

# **2009 REMINGTON COLLEGE – LARGO CAMPUS CRIME & SECURITY REPORT**

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## **Introduction**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, codified at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f) as a part of the Higher Education Act of 1965, is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies. All public and private post-secondary educational institutions participating in federal student aid programs are subject to the Act.

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to publish an annual report every year by October 1<sup>st</sup> that contains three years worth of crime statistics and certain security policy statements, including sexual assault policies, which assure basic victims' rights, the law enforcement authority of campus security, and where the students should go to report crimes.

The complete text of the Clery Act along with the implementing regulations published by the U.S. Department of Education is available at the Security On Campus, Inc. website located at [www.securityoncampus.org](http://www.securityoncampus.org).

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## **Reporting Crime and Other Emergencies on Campus**

Remington College – Largo Campus is committed to providing an environment that provides security for persons and property without the need for unduly burdensome policies and practices. No absolute guarantee of individual safety or security of property is possible, but with the cooperation of students, faculty, staff and visitors, it is possible to provide a level of security that is reasonable, effective, and relatively unobtrusive. All members of the Remington College – Largo Campus community are expected to familiarize themselves with Campus security policies and procedures, adhere to these policies and procedures, and immediately report violations.

If you witness any non-emergency criminal incidents or safety concerns and/or are the victim of criminal behavior on property owned or controlled by Remington College – Largo Campus, promptly report it to the Largo Police Department by dialing (727) 587-6730. In the case of an emergency, calls should be made to 911. Immediately after reporting the incident to the Largo Police Department, please report the incident to the Campus President or any other school official. Remington College – Largo Campus has no pastoral and/or professional counselors working with the students and/or employees.

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## **Campus and Community Notification of Criminal Activity (Timely Warnings)**

Remington College – Largo Campus places a high priority on the safety and security of all members of the Campus community. It is the policy of Remington College – Largo Campus to notify members of the Campus community of any reported crime(s) that are determined to pose an imminent threat to the safety of students or employees. Anyone with information warranting a potential timely warning should report the circumstances to the Largo Police Department, by phone on-campus at ext. 9-911 or off-campus at 911. The Campus President is responsible for determining the need for and implementing timely campus notification. If the Campus President deems it necessary to notify the Campus community of an imminent threat, Public Safety Bulletins will be published and posted on bulletin boards throughout the Campus. The bulletins will allow members of the Campus community to know what concerns currently exist so they can better protect themselves.

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### **Access to Campus Facilities**

Remington College – Largo Campus is a private institution, and as such reserves the right to limit the use of its grounds and facilities as it deems appropriate. Access to any Remington College – Largo Campus facility by any person or persons is strictly limited to those having legitimate business in that area or facility. Most Campus buildings and facilities are accessible to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests and invitees during normal hours of business, Monday-Friday, and for limited designated hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Access times will vary depending upon the nature of the building and its activity. Except for those students, faculty, and staff with keys or appropriately authorized access cards, access is generally restricted to Campus-affiliated personnel during recognized holidays. Outside of normal business hours, in some locations, alarms are also provided to sound if doors are opened or compromised. Many building high-risk areas are also equipped with intrusion alarms and/or duress alarm systems for the protection of staff. Remington College – Largo Campus does not maintain any campus residences.

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### **Maintenance and Security of Campus Facilities**

Motor vehicle parking lots, pedestrian walkways, and building exteriors are well lighted and the Campus's design criteria calls for a high level of illumination on all new buildings and surroundings. Members of the Campus community are encouraged to report any exterior lighting deficiencies to the Campus President or other member of Campus Management. Exterior doors on Campus buildings are locked each evening by the Campus President or other members of Campus Management. Door and security hardware operating deficiencies should also be reported to the Campus President.

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### **Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs**

All students are required to attend the Campus's Orientation at which time they are

cautioned to avoid loss of property and/or injury to self or others by reading and observing the safety and Campus security information that is posted in the student lounge, library, as well as disseminated at Orientation.

In addition to the Annual Campus Security Report which is posted in the student lounge area, library, and on bulletin boards, Remington College – Largo Campus makes literature available that is provided by community and government agencies which describes various programs and help numbers for personal safety, health, and emergency counseling. Literature is displayed in the Library on the first floor of the main building. Crime prevention information updates are requested by the Campus administration and posted when necessary.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

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## **Criminal Activity by Students at Off-Campus Locations**

Remington College – Largo Campus does not have any recognized off-campus facilities.

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### **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Remington College - Largo Campus is committed to having a Campus that is free of the illegal or abusive use of drugs and alcohol. In keeping with this commitment, it is the policy of Remington College – Largo Campus that the possession, sale, use or distribution of illicit drugs, alcohol, or other intoxicants in Campus buildings and facilities and at official Campus functions held on Campus is prohibited. Any violation of state or federal drug, alcohol, or underage drinking laws or the violation of the Campus's policies regarding alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by students, staff, or faculty shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination and/or expulsion. It is unlawful in Florida to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone less than 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal.

Excessive use of alcohol and other drugs is a serious health problem in itself, but alcohol and drug abuse can also contribute to a host of other physical and mental health problems such as unwanted pregnancy, violent behavior, HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases, and psychological depression.

Remington College - Largo Campus encourages students and employees who are experiencing substance abuse problems to seek assistance from resources available to them on Campus, as well as from agencies and self-help groups available in the community. A list of these resources is available in the library. Students are encouraged to attend the periodic guest lectures presented on substance and alcohol abuse at Remington College – Largo Campus. The following is a list of local resources:

PAR Treatment Center: (727) 538-7243

F.A.S.T. (Florida Alternative Substance Treatment): (866) 445-1114 and the Treatment Referral number (800) 454-8966.

Please see either the employee or student Remington College Drug and Alcohol Abuse policy for more detailed information.

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## **Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information**

In accordance with the “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act” of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Remington College – Largo Campus is providing a link to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators Registry. The “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act” requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the Campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. In the state of Florida, sex offenders must register with the Florida Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement.

The Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators Registry is available via internet pursuant to a Florida law, effective 7/1/96, which requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to maintain an updated list of Sexual Predators in this state after a court has made a written finding designating them as a Sexual Predator, as that term is defined by Florida statute. Chapter 97-299, Laws of Florida, requires certain sexual offenders to directly register with law enforcement or to have information compiled by the Department of Corrections, with the information to be provided to FDLE. Florida law makes that information available to the public. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers, or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. The State of Florida Department of Law Enforcement is responsible for maintaining this registry. Follow the link below to access the website.

<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>

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## **Sexual Harassment Policy**

It is the policy of Remington College - Largo Campus to prohibit sexual harassment of its students, faculty, and staff and to make every effort to eliminate sexual harassment on the Campus. The Remington College - Largo Campus policy prohibits sexual harassment between or among students, faculty, staff, and others visiting or conducting official business on Campus, and in all areas of the Campus’s work and educational

environments. Those who engage in sexual harassment may be subject to legal consequences, including civil and criminal penalties and monetary damages. The full text of the Campus's policy and complaint procedure regarding sexual harassment may be found in the Remington College – Largo Campus Catalog, the Employee Handbook, and on bulletin boards at the campus.

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## **Sexual Assault Policy**

It is the policy of Remington College - Largo Campus to prohibit sexual assault and to prevent sex offenses committed against students, employees, visitors to the Campus, and other persons who use the Campus facilities. Sexual assault is not only a criminal act of violence, aggression, or coercion against a single individual, but is also an attack on human dignity, a value essential to our Campus community. For these reasons, Remington College – Largo Campus encourages individuals who believe they have been sexually assaulted to report sexual assault incidents to appropriate Campus and governmental authorities as outlined in the Sexual Harassment policy. Sexual assault is also an extreme form of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is prohibited by the Campus's policy and is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. If requested by the victim, Remington College – Largo Campus will reasonably change a victim's academic situation after an alleged sex offense.

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## **Programs to Prevent Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault**

Several programs and resources are available to members of the Campus community on the topics of sexual harassment and sexual assault. Programs can be arranged through the Campus President, and/or the Largo Police Department's Victim's Advocate office at 727-587-6770. Other resources include:

The Rape Crisis Hotline: at (727) 530-7233,

Largo Police Domestic Violence Line: (727) 586-7481

The Haven, providing counseling, shelter, support groups, legal and medical resources at (727) 442-4128

CASA, also providing counseling, shelter, support groups, legal and medical resources at (727) 895-4912

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## **Procedure to Follow if Sexual Assault Occurs:**

**Whom to Contact:** If someone believes they are the victim of a sexual assault the quickest possible way to report it is to contact the Largo Police Department. A victim should also report the incident directly to the Campus President. A victim of sexual assault may go directly to a hospital and decide at the hospital what other agencies or resources to contact. The Campus President, or any official on campus, will be glad to assist a victim in contacting the proper law enforcement agency.

**Preservation of Evidence:** After contacting the necessary law enforcement authorities as soon as possible, it is important that a victim of sexual assault does not shower, wash, brush their teeth, or use the restroom, and that they do not wash their clothes or any bedding on which the incident may have occurred. If they do so, important evidence can be lost and/or destroyed.

**Notification of Counseling and Assistance:** Counseling for victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault can be found through the Campus President, who can direct victims to available services, and through off-campus psychological services provided by local psychologists or community Rape Crisis Centers. Any victim who reports an incident to an on-campus official will be advised of counseling services.

**Campus Disciplinary Procedure:** If the victim of sexual assault so desires, and all parties involved are members of the Campus community, the incident can be referred to the Campus President, Director of Education, or Corporate Vice President of Human Resources to be investigated and adjudicated under the Remington College Sexual Harassment policy. Sanctions that can be imposed upon a final determination of an incident may range from a reprimand up to and including dismissal from school or termination of employment.

Both the accused and the accuser are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. Both participants will be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sexual assault.

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## **Reported Crimes/Offenses**

The following statistics, provided in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, are for your information. Remington College – Largo Campus prepares this report to comply with the Clery Act. This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our Campus along with information from designated Campus officials.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the designated Campus officials and local law enforcement. Each year, written notification that provides the web site address to access this report is distributed to all enrolled students via U.S. Mail. Faculty and staff receive similar written notification.

On-campus property includes all property owned, leased or controlled by Remington College - Largo Campus, and property that is within or reasonably contiguous to such property that is owned by the Campus and controlled by another person that is frequently used by students and that supports institutional purposes such as food or other retail vendors.

Non-campus property includes all property owned, leased or controlled by a student organization recognized by the Campus, and all property owned, leased or controlled by Remington College - Largo Campus that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the

Campus's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the Campus.

Public property includes all thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that is within the Campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the Campus.

## THREE-YEAR DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

<b>ON – CAMPUS STATISTICS</b>			
<b>CRIMINAL OFFENSES</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Murder &amp; Non-Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses: Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses: Non-Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	0
<b>Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	3	2	1
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Race</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Gender</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Ethnicity</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Religion</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Disability</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Sexual Orientation</b>	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0
<b>Liquor Law Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0
<b>Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0

## NON – CAMPUS STATISTICS

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2006	2007	2008
<b>Murder &amp; Non-Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses: Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses: Non-Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	0
<b>Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Race</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Gender</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Ethnicity</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Religion</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Disability</b>	0	0	0
<b>Hate Crimes Based on Sexual Orientation</b>	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0
<b>Liquor Law Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0
<b>Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests</b>	0	0	0
<b>Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action</b>	0	0	0

## PUBLIC PROPERTY STATISTICS

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2006	2007	2008
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses: Forcible	0	0	0
Sex Offenses: Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Race	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Gender	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Ethnicity	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Religion	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Disability	0	0	0
Hate Crimes Based on Sexual Orientation	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0
Liquor Law Arrests	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Arrests	0	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	0	0	0

## Resource Phone Numbers

<b>Non-emergency police requests</b> - This line should be called for all reports of delayed incidents or non-emergencies.	(727) 587-6743
<b>Largo Police Department Victim Advocate's Office</b>	(727) 587-6770
<b>Remington College – Largo Campus</b>	(727) 532-1999

<b>Domestic Violence Centers:</b> <b>CASA</b> <b>The Haven</b> <b>Largo Police Domestic Violence</b>	 (727) 895-4912 (727) 442-4128 (727) 586-7481
<b>Substance Abuse Help Lines</b> <b>PAR Treatment</b> <b>F.A.S.T.</b> <b>Substance Abuse Treatment</b> <b>Referral Line</b>	 (727) 538-7243 (866) 445-1114 (800) 454-8966
<b>Pinellas County HelpLine</b>	211
<b>Rape Crisis Hotline</b>	(727) 530-7233