

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*Department of Public Safety*



Annual Security Report • Crime Prevention Programs  
Traffic and Parking Regulations

## Mission

*Developing a safe and secure environment where a quality education may be achieved is the responsibility of the entire community. It is the goal of the AACC Department of Public Safety (DPS) to do everything possible to create that environment where people can learn, work and visit. We believe that one way to help create such an environment is to fully inform the campus population about issues, campus policies regarding safety and security, and the services that your campus DPS provides.*



*The department exists to support the goals of the college and to assist those who seek and impart knowledge, as well as those who provide support to the mission of the institution. Our primary responsibility is campus security and safety.*

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410-777-2440  
Emergencies 410-777-1818  
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# AACC Department of Public Safety

## **Primary Campus Security Authority**

Anne Arundel Community College works to ensure a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The Department of Public Safety is an internationally accredited agency and its personnel are commissioned by the Governor of the State of Maryland as special police officers. They have full police authority to make arrests, conduct investigations and otherwise enforce the law on all property owned or operated by the college.

The officers are formally trained and patrol the college responding to calls for service to include crimes and emergencies. They are certified in basic first aid, CPR and AED. The officers have the legal authority under Maryland law to demand identification and evidence of qualification from any person who desires to use or enter the college property. They may deny access to the buildings and grounds to persons who trespass, disrupt or disturb the normal educational functions of the institution.

The Department of Public Safety has a good working relationship with the Anne Arundel County Police Department and has a Memorandum of Understanding with them for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses occurring on college property. The college encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the Department of Public Safety at **410-777-1818**.

Public safety officers patrol the Arnold campus 24 hours a day. The office is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week. Glen Burnie Town Center; Hotel, Culinary Arts and Tourism Institute; and AACC at Arundel Mills sites are patrolled during normal operating hours. Members of the college community requesting assistance in an emergency should call **410-777-1818** or use one of the code blue emergency phones.



# DPS Services

DPS offers the following services in addition to crime prevention programs and its safety and security duties:

## **CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS**

This free service is available to the college community. DPS has certified child passenger safety technicians on staff to educate drivers about child safety seat rules and check seats for proper installation. To schedule a seat inspection, call **410-777-2440** or e-mail Sgt. Nancy Kutz, [njkut@aac.edu](mailto:njkutz@aacc.edu)

## **FATAL VISION GOGGLES**

DPS works closely with the college Substance Abuse and HIV Education office and Health Services office to educate the college community about the dangers of driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

DPS can provide Fatal Vision goggles for educational events. These goggles cause distorted vision and physical behaviors exhibited by someone under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Participants take a walking and driving test while wearing the goggles to experience the impact of drugs and/or alcohol on their ability to function behind the wheel.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost items found on the Arnold campus go to DPS in the Central Services Building; those found at AACCC at Arundel Mills and the Glen Burnie Town Center facilities should be given to DPS officers. If you have lost property, call DPS at **410-777-2440** to see if it was turned in.

If a lost item has identification on it, DPS will try to reach the owner by phone, U.S. mail, e-mail or in person. Property is kept for at least 60 days. DPS donates unclaimed items to charitable organizations. To claim property, bring photo identification to DPS on the Arnold campus.

## **VEHICLE ASSISTANCE**

DPS officers can help jump-start vehicles that have a dead battery and open vehicles that have the keys locked inside.



# Crime Prevention Programs

DPS and various campus organizations sponsor programs on personal safety and theft prevention throughout the year. DPS offers programs for students, parents, employees, new employee orientations, student organizations and community organizations.

At the beginning of each school year, DPS educates the college community on crime prevention and its security programs through exhibits and presentations. Students, faculty and staff can register their bicycles, view crime-prevention videotapes, register for Rape Aggression Defense System classes, have DPS engrave personal valuables, receive crime prevention information and brochures.

Presentations and exhibits stress a common theme: individuals are responsible for their own security and the security of others and are encouraged to report any unusual or suspicious persons or circumstance promptly to DPS. DPS crime prevention initiatives include:

## **LOT PATROL AND EVENING ESCORTS**

DPS employs students as lot patrol workers to help keep the Arnold campus parking lots, AACC at Arundel Mills parking lot and Glen Burnie Town Center parking facility safe. Lot patrol works from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. when classes are in session.

These students also can escort students and employees to and from campus buildings and parking lots after dark. They are equipped with identifying vests, flashlights and two-way radios to maintain constant contact with DPS.

To request an escort, call **410-777-1934** at AACC at Arundel Mills, **410-777-1818** or **1818** at the Arnold campus and **410-777-2573** at the Glen Burnie Town Center.

## **SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING**

DPS coordinates the "Rape Aggression Defense System" (HTH 315) course in self-defense tactics and techniques. Certified RAD instructors teach women about prevention, risk reduction, avoidance and hands-on-defense. Certified radKIDS instructors teach children ages 5-12 about personal empowerment and safety education.

DPS also offers the Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange program. SAFE provides information, tactics and considerations that may prove useful in combating abduction attempts. Information: [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/rad.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/rad.cfm)

## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION**

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 (CSCPA) provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, or employed by, higher education institutions. This act is an amendment to the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Act.

Under the law, state and local law enforcement agencies must provide colleges and universities in their jurisdiction with a list of registered sex offenders who have indicated that they are either enrolled, employed by or working at the institutions. An Anne Arundel County Police Department list of sex offenders is maintained and available at the DPS office. A list of all registered sex offenders in Maryland is available from the state Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services at [www.dpscs.state.md.us](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us) or from the county police department by writing: Attn: Central Records Manager, 8495 Veterans Hwy, Millersville MD 21108.

The CSCPA amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to clarify that nothing in the act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders. To view the complete AACC Policy on Sex Offenders, see the college catalog or visit [www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm)

## SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

AACC educates the college community about sexual assaults and date rape through a variety of classes and workshops. DPS offers educational programs to students and employees on request. Literature on date rape education, risk reduction and the college's response is available through DPS and the Health Services office.

If you are a victim of sexual assault at AACC, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. DPS strongly advocates that victims report the incident as soon as possible. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. Report an assault directly to any DPS officer. For confidential reporting procedures and the silent witness program, see page 11.

Filing a report does not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a report will:

- Ensure that a victim receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no cost;
- Provide an opportunity to collect evidence helpful in prosecution that cannot be obtained later (ideally, a victim should not wash, douche, use the toilet or change clothes until after 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 victim contacts DPS, it notifies the Anne Arundel County Police Department. A county police officer will respond and conduct an investigation. The victim may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system, the college's Student Code of Conduct, or both. DPS will provide information and resources to victims to help them make informed decisions about the incident. Counseling is available from the college Health Services office and the college employee assistance program. Contact the Anne Arundel County Sexual Assault Crisis Center, **410-222-7273**, for counseling and support resources beyond AACC.

College disciplinary proceedings will allow the accused and the victim to have an adviser or support person present during the hearing. Both the victim and accused will be informed in writing of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating the college's Sexual Assault Policy could be suspended or expelled. Student victims have the option to change their academic situation after an alleged sexual assault, if such changes are reasonably available.

## TIMELY WARNINGS

The director of public safety will issue a campuswide warning if a situation arises, either on or off campus, that the director believes poses an ongoing or continuing threat. The warning will go out via the college e-mail and text messaging system to students, faculty and staff. DPS will also post a notice at the entrance of each college academic and administrative building to alert the college community. In cases involving a sexual offense, DPS shall issue timely warnings without using the names of individuals involved.

## WHISTLE DEFENSE PROGRAM

Obtain a metal whistle at the DPS office to use while walking to or from parking lots on campus or at off-campus AACC sites. If you see a crime in progress or are attacked, blow the whistle to attract attention. If you hear a whistle, call DPS immediately. Information:

**[www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/whistle.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/whistle.cfm)**



# Security and Access to Campus Facilities

DPS works closely with college facilities and risk management staff to identify and correct any potential landscaping and maintenance problems that could affect AACC security and safety. If you see a possible hazard, such as an area needing better lighting, alert the DPS office.

## **AFTER-HOURS ACCESS**

AACC is closed from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. daily and during official college holidays. Only faculty and staff are permitted after-hours entry to college buildings and facilities; such entries are documented. Employees may call DPS at **1818** from a campus emergency phone or **410-777-1818** to request access.

An instructor or professor must be present for students to remain in a classroom after the building closes.

## **COLLEGE CLOSINGS**

When the administration decides to close the campus because of severe weather or other emergency conditions, DPS notifies local radio and TV stations to run closing announcements.

When severe weather or other emergency conditions occur, the quickest and most reliable source of information is via text messaging. Sign up for text messaging at **www.aacc.edu/stayinformed**. Other options are tuning into local radio or TV stations for closing announcements, checking **myaacc.aacc.edu** or calling the college STARS phone system, **410-777-2241**.

Listen for specific mention of the college since it may not close when county public schools do. If public schools close for inclement weather or emergencies, all classes at public school locations are canceled. When the college closes, all classes at off-campus sites are canceled.

**Scheduled closings at Anne Arundel County public schools** – When county public schools schedule closings, AACC classes at these schools will meet: Annapolis High, Brooklyn Park Middle, Centers of Applied Technology North and South, Glen Burnie High, Meade Middle and Severna Park High schools.

## AACC Policies

The AACC Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of having policies that help to define priorities for the college. Many college policies have evolved over time and serve the best interests/preserve the fiduciary responsibility of the board and document compliance with various regulations. The president, working with the board, is in the process of reviewing, refining and updating the college's institutional policies to ensure that they meet the needs of the board and the college.

An oversight committee was established last year to guide the work of reviewing college policies. Working through this oversight committee, the Board of Trustees will continue to review these policies, make recommendations and officially implement them. New policies may also be introduced during this process, as appropriate.

Sixty days after the board adopts the new policies, they become official. These policies will be posted on the college Web site. If you have any questions regarding the policies, please contact Public Relations and Marketing at **410-777-2341**.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE**

AACC is committed to providing and maintaining an environment for faculty, staff and students that is drug-free, healthy, safe and secure. Faculty, staff and students are expected and required to report each day in an appropriate mental and physical condition, free of any illegal drugs and alcohol and capable of fulfilling their daily duties.

The college recognizes drug and alcohol dependency as an illness and a major health problem affecting society as well as a potential health, safety and security problem. AACC has established a substance abuse education program that addresses prevention, detection and treatment. Policy violators shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, in accordance with college policies and procedures, and may also be subject to criminal prosecution.

The college Substance Abuse Education brochure available online and distributed to students and employees outlines federal, state and local laws and provides information on the harmful effects of using or abusing drugs and alcohol. It also contains information on community-based agencies that offer assistance in treating this illness.

For the complete policy, see the college catalog or visit [www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm). The brochure Abuser/Abused is available at [www.aacc.edu/substanceabuse](http://www.aacc.edu/substanceabuse).

## **SEX OFFENDERS**

AACC practices an open door admissions policy. However, some restrictions exist for applicants who are currently enrolled in high school, are younger than 16 or are not U.S. citizens. In addition, AACC requires individuals who are listed on the national Sex Offender Registry or the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Sex Offender Registry to register with required local and state agencies and inform DPS and the dean of student services' office when they enroll.

An Anne Arundel County Police Department list of sex offenders is maintained and available at the DPS office. In addition, a list of all registered sex offenders in Maryland is available from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services at [www.dpsc.state.md.us](http://www.dpsc.state.md.us) or from the county police.

For the complete policy, see the college catalog or visit [www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm)

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT**

AACC prohibits and will not tolerate sexual offenses by an employee, student or participant in a college-sponsored program or by an individual present on college premises. Sexual offenses are defined as nonconsensual physical conduct of a sexual nature, whether with a member of the same gender or the opposite gender.

Sexual offenses also constitute an act of sexual harassment. Anyone who has knowledge of an alleged incident of a sexual offense shall immediately inform Karen L. Cook, Esq., AACC's federal compliance manager, at **410-777-7370** or Maryland Relay **711**.

For the complete policy, which includes information on aid to victims, enforcement, procedures and educational programs, see the college catalog or visit [www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/aboutaacc/policies.cfm)

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Anne Arundel Community College is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment free from all forms of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment by any employee, student and/or any individual who conducts business on behalf of the college is prohibited.

Sexual harassment is unwanted sexual contact, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and/or other unwanted communications or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Direct or implied threats that submission to sexual advances will be a condition of employment, work status, promotion, grades or letters of recommendations;
- Unwelcome physical contact, including unnecessary touching, patting, hugging or brushing against a person's body;
- Inappropriate or unwelcome sexual remarks about a person's clothing, body or sexual relations;
- The display in the workplace or classroom of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, posters, cartoons and like items which are without defensible educational purpose;
- Inappropriate or unwelcome conversation, jokes or stories of a sexual nature; and
- Inappropriate or unwelcome remarks about one's gender or sexual orientation.

Preventing and reporting sexual harassment are the responsibilities of the entire college community. Anne Arundel Community College encourages all employees and students who believe they have been or are being subjected to sexual harassment or who are aware of an instance of sexual harassment to pursue the appropriate course of action.

The president or his/her designee shall, and is hereby authorized to, develop, implement, maintain, and keep current an educational, informational, and compliance program consistent with this policy. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the president, or his/her designee, to develop and establish appropriate procedures to implement and enforce this policy.

## **SMOKING POLICY**

The college prohibits smoking in any indoor campus location and within 25 feet of all entranceways to college buildings.

The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the president, or his/her designee, to develop and establish appropriate procedures to implement and enforce this policy.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT CODE**

Students shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates mutual respect and courtesy, displays appropriate standards of behavior and refrains from any actions or inactions that impinge on the rights of others or disrupt the teaching and/or learning process or the operations of the college. A student found in violation of this policy or any other college policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions in accordance with the student conduct procedures.

The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the president, or her/his designee, to develop and establish appropriate procedures to implement and enforce this policy.

## **WEAPONS POLICY**

No student, faculty, staff or visitor shall possess, keep, use, display or transport any weapon whatsoever, including but not limited to a rifle, shotgun, handgun, pellet or BB gun, stun gun, taser gun, knife, sword, billy club, makeshift or facsimile weapon, explosive, martial arts weapon, e.g. nanchuku, or any other instrument capable of inflicting physical harm, by any means, on any property or in any building owned, leased or used by the college or in any vehicle on college property.

Instruments required for use in college-sponsored activities, courses or employment, in accordance with approved procedural guidelines, are excluded from this policy. The president, or his/her designee, shall compile, maintain and keep current an inventory of such college-authorized usages.

This policy shall not apply to any federal, state or local law enforcement officer or college public safety officer authorized to wear, carry or transport a weapon on college property.

The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the president, or his/her designee, to develop and establish appropriate procedures to implement and enforce this policy.

## AACC Procedures

### **CRIME ALERTS**

Crime and safety alerts are posted online at [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/Crime\\_Alerts.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/Crime_Alerts.cfm) or available at the DPS office.

### **CRIME REPORTING**

DPS encourages accurate and prompt reporting of crimes and incidents. Call **410-777-1818** from any outside phone or ext. **1818** from a campus phone or emergency phone. An officer will respond immediately to your call, take a report and, if necessary, notify the Anne Arundel County Police Department to investigate.

If you are a victim or witness to a crime at an off-campus location, call 911. The county police will respond and take a report. The county police monitor crimes occurring at all off-campus class locations and forward monthly reports to DPS.

**Confidential Reporting Procedures** – If you are a crime victim but don't want to pursue action through the college or criminal justice systems, consider making a confidential report to DPS or any of the following AACC administrators or filing a Silent Witness report. These reports are important. They help AACC have the most accurate picture of campus crime so DPS can respond appropriately to minimize risk for others. Incidents are included in the annual crime statistics report.

To make a confidential report, talk to DPS or any AACC dean or assistant dean, the director of student life or director of counseling, advising and retention services, AACC Health Services staff, intercollegiate athletics trainers and coaches.

The Silent Witness program is an anonymous way to report crimes at AACC through the DPS Web site. If you see a crime occurring on or off campus and would like to report it, fill out the form at [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/form/SilentWitness.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/form/SilentWitness.cfm). Your identity on the e-mail is displayed as "anonymous" and cannot be traced.

### **DAILY CRIME LOG**

DPS maintains a daily online crime log that lists crimes reported to or by DPS by classification, case number, date, time, general location and disposition. The log is available at the DPS office or online at [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/Daily\\_Crime\\_Log.cfm](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/Daily_Crime_Log.cfm).

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

### Immediate Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

In the event of an incident which poses an immediate threat to members of the AACC community, the college has systems in place to communicate information quickly to everyone concerned. The college can use network e-mails, emergency text messages sent to a cell phone or PDA (sign up for this service at [www.aacc.edu/stay-informed](http://www.aacc.edu/stay-informed)), emergency messages that scroll across college-owned computer screens and emergency messages broadcast on phones in classrooms and conference rooms. The college will post updates during a critical incident on the college's website. Members of the larger community interested in receiving information about emergencies on campus should sign up for the emergency text message system and visit the college website for updates.

The college publicizes emergency response and evacuation procedures on an annual basis in a manner designed to reach students and staff through the college catalog, public safety website and the MYACC website.

The college tests its emergency response and evacuation procedures on an annual basis. The emergency notification system is tested at the beginning of the fall, spring and summer terms.

### Immediate Notification

All members of the AACC community are notified on an annual basis that they are required to notify the AACC Department of Public Safety (AACCDPS) of any situation or incident on campus that involves a significant emergency or dangerous situation that may involve an immediate or ongoing threat to the health and safety of students and/or employees on campus. Public safety has the responsibility of responding – and summoning the necessary resources – to mitigate, investigate and document any situation that may cause a significant emergency or dangerous situation. In addition, the department has a responsibility to respond to such incidents to determine if the situation does pose a threat to the community. In case of a threat, federal law requires that the institution immediately notify the campus community or the appropriate segments of the community that may be affected by the situation.

AACCDPS will inform the college, or the appropriate portion of the community if the problem is limited to a particular building or segment of the population, of any threat. The department will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notice and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of the first responders (including, but not limited to: AACC Department of Public Safety, the Anne Arundel County Police Department, the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services), compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

**Contacting Students on Campus** – If there is an emergency that requires notification of a student, call DPS. Staffers will locate the student if they agree the situation requires immediate action.

**Emergency Phone System** – Reach a DPS dispatcher 24 hours a day using the free emergency phone system. Phones are attached to stainless steel phone towers (blue or red) or wall-mounted units (blue, red, yellow and silver) with strobe lights on the Arnold campus, at AACC at Arundel Mills and the Glen Burnie Town Center Arundel Center North. Push a single button for immediate connection to the dispatcher to report emergencies, crimes, medical problems, car trouble, suspicious persons or activities, lost and found items, to request an escort to your vehicle at night, for information or to seek building or room access after hours or on weekends.

**Medical Emergencies** – To report a medical emergency on campus, call **1818** using the emergency phone system. Give detailed information regarding the nature and location of the incident. DPS will dispatch appropriate medical assistance. To report a medical emergency off campus, call **911**.

# Annual Crime Statistics

DPS prepares this annual report in cooperation with the Anne Arundel County Police Department, which is the local law enforcement agency providing service to the college, and distributes the report in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. A copy of this report is available online at [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/file/AnnualSecurityReport.pdf](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety/file/AnnualSecurityReport.pdf) and at the DPS office.

The act requires the college to publish crime and arrest statistics on specific offenses and for designated locations. These statistics include those reported to DPS, designated campus security authorities and local law enforcement agencies. Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students, faculty and staff that provides the Web site to access this report. The following definitions explain information in the chart of statistics, which appears on page 13.

## **GEOGRAPHIC CRIME LOCATION**

### **On Campus**

- Any building or property owned or controlled by AACC 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, including residence halls; and
- Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to AACC 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.

**NOTE:** AACC does not have residence halls.

### **Noncampus Building or Property**

- Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by AACC; or
- Any building or property owned or controlled by AACC that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the college's educational purposes, is frequently used by students and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the instruction.

### **On 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.

## **DEFINING AND CLASSIFYING CRIMES**

The following are listed in the order they appear in the chart on page 13.

**Murder, non-negligent manslaughter:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Manslaughter by negligence:** The killing of another person through gross negligence.

### **Sexual offense**

#### ***Forcible***

- *Forcible fondling* – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where victims are incapable of giving consent because of their youth or because of temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

- *Forcible rape* – The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where victims are incapable of giving consent because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity or because of their youth.
- *Forcible sodomy* – Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where victims are incapable of giving consent because of their youth or temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- *Sexual assault with an object* – The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will; or not forcibly or against the person’s will where victims are incapable of giving consent because of their youth or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

**Nonforcible: Unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse**

- *Incest* – Nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees where marriage is prohibited by law.
- *Statutory rape* – Nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

**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 on 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.

**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:** AACC must report any of these offenses and any other crime involving bodily injury reported to local police agencies or to a campus security authority if there is evidence victims were intentionally selected because of their actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin or disability.

**Motor vehicle theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

**Liquor law violations:** Violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and all attempts to commit any of the above.

**Drug law violations:** Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. Substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (demerol, methadone) and dangerous nonnarcotic drugs (barbiturates, benzedrine).

**Weapon possession:** The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc., silencers; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the above crimes.

# REPORT CRIMES AND INCIDENTS • 410-777-1818

## ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE NUMBER OF REPORTED OFFENSES – 2009 • 2010 • 2011

CRIME LOCATION TYPE OF OFFENSE	ON CAMPUS			NONCAMPUS (GBTC)			PUBLIC PROPERTY			NONCAMPUS (AMIL)		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
Murder, Non-negligent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offense, Forcible	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offense, Nonforcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>(Hate crimes can include all of the above categories as well as larceny, assault, intimidation, vandalism, destruction or damage to property.)</i>												
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Liquor Law Violation Referral	2	1	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violation Referral	16	8	10	0	0	0	2	0	5	1	0	0
Weapon Possession Referral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Larceny	42	52	65	2	2	1	8	5	24	3	0	0
*Assaults	3	2	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
*Forgery/Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
*Receiving Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Vandalism	67	28	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Driving Under the Influence	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Disorderly Conduct	3	38	9	0	0	3	0	5	2	1	0	0
*Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Indecent Exposure	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Other Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
*Traffic Accidents	84	79	91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* The law does not require the college to publish these crime statistics. However, we believe it is important to inform students and employees of unlawful activity on campus.

GBTC — Glen Burnie Town Center

AMIL — AACC at Arundel Mills

# Traffic and Parking Regulations

All provisions of Maryland Vehicle Law, Rules of the Road – Title 21, Section 101.1(2) apply to traffic on AACC roads, driveways, paths, parking facilities and grounds. DPS is authorized to enforce AACC traffic and parking regulations. Parking or driving a motor vehicle on campus is a privilege.

Flagrant violations of AACC parking and traffic regulations may result in the loss of the privilege to operate or park a vehicle on campus.

County ordinances and state laws relating to motor vehicles are also enforced on campus. The campus speed limit is 15 mph; however, there are sections of campus where the speed limit is posted at 25 mph. Also, watch for pedestrians who may be crossing roads.

## **EMPLOYEE VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

Employees must register the vehicles they park on campus, including motorcycles and scooters, with DPS for each academic year (Sept. 1-Aug. 31) regardless of vehicle ownership. DPS will issue a free parking permit that must be displayed on the vehicle's rearview mirror.

Do not deface or alter parking permits in any manner. Securing or using a permit through misrepresentation or fraud will result in the loss of parking privileges. The employee who registers a vehicle is responsible for any violation involving the vehicle. Having a permit does not guarantee use of a campus parking space. Lack of space is not considered a valid excuse for violating parking regulations.

## **PARKING REGULATIONS**

AACC does not guarantee a parking space for students or accept liability for damages sustained to vehicles using college parking facilities. Irresponsibility regarding traffic and parking regulations may result in a citation, restriction, suspension and/or towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense.

- Park vehicles only in clearly designated lined legal parking spaces.
- Student parking is permitted during weekday business hours in any space in lots A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and the C overflow lot excluding the following areas:
  - Those posted or marked by yellow curbs as reserved for the physically disabled, loading zones, visitors and motorcycle parking.
  - Areas posted as reserved for faculty/staff or reserved (numbered spaces).
  - Areas marked by cones or other temporary markings as being reserved.
- Exceptions: Students may park in reserved (numbered spaces) after 5 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends. Students may park in faculty/staff spaces after 7 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends.

## **HANDICAP PARKING**

It is against college policy and Maryland Vehicle Law to use a handicap placard or handicap registration plates issued to another person unless that person is in the vehicle.

- The number of handicap parking spaces on campus is limited. Do not use these spaces unless you have a handicap placard or plates issued in your name, the person to whom they were issued is in the vehicle or you have received a special college handicap permit from DPS.

- The law states that placards must be displayed on the vehicle's rearview mirror and the person issued the placard/plates must carry the application for the permit with them. The law and college policy give enforcement authority to police and DPS officers. If the person asked cannot produce the application or the application is in the name of someone not present, the officer will advise the person to move the vehicle from the handicap space. Anyone who violates provisions of this law is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine.
- DPS asks students and staff issued handicap placards or handicap plates to bring the application for the permit to DPS for verification.
- DPS can issue special college handicap permits on a temporary basis to faculty, staff and students with physical disabilities who lack state-issued handicap plates or placards. A physician's written statement is required.

## **METERED AREAS**

The metered parking areas along Ring Road and in front of the Student Services Center and the Florestano Building on the Arnold campus are for short-term parking only. The cost is 25 cents for every 15 minutes. Metered parking is enforced 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

## **NO PARKING AREAS**

Parking is prohibited on the grass, at intersections, crosswalks, sidewalks, posted bus zones, posted no-parking zones, fire lanes, fire hydrants, areas not designated as a parking space and all areas marked by yellow or red curbs.

## **TOWING**

AACC reserves the right to remove any vehicle on campus parked in a driveway, fire lane, blocking a loading dock or trash dumpster, or illegally parked in such a way as to constitute a hazard to vehicular and pedestrian traffic or to the movement or operation of emergency equipment. The owner is responsible for towing and storage costs. The college is not responsible for any damage to a towed vehicle.



# Violations

## **\$10 FINE**

- ◆ Parking on grass
- ◆ Parking at expired meter
- ◆ Parking over the line (marked boundary) of a parking space
- ◆ Failure to register a vehicle designated for the physically disabled with DPS

## **\$25 FINE**

- ◆ Displaying an expired, lost, stolen or revoked permit
- ◆ Parking in a reserved or faculty/staff space
- ◆ Parking in a loading zone
- ◆ Parking or driving on a walkway
- ◆ Parking in an area designated no parking any time
- ◆ Failure to park in a designated parking space
- ◆ Parking at yellow curb
- ◆ Parking in a space designated for the physically disabled
- ◆ Improper use of a handicap placard/registration
- ◆ Parking in a fire lane
- ◆ Blocking a fire hydrant
- ◆ Disregarding one-way sign
- ◆ Exceeding the posted speed limit
- ◆ Failure to yield to a pedestrian
- ◆ Driving in an unsafe manner
- ◆ Failure to stop at a stop sign
- ◆ Driving or parking against traffic flow
- ◆ Failure to drive on the traveled portion of the road
- ◆ Crossing a double yellow line to pass
- ◆ Unattended vehicle left in operation
- ◆ Obstructing traffic

**Payment and Penalties** – Fines are due within 28 calendar days of the issued citation. Pay fines at the Cashier's office in Student Services Center Room 120. A \$10 late penalty is assessed beginning the 29th day and assessed again every 14 days until the fine is paid or a maximum fine of \$100 is reached.

Unless all fines are paid, a student will not be permitted to register, graduate or receive transcripts. Employees who don't pay fines may lose campus parking privileges.

Campus visitors who receive a citation can avoid a fine by taking the ticket to the DPS office or returning it to the college office they were visiting. The college office will then forward it immediately with an explanation to the DPS office.

**Appeals** – Anne Arundel Community College citations can be appealed by going to [www.aacc.edu/publicsafety](http://www.aacc.edu/publicsafety) within 14 days from the date the citation was issued. Once at the website click on Traffic Appeals and complete the appeals application. The appeal will be reviewed by the AACCDPS appeal's officer. After the citation is evaluated, a final decision of either "Granted" or "Denied" will be electronically submitted to the email address provided on the appeal form.

If an initial appeal is denied and you believe there were extenuating circumstances not taken into consideration, you may file a second and final appeal to the Traffic Appeal Committee. This appeal must be in writing and received in the DPS office within 14 calendar days from the date of the initial denial email. A copy of the denial email must accompany the second appeal.

If the committee denies your appeal, you have 14 calendar days from the date of the second denial letter to pay the fine or late fees will be added. If not paid, a "Business Office Hold" will be placed on the student or employee account. Final authority rests with this committee.

Address any complaints or questions concerning the appeal process to the vice president for Learning Resources Management, **410-777-2411**.



## Community Service Unit

The Community Service Unit (CSU) conducts Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RAD) classes. This is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women which begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing onto the basics of hands-on defense training. It is taught at more than 600 colleges and universities in the country.

Two radKIDS classes also were taught in 2011. This is a personal awareness and safety education class for children. The program combines risk reduction education and physical defense training in hopes of preventing the abduction of children.

CSU conducts inspections and installations of child safety seats. Since AACC is a commuter college, almost everyone who drives to the college has or knows someone with children. Providing this life-saving service to the children of the college community and the county is a great opportunity for the department to reach out and protect the youngest members of our community.



# Crime Prevention Tips

## **AT AACC ...**

- Keep your purse, cell phone, books, backpack and other valuables with you at all times.
- Do not leave your phone number or address visible.

## **OUT AND ABOUT ...**

- Whenever walking or driving, stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Wear comfortable clothing that allows easy movement.
- Walk with confidence and show you are in control.
- Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, it's not.
- Walk with a friend and stay in well-lighted areas. Don't take shortcuts.
- Always lock your vehicle and roll up the windows when you drive and park.  
Place valuables in the trunk or out of sight.
- When approaching your vehicle, have the key ready and look into the vehicle before entering.  
Once inside, lock the doors.
- If you think someone is following you, don't go home. Go to the nearest police or fire department, gas station or other well-lighted populated place.
- Don't pick up hitchhikers. Don't hitchhike.
- Carry a cell phone for added safety.

## **AT WORK AT AACC ...**

- Always lock your office door when you leave, even if you will be away briefly.
- Never leave your office keys in sight.
- Lock your valuables in a desk or cabinet out of sight.
- If you see anyone suspicious, contact the DPS immediately.
- If you are working late, ask for a DPS escort to your vehicle or leave with another employee.
- Always make sure the windows and exterior doors are locked securely when leaving.

# Crime Prevention Self-Test

1. Do you know how to contact the DPS office on campus, off campus or by an emergency telephone?
2. Are you familiar with DPS services such as jump-starting cars that have dead batteries? Emergency notifications? Escort service? Helping retrieve keys locked inside vehicles? Lost and found?
3. Do you think your office has adequate locks that can be used as security measures?
4. Do you have an area in your office to lock up your valuables?
5. Do you mark your valuables with an identifiable number and record these or serial numbers, keeping a copy for your records?
6. Do you request identification of persons who say they are workers or repair persons and want to enter your area?
7. Do you keep track of the office, house and/or vehicle keys in your possession, storing them in a secure place and not giving them to unauthorized persons?
8. Do you place valuables out of sight or in your trunk and lock your vehicle when you leave?
9. Do you walk only in well-lighted areas and in groups at night?
10. Have you made any recommendations yet to help reduce property losses in your work area?
11. Do you know the locations of emergency phones near your class or office?
12. Do you know how, and to whom, you would report burned-out lights or broken locks?
13. Do you know the location of all fire exits in your building?
14. Do you have your vehicle or house key in hand as you approach your vehicle or home?
15. Do you check the back seat and floor of your locked vehicle before entering?
16. Do you avoid displaying large amounts of cash or valuables?
17. Do you think campus parking areas are well-lighted?

**If unsure of the answers to any of these questions,  
call DPS!**



The Anne Arundel Community College's Department of Public Safety is internationally accredited through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA).

On September 26, 2008, the Anne Arundel Community College Department of Public Safety received its initial international accreditation and became the first community college in the country to receive this distinction from IACLEA.

The overall purpose of the accreditation program is to improve delivery of public safety service through compliance with 205 standards, developed by law enforcement and public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date law enforcement and public safety topics. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence.

IACLEA currently represents over 1,200 colleges and universities located in twenty countries. Its purpose is to make college and university law enforcement and public safety departments more professional by providing educational resources, an accreditation program and professional development programs.

In December 2011, after a lengthy process, the Anne Arundel Community College Department of Public Safety successfully attained its first reaccreditation.

The period of accredited status for the Department is three years. During this time, the agency must submit annual reports that document continuing compliance with applicable standards. The achievement of accreditation for the department has resulted in improvements in structure, leadership, organization, general direction and accountability. The process of intensive self-assessment has united the department in its commitment to serve the college community through well-written policies and procedures, objective management and conscious recognition of the need for public safety professionalism.





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