

## SECURITY REPORT 2008

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (Blue Ridge CTC) is firmly committed to the just and swift prosecution of criminal perpetrators. We believe the full benefit of academic freedom is only experienced by faculty and students when they are able to feel completely safe from violence and other criminal activity in their place of learning. It is the legal duty of the college to make basic information regarding crime available to students and employees, and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College fully supports those federal and state policies.

### REPORTING CRIMES

The College strongly urges all students and requires all employees with knowledge of a crime to report the crime promptly to one of the Security Guards. Only employees designated as serving as a “counselor” are exempt from this requirement. Prompt reporting of crime maximizes the potential for a successful arrest and prosecution. The preservation of evidence is critical to successful prosecutions. Campus Security Guards are available at various times during the day and evening, and can be reached at the extension 2250. Alternatively, a student with knowledge of a crime, or as a victim, has a right to file a report with Martinsburg Municipal, Berkeley County, or West Virginia State Police. In accordance with West Virginia law, crime reports are collaterally reported to an appropriate regional law enforcement agency within 24 hours of a determination that a crime did occur. Institutional discipline for any criminal offense is not dependent on prosecution or conviction in State or federal courts.

### SEXUAL ASSAULTS/OFFENSES

**Sexual Assault is prohibited. (Class I Offense)** Sexual assault is defined as sexual intercourse, sexual intrusion, or any form of sexual touching with another person without the consent of that person. Incapacity of the victim does not constitute consent on the part of the victim. A person is determined incapable of consent when such person is less than sixteen years old; or mentally defective; or mentally incapacitated; or physically helpless. Mentally defective means that the person suffers from a mental disease or defect, which renders such person incapable of appraising the nature of his or her conduct. Mentally incapacitated means that a person is rendered temporarily incapable of appraising or controlling his or her conduct as a result of the influence of a controlled or intoxicating substance administered to such person without his or her consent or as a result of any other act committed upon such without his or her consent. Physically helpless means that a person is unconscious or for any reason is physically unable to communicate unwillingness to an act. (West Virginia State Law) It is the position of Blue Ridge that a sexual assault also occurs against the victim who willingly takes a controlled or intoxicating substance if the sexual contact occurs after the victim becomes temporarily incapable of appraising or controlling his or her conduct as a result of the controlled or intoxicating substance. A student charged with sexual assault can be prosecuted under West Virginia law AND disciplined in accordance with Blue Ridge policies and regulations. A student found guilty of sexual assault through the campus judicial system may be subject to suspension or expulsion.

### SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION

The West Virginia State Police maintain an Internet record of registered sex offenders living in Jefferson, Berkeley, and other counties in West Virginia.

## **FACILITIES SECURITY**

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College campus is located on the bottom floor of 400 West Stephen Street, as well as having a satellite campus at the Berkeley Business Park. Academic and Administrative Rooms are unlocked each morning and secured each evening by the security guard who is on duty, according to established schedules. Campus security guards regularly patrol the interior halls. The campus grounds are regularly patrolled by security guards, and secured exterior doors are periodically checked. It is not possible for every portion of the campus to be under continuous surveillance by a security guard at every minute, however, and all students are cautioned to exercise reasonable care for personal safety, especially during night hours. Lighting is installed along most popular pedestrian routes on the campus; and students and employees who are walking along should avoid unlit or dimly lit areas. Any student may contact campus security for an escort from the campus to their vehicle during night hours. If there is only one security guard on duty there may be a brief wait for an escort, but if there is an emergency situation the guard/s will get to the situation site as soon as possible. To contact campus security, directly dial the main campus telephone number (1-304-260-4380) and then enter extension 2250. Or by stopping at the security office, located near the front doors of the Dunn Building.

## **SECURITY EDUCATION**

To help keep our students safe at Blue Ridge CTC, we give out information at our regular orientation sessions. We allow the students to ask questions about the security and we give them the vital information that they will need to keep safe while they are attending Blue Ridge CTC.

## **ALCOHOL**

As explained in *The Student Handbook*, Blue Ridge CTC supports students and employees in demonstrating responsible conduct in the best interest of their personal health and well being, the community's general welfare, and the rights of others. Persons are responsible for their own behavior and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability; moreover, students are responsible and will be held accountable for the behavior of their guests. The Blue Ridge CTC campus is subject to state and federal laws concerning use and possession of alcohol. Individuals must be aware of and abide by these laws. At no time should alcohol become the primary focus of an event. No student under the legal drinking age may possess or consume beer, wine, or any other alcoholic beverages. Please note that signs or symptoms that might reasonably indicate use of or intoxication by alcohol, or the presence of alcohol beverage containers, may be construed as proximate indicators of alcohol possession or consumption. (Class II, First Offense; Class I, Subsequent Offenses) Sale of beer on campus by any vendor except as expressly authorized is prohibited. (Class I Offense)

## **FIREARMS**

The possession of any firearms, (e.g., pistols, rifle, shotguns, or crossbows) is prohibited unless specifically authorized in writing by the President of the College. Any person on campus with a loaded Firearm will be prosecuted for reckless endangerment, a felony offense.

## CRIME OCCURANCES

The following chart is offered for the benefit of the students, and employees, as well as prospective students and their parents. This chart shows the rate of the listed occurrences in the area around the school for the 2009 school year. The statistics are compiled in accordance with the Uniform Crime Reporting System of the United States Department of Justice. The statistics reflect incidents or arrests in each calendar year indicated.

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Criminal Homicide	0
Murder , Non-negligent Manslaughter	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0
Forcible Sex Offence	0
Non- forcible Sex Offence	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0
Alcohol Violations	0
Weapons Violations	0
Narcotics Violations	0
Hate Crimes	0