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TO: GEM CITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY
FROM: KARA HADEN, COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: ANNUAL CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

It is our responsibility as a college to do everything possible to provide a safe and secure environment for our students, employees, and visitors. In that effort, it is important for all members of the campus community to be well informed regarding campus crime statistics, crime reporting procedures, and crime prevention.

The particular crime categories cited in this report are those required by federal legislation, specifically the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.”

If you have questions about any part of this report, please contact me.

GEM CITY COLLEGE SAFETY AND SECURITY 2023-2024

SAFETY AND SECURITY STATEMENT

Gem City College provides assistance, protective and safety services to the campus community. The department is staffed by the coordinator. It works cooperatively with students, faculty, staff, and local law enforcement to enhance the level of service and safety on campus.

While every effort is made to protect the campus community, campus safety is a team effort. Faculty and staff are encouraged to lock their desks and other secured areas, including, but not limited to, lecture rooms when not in use. Community members should not leave valuables in plain sight or their keys in their vehicle. Be cautious, alert, and protective of personal possessions and college property. Please report any safety problems or unsafe activities.

Anyone with a specific concern is encouraged to contact Sarah Bauman, coordinator of campus safety and security.

Help keep Gem City College a safe and enjoyable place to work and receive a quality education.

GEM CITY COLLEGE CRIME STATISTICS

To comply with the “Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990” as amended by the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Statistics Act of 1998,” Gem City College will publish on an annual basis the following reported crimes that occur in or on campus buildings or property, in or on non-campus buildings or property and on public property: criminal homicide (murder, non-negligent and negligent manslaughter), sex offenses (forcible and non-forcible), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, arson and motor vehicle theft. Additionally, statistics for arrests and campus disciplinary action for the following offenses will also be reported: liquor law violations, drug-related arrests and weapons possessions.

Gem City College encourages the prompt reporting of any incident that compromises the safety, health or rights of the campus community. The coordinator is the primary responder for campus emergencies. Gem City College works cooperatively with local law enforcement agencies when criminal activity is perpetrated by students beyond the jurisdiction of the college.

The coordinator of campus safety and security reviews the crime statistic reports to avoid duplicating statistics and for the proper classification of the offense. Statistics received from the police department are compared to the campus crime log to avoid duplication of reported offenses.

The statistics reported herein have been obtained from the following sources:

Quincy Police Department

Gem City College Security Coordinator

Faculty/Staff of Gem City College

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

geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is used by students, and supports institutional purposes.”

B=Non-campus Building “any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution; and any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education 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 contiguous geographic area of the institution.”

C=Public Property “all public property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution such as a sidewalk, street, other thoroughfare or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution’s educational purposes.”

D=Residence Halls “Gem City College does not own or manage any residence halls. All residences are arranged through private individuals not associated with the college.”

CRIME PREVENTION

Crime prevention is defined as the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk, and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce that risk. Below are recommendations that can reduce the risk of being victimized.

Steps to Follow to protect yours and others’ property:

- Always lock all car doors.
- Never prop or “rock” open any door (if it makes it convenient for you, it makes it equally convenient for unauthorized persons to gain entrance as well).
- Do not leave valuables or cash in plain view. Adequately protect all valuables in your room, such as wallets, jewelry, credit cards, cash, computers and the like.
- Do not loan your keys to anyone.
- Do not put your name or address on your keys.
- Take all valuables home with you during vacations.
- When in a public place, keep valuables in your possession out of sight or in a safe place. If you must leave an area for any length of time, take personal items with you.
- Itemize your possessions on a file, recording the description and serial numbers. Keep one copy and send one copy home.

NOTE: Computers, VCRs, CD players, bicycles, cash and jewelry are items particularly susceptible to theft.

Steps to follow to aid in your personal safety:

- Keep your door locked when you are napping or sleeping for any length of time.
- Never let unauthorized persons come into your room. Always ask for proper identification. Any suspicious activity should be reported immediately.
- Avoid working or studying alone in a campus building.

Categories for Statistics

- **REPORTED CRIMINAL HOMICIDE**
- **REPORTED SEX OFFENSES**
- **REPORTED ROBBERY**
- **REPORTED AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**
- **REPORTED BURGLARY**
- **REPORTED ARSON**
- **REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT**
- **ARRESTS FOR LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS**
- **ARRESTS FOR DRUG-RELATED VIOLATIONS**
- **ARRESTS FOR WEAPONS POSSESSION**
- **DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS FOR LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS**
- **DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS FOR DRUG-RELATED VIOLATIONS**
- **DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS FOR WEAPONS POSSESSION**

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Report: There were no reported incidents on campus for the years 2021-2024. The three areas data are collected for are:

On campus

In or on a non-campus building or property

On public property

CRIME REPORTING

Gem City College strongly encourages any victim of or witness to a crime that occurs within the jurisdiction of Gem City College regardless of its nature to report the incident immediately to the police department to ensure that prompt and appropriate action can be taken. Crimes occurring off of college property should be reported to the law enforcement agency having proper jurisdiction.

A victim or witness may choose to report an incident anonymously. While this type of report may be useful in preventing a similar type crime from recurring, it cannot be used for investigation and prosecution.

Obtain Description: Attempt to obtain a description of the offender(s), including sex, age, race, hair, clothing and distinguishable features. Also attempt to obtain a description and license number of any vehicles involved, as well as direction of travel.

Preserve the Crime Scene: Do not touch any items involved in the incident. Close off the area of incident, and do not allow anyone into the crime scene until the police arrive.

Sexual Assault: If you are the victim of a sexual assault, report it immediately. Preserve the physical evidence. Do not bathe, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing. If you have been raped, you should seek medical treatment immediately regardless of whether you report the matter to the police. (For further information and resources, see Sexual Assault and Rape.)

Telephone Harassment: Obscene or threatening telephone calls should be reported immediately. Other harassing phone calls should be reported if they persist. If you receive such a call, remain calm and hang up. Do not talk or try to discover who the caller is. If calling persists, keep a log of the times calls were received, what was said by all parties and a description of the voice.

Bomb Threats: If you know of a bomb threat, report it immediately to the college office.

Indecent Exposure: Exposing oneself is a crime in Illinois. If you observe someone doing this, contact the college office. If off campus, contact the law enforcement agency having proper jurisdiction.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

Gem City College encourages the reporting of all crimes, yet it also recognizes the necessity of maintaining confidentiality.

All crimes falling under the criteria of the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Guide will be included in the annual disclosure of crime statistics. Statistical reporting shall not require the divulgence of privileged information.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE

Because sexual assault and rape are everyone's concern, it is important for all Gem City College students, faculty and staff to know where to turn for help and what to do if they or a friend are sexually assaulted or raped. Whether the assailant is a stranger, acquaintance, close friend or date, you need to know available services to get the necessary treatment and counseling.

Under Illinois law, rape is an intentional act of intercourse accomplished by force and without consent. Sexual assault is any intentional sexual contact committed against the will of the victim. Rape, sexual assault and sexual abuse, whether committed by a stranger, friend, or steady dating partner, are criminal offenses subject to prosecution under the law. Furthermore, these acts are violations of the Gem City College handbook.

The college office maintains a registry of known sex offenders attending this institution. Members of the campus community may receive information concerning registered sex offenders by contacting the coordinator. At the preparation of this report there was no known sex offenders registered or attending Gem City College during the reporting period. You may also obtain a list from the Adams County Sheriff's office.

Studies show that acquaintance rape occurs more frequently among college-age students than among any other group. Acquaintance rape, one of the most under-recognized and under-reported crimes, remains largely hidden because few people identify it for what it is—a violent crime punishable by law.

Steps to Take to Reduce your risk of rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse:

See CRIME PREVENTION-steps to follow for your personal safety. Consider your alternatives if confronted by a rapist. Practice possible responses to situations so that you can recall them, even under the stress of a real encounter. Realizing that you could be a victim is the first step of self-protection. Use awareness and common sense to avoid potentially dangerous situations. To help increase your awareness, you may consider attending periodic workshops dealing with sexual assault and or self-defense/self-awareness classes.

Date and Acquaintance Rape:

Know your own sexual values, wishes and intentions and communicate them clearly and openly. Be observant of your acquaintance's or date's attitude toward you. Avoid using mood-altering chemicals such as drugs and alcohol. Studies have shown that being under the influence of alcohol contributes to the incidence of date rape. Be assertive about your needs and rights. Reinforce your verbal "NO" with physical resistance, unless you feel that this will further endanger you. Tell your assailant that he or she is committing a sexual act to which you do not consent and therefore is breaking the law.

Steps to take if you are being attacked:

Be aware of your capabilities and limitations. Your judgment and thinking will be your best weapons. Evaluate the situation for possible avenues of escape. Your first concern should be for your safety and survival. Use your judgment to do what is necessary to save your life. That may mean making a scene, drawing attention to yourself so that the assailant leaves. It may buy you enough time to escape. It may mean not physically resisting. If you choose not to physically resist the attack, it does NOT mean that you asked to be raped. It means that you did what you needed to survive. Remember—there is not one 'right' way to respond. The person being attacked is the best judge of which options will work well for herself or himself in that situation.

Steps to take if you are a victim of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault or sexual abuse:

Get to a safe place as soon as you can. Try to preserve all physical evidence. Call the local authorities. Get medical attention as soon as possible to determine the presence of physical injury, sexually transmitted diseases, or pregnancy. Evidence to assist in criminal prosecution can also be obtained. Choosing whether or not to report the rape/assault is your right. You have a number of options:

1. If the attack happened on campus, you may report the rape/assault to the college office.
2. If the assailant is a student(s), you may file a written complaint with the college President.
3. If the attack happened off campus, you may report the rape/assault to the appropriate municipal police department.

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS BILL OF RIGHTS

1. The right of the accuser and the accused to the same opportunities to have others present during a campus disciplinary proceeding.
2. The right of the accuser and the accused to be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding involving an alleged sexual assault.
3. The right of the victimized students to be informed of their options to notify proper law enforcement authorities, and the option to be assisted by campus authorities in the notification, if the student chooses.
4. The right to access counseling services as established by other victim services.
5. The right to and notification of options for, assistance in, changing academic and living situations after an alleged sexual incident, including, but not limited to, change in class selection, taking an incomplete, rescheduling assignments, tests and papers and or/arranging for independent course completion, if possible and to change their academic living situation if such changes are reasonably available.
6. The right to have all sexual assaults against them treated with seriousness and the right as victims to be treated with dignity.
7. The right to have the sexual assault that was committed against them investigated and adjudicated by the duly constituted criminal and civil authorities of the government entity, which the crime occurred. This right includes the prompt cooperation and assistance of campus personnel in notifying the proper authorities.
8. The right to be free from suggestions that sexual assault victims do not report, or under-report, crime because:
 - A. Victims are somehow “responsible” for the commission of crimes against them.
 - B. Victims are contributory or assumed the risk of being assaulted.
 - C. By reporting crimes, they would incur unwanted personal publicity.
9. The right to require that campus personnel take the necessary steps or actions reasonably feasible to prevent unwanted contact or proximity with alleged assailants.

Gem City College will treat all complaints regarding sexual assault with the highest possible level of confidentiality.