Washington Adventist University

Department of Safety and Security

2012 Annual Report

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About Washington Adventist University:

Founded in 1904, Washington Adventist University (WAU) is a Seventh-day Adventist, Christian university located in Takoma Park, Maryland. It currently maintains three schools of higher learning with a student body of approximately 1,300 students. Our current president is Dr. Weymouth Spence.

About the Department of Safety and Security:

The Department of Safety and Security (DSS) is a resource and service for Washington Adventist University (WAU). We strive to ensure WAU can perform its activities in a safe, secure, healthy and environmentally responsible manner by working with our network of safety partners. Our main mission is to provided leadership and outstanding services that enhance the research and Christian educational process by integrating excellent safety, security and sustainable practices into the WAU campus culture. We provide campus security services including emergency response, investigations, escorts, building security, as well as fire and safety inspections. DSS is composed of regular security officers as well as auxiliary student officers. Our staff hold certifications in emergency management, fire and safety inspections, CCTV certified specialist, and evidence specialist.

About the Takoma Park Police Department:

The City of Takoma Park Police Department (TPPD) is full-service law enforcement agency for the City of Takoma Park. It provides 24-7 patrol services, which include the WAU campus, as well as a Criminal Investigation Division, crime scene technicians, K-9 units, gang unit and tactical unit. While DSS does not currently hold law enforcement authority, we work in continual partnership with Takoma Park Police to respond to on-campus or campus related incidents. TPPD can be contacted at 301-270-1100.

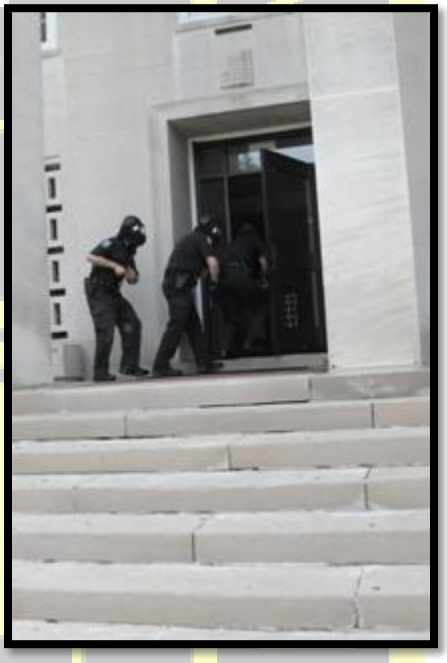
We also maintain contact with the Montgomery County Police Department for incidents that occur on campus but outside the Takoma Park city limits.

Reporting a Crime or an Emergency:

In a medical emergency dial 9-1-1 or, if from a university landline, 9-9-1-1. Immediately inform DSS of the situation at 301-891-1100. To report a crime, call DSS immediately. Takoma Park Police can also be reached for an emergency or non-emergency situation at 301-270-1100.

Timely Warnings:

In the event that a situation should arise that, in the judgment of the Director of Security constitutes an immediate or continuing threat, the information will be forwarded to the university's corporate information officer who will issue an alert via the university's email, text, and voice alert system. Regular testing of notification system is conducted by the university. The university also has access to the warning system of the City of Takoma Park for community alerts and advisories and distributes that information through our own advisory network.



Active Shooter Full Scale Exercise:

An active shooter, full scale exercise was conducted at Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park, Maryland on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. The exercise in question was facilitated by Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park Police Department, Washington Adventist Hospital and Takoma Park Fire Volunteer Department. An evaluation of the training indicates the participants successfully met the criteria and objectives identified. More information on how to respond to crimes and/or emergency situations including an active shooter can be found by inquiring at the DSS office.

Sexual Assault Victims response:

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. DSS strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a DSS security officer and/or a resident hall assistant. Filing a report with a DSS officer or a police officer will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a police report will:

- ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests;
- provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam);
- assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

When a sexual assault victim contacts DSS, Takoma Park Police will be notified by the responding security officer. The victim may also call the police at 301-270-1100 on their own should they choose to do so. Takoma Park Police have access to victim advocates specializing in sexual assaults and domestic violence which can be requested. The dean of the residence hall will also be notified by DSS officers.

The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and the Office of Student Life, or only the latter. DSS may also prosecute the accused administratively or criminally for other offenses that occurred before, during, or after the assault. Various counseling options are available from the University through the counseling services office, or, the psychology department both of which also have educational information on sexual assault. Counseling and support services outside the University system can be obtained through the Montgomery County Sexual Assault Services which can be contacted at 301-565-9420. University disciplinary proceedings, as well as guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct, are detailed in the Student Handbook and Planner. Both the victim and accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating the University sexual misconduct policy may be suspended or expelled from the University as well as face criminal charges. Student victims have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

Weapons Policy (Prohibited Items):

While written for the residence halls, the prohibited items list is enforced campus wide:

In order to maintain a safe environment in the residence halls, several items are strictly prohibited for the sole purpose of helping maintain a safe environment for all who live and work in the residence halls. Among the prohibited items are: firearms or weapons of any kind, lighters, matches, candles, incense, toaster ovens, hot plates, electric skillets, knives, metal knuckles, explosive devices, razors, and any other item that a reasonable individual can consider a weapons. Clothing peculiar to cult groups and those bearing slogans and/or insignia not in harmony with the standards and philosophy of WAU is prohibited. Also prohibited are any items or decorations promoting, pertaining to, or glorifying lifestyles contrary to the standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This includes, but is not limited to, alcoholic beverages and/or containers, tobacco products, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.

Substance Abuse Policy:

Washington Adventist University is committed to providing a drug-free environment to help students attain the highest level of mental, physical, moral, and spiritual health. This will allow student to be truly free and in control of their lives. Because of this commitment, Washington Adventist University expects each citizen of the University community to remain drug-free, abstaining from the use and possession of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and from abuse of prescription medicines. This includes, but is not limited to, alcoholic beverages and/or containers, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia. The manufacture, possession, distributions, or use of illegal drugs and the use of alcohol tobacco is strictly prohibited. this policy has been established to educate, to provide a means for counseling and rehabilitation, and outline a discipline process. WAU reserves the right to investigate students where reasonable suspicion exists of drug or alcohol involvement. This includes the right to search an office, locker, on-campus vehicle, residence hall room, cases, and bags, and the right to require an appropriate drug test and confirmation retest.

If a search is to be made, it must be authorized by a Residence Hall Dean, Director of Safety and Security, Vice President, or President of the University. Initial identification of a problem may e made by a supervisor, faculty member, colleague, concerned other, or self-referral.

If a student has a has a substance abuse problem please notify Health Services, ext 4009, Campus Counselor ext 4089, Vice President for Ministry ext 4112, or Vice President for Student Life ext 4110. Confidentiality will be maintained by all persons involved in any aspect of this substance abuse program except in those instances where governmental authorities or the Conduct and Guidance Committee must be notified. Counselors will respect the individual's right to privacy at all times.

Access Control/Physical Security

Over the past year DSS has made several advances in the physical security of the campus, including improving the access control on campus. DSS follows a Crime Prevention Through the Environmental Design (CPTED) program which allows DSS to evaluate needs in physical security and implement improvements. As WAU is an open campus, the main focus of our access control improvement is with the buildings themselves. To that end, DSS has spearheaded the installation of CCTV cameras in strategically located areas. The cameras cover both the outside parking lots as well as inside the campus buildings themselves. DSS also has certified CCTV specialist who monitor the camera system and review footage. This new technology has allowed DSS to produce leads on several cases and provide information vital information to our law enforcement partners when conducting criminal investigations. DSS, in conjunction with Facilities Services, has installed and is improving on a key car access system for students and staff. This allows for better control to the entrances and exits of the buildings. All campus buildings are locked every evening and unlocked every morning. Officers conduct continual rounds of the campus buildings to ensure they are secured.

Fire Safety and Awareness

Each year, the local fire marshal from the Montgomery County Fire Department inspects the entire WAU campus. Between each annual inspection, DSS conducts periodic evaluations for fire extinguishers, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, smoke detectors as well as conducting fire drills. DSS has certified fire inspectors who investigate and issue notices on fire code violations. County code prohibits open flame in residence halls. This includes candles and incense. The only

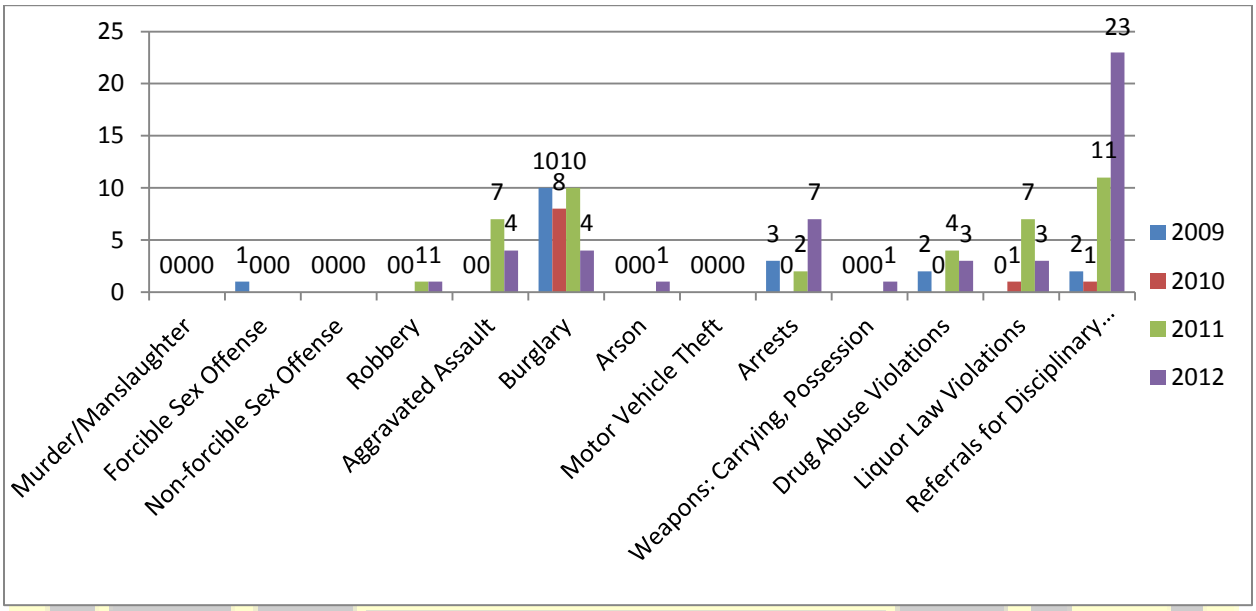
exception to this is the fireplace in the basement of Halcyon Hall. Instructions for the evacuation of the residence halls in the event of fire or other emergencies are posted behind each room door in the dorms. Further information on fire safety, fire inspections and evacuations can be found at the DSS office.

CLERY Act Crime Stats:

DSS prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be accessed online or by request at the DSS office. All crimes as well as all data can be obtained online for verification at the US Department of Education's website at http://ope.ed.gov/security/

Category	2012*
Murder/Manslaughter	0
Forcible Sex Offense	0
Non-forcible Sex Offense	0
Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglary	4
Arson	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Arrests	7
Weapons: Carrying, Possession	1
Drug Abuse Violations	3
Liquor Law Violations	3
Referrals for Disciplinary Action	23
Hate Crimes (Total for all categories)	0

WAU CLERY Act Stats 2009-2012 Comparison



Category	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offense	1	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offense	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	1
Aggravated Assault	0	0	7	4
Burglary	10	8	10	4
Arson	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0
Arrests	3	0	2	7
Weapons: Carrying, Possession	0	0	0	1
Drug Abuse Violations	2	0	4	3
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	7	3
Referrals for Disciplinary Action	2	1	11	23

*Note: 2012 statistics have not yet been officially reported to the US Department of Education. As such, these are preliminary statistics of ongoing cases whose designation or category may be changed depending upon the final disposition of the various cases. For an accurate report, please refer to the USDOE website in the future after the official reporting of the 2012 statistics.

City of Takoma Park Police Department 2012 UCR Stats:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**Total**
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	**1**
Robbery	5	4	4	3	0	1	3	8	5	2	2	5	**42**
Assault Agg.	0	1	1	5	1	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	**16**
Burglary	8	1	4	2	6	4	6	15	8	6	4	9	**73**
Larceny	31	31	16	25	25	31	42	49	33	27	26	28	**364**
Auto Theft	9	7	2	1	3	3	3	3	7	8	4	4	**54**
Total	**53**	**44**	**27**	**36**	**35**	**40**	**56**	**78**	**53**	**43**	**39**	**46**	**550**
Assault Simp.	4	6	6	7	4	7	11	11	8	4	3	5	**76**

SECURITY GATEWAY TO ADVENTIST

Important Contact Information:

President	Dr. Weymouth Spence
Vice President, Finance	Patrick Farley
Director of Safety and Security	Edwin Monge
Ass. Director of Safety and Security	John Meier
Vice President, Student Life	Jean Warden

Washington Adventist University Numbers

Department of Safety and Security	301-891-4019
Office of Student Life	301-891-4110
Campus Counselor	301-891-4089
Health Services	301-891-4009
Vice President for Ministry	301-891-4112
Halcyon Hall Dean	301-891-4174
Morrison Hall Dean	301-891-4043

Outside Numbers

Emergency (Police, Fire, EMS)	911
Takoma Park Police Department	301-270-1100
Montgomery County Sexual Assault Services	301-565-9420