Annual Campus Safety Report  
For Calendar Year 2009

Elgin Community College is in College District 509 which encompasses 360 square miles and includes Kane, Dupage, Cook, DeKalb and McHenry counties. The main campus is located at 1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, IL on 145 acres. The college also has a satellite facility in downtown Elgin along with classes offered at more than 100 other locations in public schools, libraries and hospitals.

Reporting of Criminal Activities
In compliance with the Federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (formerly the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990), this report contains detailed information covering a broad range of topics including campus safety and security services, crime prevention policies and campus crime statistics.

The Elgin Community College Police Department compiles all required information and statistics for this report. Statistics are collected using Campus Safety and Security General Case Reports, information from applicable police agencies, and all “Campus Security Authorities”. Those college officials, known as Campus Security Authorities, include any college official who has significant responsibility for students and campus activities. Other required information in the annual Campus Security Act Report includes Elgin Community College security-related policies and procedures, which are also compiled from various sources.

On the main campus the Police Department can be contacted by dialing 847-214-7777 from an outside phone, or by dialing Ext. 7777 from inside the buildings. Police response can also be obtained by dialing 9-1-1 from any phone on campus. At other locations, dialing 9-1-1 will contact local police to respond for service.

By October 1st of each year, all current employees and students are notified of the availability of the report and the location to request a copy. This report will be accessible on the Elgin Community College website (www.elgin.edu) and is published annually in Elgin Community College Catalog and other college publications. All reasonable attempts have been made to identify all reported criminal actions and to present the crime statistics in this report in accordance with the Campus Security Act and its amendments.

The Role of the College Police Department
Elgin Community College Police have the primary responsibility for developing and deploying services, programs and strategies for maintaining a reasonably safe campus. Specifically, ECC Police are responsible for crime prevention, law enforcement, parking control, emergency response, policing of special events, and for various other community services on both the Main campus and at Fountain Square. ECC Police along with City of Elgin police patrol the campuses both on foot and by vehicle.
ECC Police provide a full range of campus services between the hours of 7am to 11pm Monday thru Friday and 7am to 5pm on Saturdays.

**Authority of Campus Police Officers**
College Campus Police Officers receive their authority through the Illinois Public Community College Act, 110 ILCS 805/3-42.1, which is sanctioned by the Board of Trustees. Sworn Campus Police Officers are armed and have all the powers possessed by County and Municipal Police Officers, including the power to make arrests and issue citations. Campus Police Officers maintain working relationships with federal, state and local police agencies. ECC Police work with these agencies on criminal matters, special operations, and security details during special events.

**Crime Reporting**
The Elgin Community College Police Department encourages all staff, students and visitors of Elgin Community College to report all crimes. At the request of the reporting victim or witness, police will make every effort to maintain their confidentiality with respect to the law and college policies. All employees and students of the college, including pastoral and professional counselors, are strongly encouraged to report crimes and encourage victims or witnesses of crime to voluntarily report these offenses to the Elgin Community College Police Department. Wall phones are available on all campuses and are generally located in public access areas and hall ways.

In compliance with the Federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, any institution that maintains a campus security department must maintain a written, easily understood daily crime log. Elgin Community College Police Department maintains a written Daily Crime Log on the Main Campus in ATC 200 that is available for inspection. The Daily Crime Log includes the nature, date, time and general location of each crime reported to the department as well as the disposition of the complaint, if this information is available at the time the log is created. Elgin Community College Police Department and local law enforcement agencies work to ensure timely reporting of criminal information, and all efforts are made to maintain confidentiality except where required by law or college policies.

**Timely Warning Notices** (Campus Crime Alerts)
In an effort to provide timely notice to the college community in the event of a serious incident which may pose a threat to members of the college community, the Police Chief may issue a crime alert on all campuses. Crime Alerts are usually posted for the following classifications:

1. Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter
2. Negligent Manslaughter
3. Forcible Sex Offenses
4. Non-Forcible Sex Offenses
5. Robbery
6. Aggravated Assault
7. Simple Assault
8. Intimidation
9. Burglary
10. Larceny-Theft
11. Motor Vehicle Theft
12. Arson
13. Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism of Property
14. All Hate Crimes
15. Liquor law violations resulting in an arrest or disciplinary referral
16. Drug law violations resulting in an arrest or disciplinary referral
17. Illegal weapons violation resulting in an arrest or disciplinary referral

Alerts will be immediately posted and contain all the appropriate information. Alerts may be distributed in the following ways:
1. ECC Website at www.elgin.edu
2. Campus PA system
3. Text messaging through Emergency Alerts via registration at www.emergency.elgin.edu
4. Flat screen televisions campus wide
5. Campus telephone system
6. Local news media

Our safety as a community depends on each of us staying informed.

**Services Provided by ECC Campus Police**

Incident Reporting
Prevention Programs
Traffic Control
Informational Presentations
Parking Regulation
Personnel Escorts
Emergency Medical Services Emergency Notifications
Battery Jumps
Miscellaneous Assists

**Security Measures**

Elgin Community College has surveillance camera systems installed throughout our facilities. The camera systems are monitored and continuously recorded to electronic media. The use of these camera systems, coupled with monitoring and recording, enhances the investigation, apprehension and prosecution of anyone who attempts to breach the safety or security of the college community.

**Safety Measures in Maintenance of Campus Facilities**

ECC Police will conduct regular vehicle and foot patrol of all buildings and grounds during business hours. Doors will be locked during non-business hours. Keys will be issued to authorized employees needing access to buildings during non-business hours, subject to the Campus Security Act (ILCS 110 12/1).
During business hours all exterior locations will be well lighted. Prompt maintenance of the outdoor lighting system will be required. Landscape planning will consider pedestrian and vehicle safety.

**Help Fight Crime on Campus**

ECC Police Department personnel welcome the opportunity to serve the college community. An important part of our job is to make all members of the college community security conscious and have you involved in our college safety and security program. The ECC Police Department crime prevention program is designed to inform and help members of the college community minimize their potential of being a victim of crime. All members of the campus community are encouraged to act responsibly for their own protection and for the protection of others. You and the ECC Police have a mutual need for close contact, co-operation, understanding and exchange of information. Together as a team we can deter crimes, apprehend offenders, and promote a safe college environment. Students, faculty, staff and visitors to our campus can help us by protecting themselves from becoming victimized by practicing the precautions suggested in this report.

**Sexual Offenders**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Act, effective October 28, 2002, requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained. The Campus Sex Crimes Act also mandates that sex offenders who are already required to register in a state provide notice to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of their registration or employment at an institution of higher education. The Illinois State Police administers the statewide Illinois Sex Offender Data Base. Any questions regarding the program may be directed to the Illinois State Police at (217) 785-0653. Information regarding this program can be found at the following web site:

[www.isp.state.il.us/sor](http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor)

**Sexual Assault**

Sexual assault is perhaps one of the most under-reported crimes. Statistics estimate that between one-in-four and one-in-six women will be the victim of a sexual assault or attempted sexual assault. Sexual assault is a life threatening act of violence which leaves a person feeling powerless, abused and humiliated. If a sexual assault occurs on campus, ECC Police should be notified by calling 7777 on-campus, or (847) 214-7777 if off-campus, or the 911 for the Elgin Police.

It is important that all victims of sexual assault receive medical attention. This can be done at any area hospital or private doctor’s office. If evidence collection is needed, the medical staff will do this. They can also check for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, or injuries. It is important for the victim not to bathe, douche or change clothes. Evidence must be collected from the victim’s body and surroundings.
A student charged with sexual assault can be prosecuted under Illinois criminal statues. In addition, students can be disciplined under the college code of student conduct, and if found guilty, can face the possibility of suspension or dismissal from the college. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding alleging a sex offense. If requested by the victim, and if reasonably available, the college may also take steps to change a victim’s academic situation.

**Sexual Assault Response Team**

Elgin Community College has established a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) to provide emergency and follow-up services to victims of sexual assault within the college community. The members of this team also provide prevention programs year-round to educate students, faculty and staff about topics such as: date rape drugs, personal safety, self-defense and acquaintance rape. If you want to talk to a member of the SART team, you can do so by calling ECC Police (Ofc. Alex Clemente, Ofc. Lorie Hermesdorf, Ofc. Mike Tracy) the Dean of Students (Dr. Carol Cowles) Associate Dean of Counseling and Career Services (John Coffin) or the Community Crisis Center (Kimberly Schellin-Rog). The college places the highest priority on protecting the health and safety of everyone in the college community and encourages anyone who has experienced sexual assault to seek assistance.

**Important Numbers**

- ECC Police (847) 214-7777 or 7777 on campus
- Elgin Police 911
- Dean of Students-Dr. Carol Cowles (847) 214-7226
- Associate Dean of Counseling and Career Services-John Coffin (847)214-7422
- Student Assistance Program (847) 742-4033
- Community Crisis Center-Kimberly Schellin-Rog (847) 697-2380

Date rape and the use of “date rape drugs” are especially common among teens and young adults who make up the bulk of college students. Though females comprise the bulk of sexual assault victims, males account for approximately ten percent of victims. It is important that you be aware of and avoid risks that could lead to sexual assaults.

**Safety Tips to Keep in Mind**

- Be aware of your surroundings; pay attention to who may be walking near you or following you. If something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable, go with your instincts. Drive or move to a well lighted public location, a police station, or call someone for help.
- Avoid being alone in unfamiliar places, especially at night.
- Enroll in a personal safety course such as RAD (Rape Aggression Defense)
- In acquaintance or dating situations remain in public or group settings until the person has earned your trust.
- Set clear boundaries regarding what is and what is not acceptable behavior; do not allow yourself to be pressured into going beyond those boundaries. If you feel pressured or intimidated, clearly and loudly state that it is unacceptable and leave the area.
Never leave a drink or food unattended in a bar or at a party. If you do leave it unattended or out of your sight, discard it and get fresh food or drink. Date rape drugs can quickly be put into a drink without detection.

Alcohol and Drugs
ECC will conform fully with the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 41USC Section 701 et seq., the Illinois Drug-Free Workplace Act, 30 ILCS 580/1 et seq. and the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Amendments Act of 1989, 20 USC section 3171 et seq.

The college continually seeks to improve the work environment as well as the campus atmosphere by eliminating drugs and alcohol in the work place and on the college campus, except where liquor permits have been procured or alcohol is utilized for instructional purposes.

The college president establishes and administers appropriate rules to implement this procedure.

Health Risks of Alcohol and Other Drugs
Every drug is a potential poison which can cause disability and death if taken incorrectly, consumed in the wrong amounts, or mixed indiscriminately with other drugs. Alcohol is the most abused drug in society as well as on college campuses. Alcohol is directly involved in many injuries and assaults and the majority of deaths in people under age 25. Other commonly abused illegal drugs include marijuana, cocaine, stimulants, hallucinogens, depressants, narcotics, steroids, and inhalants. Legal drugs such as caffeine, nicotine, and over-the-counter and prescription drugs also have wide use and associated health risks. Health risks of using alcohol or other drugs include both physical and psychological effects. The health consequences of drugs depend on the frequency, duration, and intensity of use. For all drugs there is a risk of overdose. Overdose can result in coma, convulsions, psychosis, or death. Combinations of certain drugs, such as alcohol and barbiturates, can be lethal. The purity and strength of doses of illegal drugs are uncertain. Continued use of such substances can lead to tolerance (requiring more and more of a drug to get the same effect), dependence (physical or psychological need), or withdrawal (a painful, difficult and dangerous side effect when stopping use of drugs). Long-term chronic use of drugs can lead to malnutrition, organic damage to the body, and psychological problems. The risk of AIDS and other diseases increases if drugs are taken intravenously. The consumption of alcohol or drugs by pregnant women may cause abnormalities such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (the third leading cause of birth defects) in babies.

Remember: The college community can contribute greatly to the safety of each member and their property by taking preventive measures, such as being aware of their surroundings, and reporting directly to ECC Police any violations of the rights of others.

Each year, the ECC Police Department completes an annual Crimes Reported to Campus Safety and Security report. This report is also published in the Elgin Community College Catalog, and in the Student Planner and Calendar.