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### **College Overview (1)**

York College's Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings owned or controlled by York College; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters.

The college, a component of The City University of New York, is committed to academic excellence through teaching and learning, research and scholarship. It envisions service to a student body that reflects the unparalleled cultural diversity and richness of Queens and the New York metropolitan area, and to the communities in which they live. It seeks to develop habits of inquiry and communication that promote these ideas of intellectual and personal growth by embodying them in human relations within the College.

# York College Mission

As a senior college of The City University of New York, York College is committed to the University mission of "teaching, research, and public service" responsive to "the special needs of an urban constituency." The College offers baccalaureate degrees in the liberal arts and the sciences, as well as in a variety of professional programs such as accounting, business, computer studies, education, health, and social work, as well as a graduate program in occupational therapy. It maximizes each student's intellectual, professional, and personal growth by integrating studies in liberal arts and sciences, professions, knowledge of diverse cultures, and technology. It meets changing social and intellectual needs by developing undergraduate and graduate programs from its established academic strengths. The College aims to graduate students poised to meet new demands and provide leadership for human progress.

The College supports the professional growth of its faculty and staff and serves as a resource for continued advancement of the broader community. It calls upon all members of the York community to commit themselves to scholarship and learning, respect for individuals and individual differences, just and fair treatment of others, open and direct communication, ethical behavior, and involvement in the life of the College.

The campus is located in Queens, a borough of New York City with a population of approximately 2.3 million. The campus is situated on a 50 acre site and comprised of 5 buildings located on or contiguous to the campus.

The college enrolls approximately 8,500 degree program students who attend day and evening classes. In addition, the college, through the Office of Continuing Education serves in excess of two thousand multi-cultural individuals during the academic year.

The college employs approximately 750 full-time faculty /staff and 1,000 part-time/adjunct staff members.

## **Crime Reporting Procedure**

Faculty, staff, students, and others who may be on campus or on the contiguous geographic perimeter of the campus are encouraged to promptly report any past crime, attempted crime, or actual criminal activity to the Department of Public Safety. The department will expeditiously respond to the condition reported and make necessary notifications to the local police precinct. Criminal activities, as well as other emergencies, can be reported by:

- 1. Calling the Department of Public Safety's emergency telephone line (718) 262-2222 or Extension 2222 may be dialed within the college's telephone system.
- 2. Using the Emergency Assistance "red phones" located at various sites throughout the campus.

- 3. Reporting the information to any member of the Department of Public Safety or in person at the Public Safety Office located in 1M02 in the Academic Core Building.
- 4. All counselors are strongly encouraged when they deem it appropriate to inform the persons they are counseling of any procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics.
- 5. Victims or witnesses may report crimes to persons designated as Campus Security Authorities, who will then forward only the report of the crime without divulging the name of victim or witness to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the annual crime report. The College recognizes the importance of confidentiality to victims and witnesses of crimes. For the purposes of providing crime statistics pursuant to the Campus Security Act in the College's annual crime report, victim and witness information will remain anonymous. However, complete confidentiality cannot be guaranteed in all other contexts. The College reserves the right to notify the police when it believes that such reporting is necessary for the protection of the College community. In many cases, however, that notification will be done without divulging the victim's identity and will be done only for the purpose of providing a campus-wide safety alert.
- 6. In the event that the situation you observe or are involved in is of an extreme or life-threatening nature, call 911, the New York City Police Department's emergency phone number. If you make a 911 call please also notify the Department of Public Safety. They will also respond to assist and direct the police and other emergency personnel to the reported emergency.

# Public Safety and Security Services (3)

York College's main campus grounds, the contiguous geographic perimeter of the main campus, the off-campus sites, the entry gates, and the parking areas are patrolled on a 24-hour basis by Public Safety Officers. Public Safety Officers are sworn law enforcement/NYS Peace Officers under Criminal Procedure Law 2.10 subsection 79 and have the power to make arrests.

At York College, incidents of a criminal nature that are reported to a Campus Peace Officer are referred via the complainant to the NYPD. The City University of New York and York College have Memorandums of Understanding with the NYPD for emergency, non emergency and investigative response. The department consists of 27 Peace Officers assigned to patrol the campus.

Additionally, the college employs 26 part-time and one full-time Campus Security Assistants who are assigned to parking lots and other fixed posts. Campus Security Assistants are licensed as NYS Licensed Security Guards and do not have arrest powers (outside of the powers of a private citizen).

The department also employs 30 contract security guards (NYS Licensed Security Guards) from Andrews International Security Company who are also assigned to parking lots and fixed posts.

The Public Safety Department also oversees the electronic video surveillance monitoring system that protects various buildings as well as the fire alarm response system. Supplementing these campus security systems are Emergency Help Call Buttons that have been installed in administrative offices and Emergency Assistance "red phones" that are conspicuously located on campus grounds.

# Off-Campus Organizations Crimes and Safety Hazard Monitoring (4)

The college does not have any recognized off-campus student organizations or housing facilities.

# **Campus Security Authorities (5)**

The following persons are designated as Campus Security Authorities:

- Vice President of Student Development Dr. Janis Jones 718-262-2152
- Director of Athletics Ronald St. John 718-262-5115
- Provost Dr. Ivelaw Griffith 718-262-2780
- President's Office A-Core Room 2H02 718-262-2350
- Human Resources A-Core Room 2H01 718-262-2135
- Counseling Office A-Core Room 1G02 718-262-2272

Members of the college community may also make reports of crimes and security incidents to these officials. Each year, the Public Safety Department requests data via official letter request from these authorities for inclusion in this report.

## **Emergency Notification & Response (6)**

The college participates in the University-wide CUNYALERT System. Upon activation by the college, this system sends messages during emergency events via email, text message and telephone (land-line/cellular). This system is tested monthly for administrative users and one (1) full scale test of the system to all users (students/faculty/staff) annually. New students and employees are also provided with information on signing up for CUNYALERT at orientations. A notification will be sent upon confirmation of a significant emergency (unless such notification presents an undue safety risk).

The college conducts evacuation and fire drills three (3) times per year. During theses drills, building occupants are familiarized with campus evacuation procedures. Each building has assigned fire/evacuation floor wardens who provided training and direction to the college community during drills and actual emergency events.

## Public Safety Awareness & Crime Prevention Programs (7)

The Department of Public Safety issues safety alert bulletins when deemed necessary and provides Timely Warning Notices (paper/electronic form) to the campus community when serious crimes occur in areas on or near the campus. The department maintains a relationship with the New York City police precincts that are responsible for the public safety of the campus and its surrounding areas. All persons reporting crimes to the Department of Public Safety are encouraged to promptly report the incident to the local police precinct concerned. A record of each report made to the local precincts is maintained as part of the Public Safety Department's annual statistical report.

All Members of the college community are encouraged to attend crime prevention seminars that are conducted by the New York City Police Department\_and the Department of Public Safety. Crime prevention seminars are scheduled each semester and members of the college community are encouraged to actively participate in their own safety and the safety of others. All incoming students receive information about campus crime prevention programs during initial orientation meetings scheduled every six months.

Along with the Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Campus Facilities, and Physical Plant Services, the Director of Public Safety conducts on-going reviews of campus grounds and facilities. Special emphasis is placed on the need to ensure safe accessibility to buildings with special attention to landscape hazards as well as inadequate lighting.

All public safety personnel, while on patrol, report potential safety and security hazards as well as entry door problems and elevator malfunctions.

## Access to College Facilities (8)

A security officer monitors access to all York College buildings. Students, staff and faculty must exhibit college identification at all entrances when they are entering. Those persons entering campus buildings without college I.D. must show valid identification (preferably with a photo) and sign in. To enhance access security the following policy is also in effect:

- College ID cards should be worn while on campus and shown when requested by an administration, faculty or security staff.
- Access and departure are allowed only at authorized entrances.
- Non-college members or other unauthorized persons are not permitted to loiter on campus.
- Campus buildings are to be vacated an hour after the last class has concluded, except for during special events.
- Emergency doors are not to be opened to allow anyone access.
- ID cards are not transferable and should not be given to another person.
- Lost or stolen ID cards are to be immediately reported to the Security Office.
- Persons authorized to remain on campus (working, studying) should inform the Security Office supervisor ahead of time.

Access for Elected Members of the Student Government.: A list of these students will be kept in the Security Office. Students who wish to access into the Academic Core Bldg. after normal hours of operation for the completion of college-related projects must notify the Security Office prior to the time they wish to enter the building. Students will enter and exit through the Liberty Avenue entrance. They will be required to sign in and out.

York College has no resident buildings.

# **University Policy Relating to Drugs and Alcohol (9)**

The City University of New York is an institution committed to promoting the physical, intellectual, and social development of all individuals. As such, CUNY seeks to prevent the abuse of drugs and alcohol, which can adversely impact performance and threaten the health and safety of students, employees, their families, and the general public. CUNY complies with all federal, state, and local laws concerning the unlawful possession, use, and distribution of drugs and alcohol. The following standards of conduct are in effect at CUNY:

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of drugs or alcohol by anyone, on CUNY property (including residence halls), in CUNY buses or vans, or at CUNY-sponsored activities, is prohibited. In addition, CUNY employees are prohibited from illegally providing drugs or alcohol to CUNY students. Finally, no student may possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any CUNY residence hall, regardless of whether the student is of lawful age.

Students are expected to comply with the CUNY and college policies with respect to drugs and alcohol. Any student found in violation may be subject to disciplinary action under Article 15 of the CUNY Board of Trustees Bylaws, which may result in sanctions up to and including expulsion from the University. In addition, any student who resides in a CUNY residence hall and who is found to have violated any CUNY or college policy with respect to drugs and alcohol may be subject to sanctions under the CUNY Residence Hall Disciplinary Procedures, up to and including expulsion from the residence hall.

Any employee hound to have violated the CUNY policy may be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with the procedures set forth in applicable CUNY policies, rules, regulations, and collective bargaining agreements. Sanctions may include reprimand, suspension without pay or termination.

#### Weapons Policy (10)

No one within the University community (including visitors), except Campus Peace Officers, pursuant to authorization of the College President, shall have in his/her possession a rifle, shotgun, firearm, or any other dangerous instrument or material that can be used to inflict bodily harm on an individual or damage to a building or the grounds of the campus.

#### College Regulations / Code of Conduct (11)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 129-A OF THE EDUCATION LAW (THE "HENDERSON RULES.")

The tradition of the University as a sanctuary of academic freedom and center of informed discussion is an honored one, to be guarded vigilantly. The basic significance of that sanctuary lies in the protection of intellectual freedom: the rights of professors to teach, of scholars to engage in the advancement of knowledge, of students to learn and to express their views, free from external pressures or interference. These freedoms can nourish only in an atmosphere of mutual respect, civility, and trust among teachers and students, only when members of the University community are willing to accept self-restraint and reciprocity as the condition upon which they share in its intellectual autonomy.

Academic freedom and the sanctuary of the University campus extend to all who share these aims and responsibilities. They cannot be invoked by those who would subordinate intellectual freedom to political ends, or who violate the norms of conduct established to protect that freedom.

Against such offenders the University has the right, and indeed the obligation, to defend itself.

We accordingly announce the following rules and regulations to be in effect at each of our colleges which are to be administered in accordance with the requirements of due process as provided in the Bylaws of the Board of Higher Education.

With respect to enforcement of these rules and regulations we note that the Bylaws of the Board of Higher Education provide that:

The president, with respect to his education unit, shall:

a. Have the affirmative responsibility of conserving and enhancing the educational standards of the college and schools under his jurisdiction;

b. Be the advisor and executive agent of the Board and of his respective College Committee and as such shall have the immediate supervision with full discretionary power in carrying into effect the Bylaws, resolutions, and policies of the Board, the lawful resolutions of the several faculties;

c. Exercise general superintendence over the concerns, officers, employees, and students of his educational unit."

#### 1. RULES

1. A member of the academic community shall not intentionally obstruct and/or forcibly prevent others from the exercise of their rights. Nor shall he interfere with the institution's educational processes or facilities, or the rights of those who wish to avail themselves of any of the institution's instructional, personal, administrative, recreational, and community services.

2. Individuals are liable for failure to comply with lawful directions issued by representatives of the University/college when they are acting in their official capacities. Members of the academic community are required to show their identification cards when requested to do so by an official of the college.

3. Unauthorized occupancy of University/college facilities or blocking access to or from such areas is prohibited. Permission from appropriate college authorities must be obtained for removal, relocation, and use of University/college equipment and/or supplies.

4. Theft from, or damage to University/college premises or property, or theft of or damage to property of any person on University/college premises is prohibited.

5. Each member of the academic community or an invited guest has the right to advocate his position without having to fear abuse, physical, verbal, or otherwise, from others supporting conflicting points of view. Members of the academic community and other persons on the college grounds shall not use language or take actions reasonably likely to provoke or encourage physical violence by demonstrators, those demonstrated against, or spectators.

6. Action may be taken against any and all persons who have no legitimate reason for their presence on any campus within the University/college, or whose presence on any such campus obstructs and/or forcibly prevents others from the exercise of the rights or interferes with the institution's educational processes or facilities, or the rights of those who wish to avail themselves of any of the institution's instructional, personal, administrative, recreational, and community services.

7. Disorderly or indecent conduct on University/college-owned or controlled property is prohibited.

8. No individual shall have in his possession a rifle, shotgun, or firearm or knowingly have in his possession any other dangerous instruments or material that can be used to inflict bodily harm on an individual or damage upon a building or the grounds of the University/college without the written authorization of such educational institution. Nor shall any individual have in his possession any other instrument or material which can be used and is intended to inflict bodily harm on any individual or damage upon a building or the grounds of the University/college.

9. Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health or involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization is prohibited.

10. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illegal drugs or other controlled substances by University students or employees on University/college premises, or as part of any University/college activities is prohibited. Employees of the University must

also notify the College Personnel Director of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace not later than five (5) days after such conviction.

# College Regulations / Code of Conduct (11)

11. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by students or employees on University/college premises or as part of any University/college activities is prohibited.

#### 2. PENALTIES

1. Any student engaging in any manner in conduct prohibited under substantive Rules 1-11 shall be subject to the following range of sanctions as hereafter defined in the attached Appendix: admonition, warning, censure, disciplinary probation, restitution, suspension, expulsions, ejection, and/or arrest by the civil authorities.

2. Any tenured or non-tenured faculty member, or other member of the instructional staff, or member of the classified staff engaging in any manner in conduct prohibited under substantive Rules 1-11 shall be subject to the following range of penalties: warning, censure, restitution, fine not exceeding those permitted by law or by the Bylaws of The City University of New York or suspension with/without pay pending a hearing before an appropriate college authority, dismissal after a hearing, ejection, and/or arrest by the civil authorities, and, for engaging in any manner in conduct prohibited under substantive rule 10, may, in the alternative, be required to participate satisfactorily in an appropriately licensed drug treatment or rehabilitation program. A tenured or non-tenured faculty member, or other member of the instructional staff, or member of the classified staff charged with engaging in any manner in conduct prohibited under substantive Rules 1-11 shall be entitled to be treated in accordance with applicable provisions of the Education Law, or the Civil Service Law, or the applicable collective bargaining agreement, or the Bylaws or written policies of The City University of New York.

3. Any visitor, licensee, or invitee, engaging in any manner in conduct prohibited under substantive Rules

1-11. shall be subject to ejection, and/or arrest by the civil authorities.

4. Any organization which authorized the conduct prohibited under substantive rules 1-11 shall have its permission to operate on campus rescinded.

Penalties 1-4 shall be in addition to any other penalty provided by law or The City University Trustees.

 Any student violating any law or regulation established by the College, University, City, State, or Federal Government (including the use of drugs), shall be subject to the formal disciplinary procedures as outlined in Articles 15.3 to 15.5 of the Board of Higher Education Bylaws and Sanctions as listed in the Board of Higher Education Bylaws and Article 129A of the Education Law (CUNY Henderson Rules). The initiation of disciplinary procedures requires notice to the student pursuant to 15.3 of the Board of Higher Education Bylaws.

In emergency or extraordinary circumstances, immediate suspension can be effectuated pending a hearing within seven (7) school days.

 All other persons who violate New York State or Federal laws including those that govern gambling activities, the use of alcohol, and the possession, distribution, or consumption of any controlled substance will be subject to arrest.

#### Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (12)

The college's Alcohol/Substance Abuse Program is a part of the Department of Student Development/Student Affairs. The purpose of this program is to:

- 1. Educate students about alcohol and substance abuse.
- 2. Identify students with problems related to alcohol and substance abuse.
- 3. Intervene in the lives of students who are affected by such abuse.
- 4. Provide counseling and/or referral for students with problems.

# Strategies for Education and Prevention of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (13)

- 1. College-wide workshops on substance abuse that focus on drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, and food.
- 2. Ongoing availability of pamphlets, books, videos, and audios designed to heighten awareness and provide information on the subject.
- 3. Individual and group counseling and referral.

#### **College Resources**

Director of Counseling Dr Susan Bily-Lindner, Student Development Room 1G02; 718-262-2272

# Self-Help and Referral Services

- College-wide workshops on substance abuse
- Drug use and abuse courses
- Availability of pamphlets
- Brochures, videos and film
- Outreach counseling
- Relaxation techniques workshops
- Substance abuse forums

## **Treatment Programs**

Queens Hospital Center 82-68 164 Street Jamaica, NY 11432

Outreach Project 117-11 Myrtle Ave. Richmond Hill, 11418

(718) 847-9233 Samaritan Village, Inc. 138-02 Queens Blvd. Briarwood, 11435

Phoenix 164 W 74th St New York, NY 10023-2301

(800) COCAINE or (1800-262-2463) Additional information can be obtained from the "Education Handbook."

(212) 941-0094 NYS Drug Information Hotline (800) 522-5353

Aurora Concepts, Inc. 78-31 Parsons Blvd. Flushing, NY 11366

(718) 969-7000 Alcohol Council of Greater NY 352 Park Ave S New York, NY 10010-1709

#### **Reporting and Prevention of Sex Offenses (14)**

CUNY has adopted Policies and Procedures Concerning Sexual Assault, Stalking and Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence against Students, which addresses the prevention of sexual assaults and other forms of violence against CUNY students, on and off CUNY campuses. Specifically, the goal of the Policy is to: 1) provide the most informed and up-to-date sexual assault, domestic/intimate partner violence and stalking prevention education information to CUNY students; 2) create a comprehensive plan for CUNY colleges to follow in the event that a student is the victim of a sexual assault or other act of violence; 3) provide clear and concise guidelines for students to follow in the event that they or someone they know has been the victim of a sexual assault or other act of violence; 4) ensure that all appropriate CUNY personnel receive education and training to assist victims of sexual assaults and other acts of violence; and 5) ensure that disciplinary procedures are followed in the event that the perpetrator is a CUNY student or employee.

#### **Reporting Procedures**

If a student wishes to report the occurrence of a sex offense, he or she should be guided by the following procedures:

- Report the incident to the Department of Public Safety (718) 262-2222. A formal report will be made of the allegation and a copy of the report will be forwarded to the Office of Counseling Services, Academic Core - Room 1G02; or
- 2. Report the incident to the College's Dean for Student Affairs/Student Development, who at the student's request, will contact the Department of Public Safety to commence an appropriate investigation; or
- 3. A student can call the New York City Police Department or 911, or go directly to a hospital. It is important to note that if you are a victim of a sex offense, do not destroy any evidence (including clothing) and do not take a shower or bath.
- 4. It is important that such physical evidence be preserved in order to assist with any ensuing criminal investigation. If the student believes that she/he may be the victim of date rape by being drugged, she/he should go directly to a hospital to receive a toxicology examination since such drugs only remain in a person's system for a short period of time. The Department of Public Safety will assist with notification of other law enforcement authorities and/or medical professionals if the student so chooses.

Files relating to sex offenses are kept confidential by the Department of Public Safety and by the Office of Student Affairs/Student Development, unless otherwise required by law or CUNY policy.

# **Definitions of Sex Offenses**

Sexual assault is a crime. Under Article 130 of the New York State Penal Law, it is a sex offense to engage in sexual contact or to engage in sexual intercourse, sodomy or sexual abuse by contact without the consent of the victim or where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Criminal sex offenses are classified in degree according to the seriousness of sexual activity, the degree of force used, the age of the victim and the physical and mental capacity of the offender and victim.

# See chart below for a list of some of the major sex offenses and their maximum penalties under New York State Law.

Sexual assault is a crime of power, aggression and violence. Terms such as "date rape" and "acquaintance rape" tend to minimize the fact that the act of rape, or any sexual assault, is a serious crime. There is never an excuse or a reason for a person to rape, assault or even touch another person's private parts without consent. The impact on survivors of such an attack can cause severe and lasting physical, mental and emotional damage.

## Who is a perpetrator?

Many people think that sexual assaults are only perpetrated by vicious strangers on dark, deserted streets. In fact, studies indicate that between 80 and 90 percent of all people who have been raped know their perpetrator(s). This is called "date rape" or "acquaintance rape." "Date rape" is not a legally distinct or lesser category of rape. It refers to a relationship and situational context in which rape occurs on a date. Rape or any sexual offense, whether on a date or not, is the same criminal offense involving the same elements of force, exploited helplessness or underage participation. With sexual assaults where the victim knows the perpetrator, alcohol use is often involved on the part of either the victim or the perpetrator. However, a sexual assault is still a crime regardless of the intoxication of the perpetrator or the victim.

#### Who is a victim?

Anyone can be a victim, regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, class or national origin. Though women and girls are primary targets of these crimes, men and boys are sexually victimized too, and have been found to suffer the same aftermath as women. Regardless of

whether the victim was abusing alcohol and/or underage, she or he is still the victim of the sex offense.

# • When is there lack of consent?

Under New York law, lack of consent to a sexual contact may be demonstrated in the following ways: (1) forcible compulsion including the use of physical force or threat (express or implied) which places the person in fear of physical injury to self or another; (2) incapacity to consent on the part of the victim; (3) circumstances in which the victim does not expressly or impliedly acquiesce in the actor's conduct; or (4) circumstances in which the victim clearly expressed by words or actions that he or she did not consent to engage in such sexual act and a reasonable person would have understood such person's words or actions as an expression of lack of consent to such conduct.

A person is deemed incapable of giving consent if she/he is (a) under the age of 17, (b) mentally incapacitated (which may include incapacity due to the victim's ingestion of alcohol or drugs), (c) physically disabled or (d) physically helpless (asleep, unconscious or for any other reason physically unable to communicate unwillingness to act, which may also include incapacity due to the victim's ingestion of alcohol or drugs).

#### • Who is responsible for a sexual attack?

In the absence of consent, the attacker is *always* responsible for having committed the sexual assault regardless of the victim's appearance, behavior, or conduct on previous occasions. An attacker cannot assume that the way a person dresses or acts is an invitation for sexual advances. A person may welcome some forms of sexual contact and be opposed to others. The more impaired a person is from alcohol or drugs, the less likely she/he can give consent; having sex with someone who is "passed out" or sleeping is rape. And regardless of previous sexual activity, if someone refuses sexual contact, the failure to respect that limit constitutes non-consensual sex.

#### **Prevention Education Programs**

Each CUNY College is required to develop materials and programs to educate its students, faculty and staff on the nature, dynamics, common circumstances and effects of sexual assault, domestic/intimate partner violence and stalking, and the means to reduce their occurrence and prevent them. The prevention education should seek to provide the most recent and relevant information, such as education pertaining to bystander intervention, the importance of peer networks and the significance of fostering a community of responsibility.

Prevention education materials and programs must be incorporated into campus orientation activities for all incoming undergraduate and graduate students (including transfers), and is required to be made available to all student activity groups, clubs and athletic teams. In addition, all residence halls are required to have a mandatory orientation on sexual assault, stalking and domestic/intimate partner violence prevention. Colleges are encouraged to assist in the organization of peer education groups and to provide resources to such groups so that the groups can provide training and outreach to other students throughout the academic year. Since the abuse of alcohol is frequently involved in occurrences of sexual assault and other forms of violence, it is important that the education program include education about the deleterious effects of alcohol abuse.

In addition, each College is required to provide periodic training relating to the prevention and handling of sexual assaults, stalking and domestic/intimate partner violence for all relevant personnel, including public safety officers, counselors, student affairs staff and residence hall assistants by experts trained in the field. Education and training must also be made available to any interested faculty and staff member. Each campus must have at least one qualified staff or faculty member serve as a designated liaison and trainer for additional trainings.

# **Disciplinary Procedure**

The Colleges shall act promptly in response to information that a student has been sexually assaulted by another member of the CUNY community. Upon receipt of a complaint, the College shall undertake an appropriate investigation. If it appears that there is sufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary charges against a student, such charges shall be brought pursuant to Article 15 of the CUNY Board of Trustees Bylaws. If the matter is brought before a hearing, the victim and alleged perpetrator are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present and to be informed of the outcome of the proceedings. The victim is entitled to a report of the results of the proceeding at her/his request. If a student is found guilty of committing a sexual assault or other act of violence against another CUNY student or employee after a disciplinary hearing, the penalties may include suspension, expulsion from residence halls, or permanent dismissal from CUNY.

#### **On-Campus Assistance**

Victims of a sexual assault are encouraged to contact the Dean of Student Affairs/Student Development to obtain assistance in accessing medical and counseling services, or to make any necessary changes to the student's academic program or residential housing situation. Public Safety can assist the victim getting to and from campus safely, filing a police report and obtaining an order of protection against the perpetrator. The victim can also file a complaint with the College against a perpetrator who is a student or employee of the University with the Dean of Student Affairs/Student Development and the Public Safety Office.

In addition, the victim of a sexual assault will be provided with on-campus support in the form of an advocate from the Women's/Men's Center (if there is one on campus) or an appropriately trained counselor to assist the victim in handling the various aspects of his/her ordeal, such as: 1) explaining to the victim her/his options of whether to report the incident to campus or law enforcement authorities or not; 2) providing guidance if she/he requires medical attention; 3) providing guidance in obtaining crisis intervention and/or ongoing counseling services (or a referral to obtain the necessary services if such services are not available on campus); and 4) assisting the student throughout the College's disciplinary process if she/he chooses to file a complaint against the perpetrator.

# <u>College and Community Counseling and Support Services for Sex</u> <u>Offense Victims</u>

#### Counseling and Support Services on Campus

Director of Counseling Dr Susan Bily-Lindner, Student Development Room 1G02; 718-262-2272

#### Off Campus Based Services

24 Hour Rape Report Line (212) 267-RAPE

Sex Crimes Unit (112 Precinct-Queens) 68-40 Austin Street Forest Hills, NY (718)520-9363 24 Hours a Day -Seven Days a Week

Queens District Attorney's Office 12501 Queens Blvd Kew Gardens, NY 11415-1514

Queens Hospital Center/Administration 82-68 164th Street Jamaica, NY (718)883-2350/General Inf. (718) 883-3000 Emergency Room

(718) 883-3090 Transition Center POB 629 Far Rockaway, NY Shelter for Abused Women & Children

# <u>Pertinent Sex Offenses and Criminal Sanctions Under New York State</u> <u>Penal and Criminal Procedure Laws</u>

Crime	Illegal Conduct	Criminal Sanctions
Rape in the first degree (PL § 130.35)	A person is guilty when he or she engages in sexual intercourse with another person by forcible compulsion, with a person who is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless (e.g. being asleep, unconscious or due to alcohol or drug consumption), who is less than 11 years old or less than 13 and the actor is 18 or older.	felony, with penalties up to 25
Rape in the second degree (PL § 130.30)	A person is guilty when being 18 years old or more, he or she engages in sexual intercourse with another person less than 15, or with another person who is incapable of consent by reason of being mentally disabled or mentally incapacitated	Is a class D felony, with penalties up to 7 years in prison.
Criminal sexual act in the first degree (PL § 130.50)	A person is guilty when he or she engages in oral sexual contact or anal sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion, or with someone who is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, or with someone less than 11 or with someone less than 13 and the actor is 18 or older.	felony, with penalties up to 25
Forcible touching (PL § 130.52)	A person is guilty when he or she intentionally, and for no legitimate purpose, forcibly touches the sexual or other intimate parts of another person for the purpose of degrading or abusing such person; or for the purpose of gratifying the actor's sexual desire	with penalties up to 1 year in jail.
Sexual abuse in the first degree (PL § 130.65)	A person is guilty when he or she subjects another person to sexual contact: by forcible compulsion, when the other person is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, or when the person is less than 11 years old.	Is a class D felony, with penalties up 7 years in prison.
Aggravated sexual abuse in the first degree (PL § 130.70)	A person is guilty when he or she inserts a foreign object in the vagina, urethra, penis or rectum of another person causing physical injury to such person by forcible compulsion, when the person is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, or when the person is less than 11.	felony, with penalties up to 25

in the third degree	A person is guilty when he or she inserts a foreign object in the vagina, urethra, penis or rectum of another person by forcible compulsion, when the person is incapable of consent by reason of being physically helpless, or when the person is less than 11.	felony, with penalties up to 7 years in prison.
sex offense with a controlled substance	A person is guilty when he or she knowingly and unlawfully possesses a controlled substance or any substance that requires a prescription to obtain to another person, without such person's consent and with intent to commit against such person conduct constituting a felony, and commits or attempts to commit such conduct constituting a felony defined in Article 30.	felony, with penalties up to 7 years in prison.

# Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (15)

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services maintains a registry of convicted sex offenders which is available to local law enforcement agencies, including CUNY's Public Safety Departments. To obtain information about a Level 2 or Level 3 registered sex offender you may:

- Contact the police department in the jurisdiction in which the offender resides and/or in which the college is located.
- Contact Tyrone Forte, Acting Director of Public Safety, at 718-262-2222.
- Call the Division's sex offender registry at (800) 262-3257.

To obtain information about Level 3 offenders only, you may:

- Contact the Division's sex offender registry web site www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/sor-about.htm
  And then click on "Search for Level 3 Sex Offenses;" or
- Access the Division's Level 3 subdirectory electronically or via CD – ROM at the college's public safety department or the local law enforcement agency for the jurisdiction in which the offender resides.

# NOTES:

# ATTACHMENT A

# Crime Reporting Chart

