires in residential facilities 2022

Facility	Total fires	Fire number	Cause of fire	Number of injuries that required medical attention	Number of deaths related to a fire	Value of property damage caused by a fire
Garden Apartments complex	0	0	NA	0	0	\$0

**Call 911
in case of:**



Active Threat

RUN When There Is Active Threat,
Call 911 When Only It's Safe To Do So

HIDE If You Cannot Run, Block Doors,
Silence Phone (Including Vibrate),
Stay Hidden

FIGHT Only As A Last Resort
If Life Is In Danger



Medical Emergency

If Trained, Inform Dispatch
and Administer Aid

Call Area or Local Campus Police*



Fire / Evacuation

Save those in Building
Activate the Alarm
Vocalize "Fire, Fire, Fire"
Evacuate the Building

Call Area or Local Campus Police*

EMERGENCY ACTION GUIDE

Suspicious / Criminal Activity

IMMEDIATE DANGER: 911

Non Emergencies Call NWFSCPD
Or Call Your Local Campus Police*



Weather Threat

WARNING

Severe Weather Has Been Sighted
SEEK SHELTER AWAY FROM WINDOWS
Monitor for Further Developments
WATCH

Conditions Favorable for Development
Monitor Weather



Power Failure

Niceville Campus

6 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Physical Plant - 850.729.5335
After Hours: Call NWFSCPD - 850.729.6888

Fort Walton Beach

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Physical Plant - 850.863-6594
After Hours: Call NWFSCPD - 850.863-6537

Crestview, DeFuniak Springs & South Walton
Call Physical Plant - 850.729.5335

*Area and Local Campus Police Emergency Numbers



Niceville - NWFSCPD 850.729.6888

Fort Walton Beach - NWFSCPD 850.863-6537

Crestview - Police Department 850.682.3544

Defuniak Springs - Police Department 850.892.8511

South Walton - County Sheriff's Office 850.267.1350



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