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The information provided herein meets the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998. It has been prepared by the River Valley Community College Campus Safety Officer using statistical data and other information supplied by Facilities, the Campus Assessments, Response, and Evaluation (CARES) Team, and police departments from the cities of Claremont, Keene, and Lebanon. The report is updated annually.

This report provides readers important information about the college's safety and security policies and procedures and includes statistics about incidents of crime at River Valley Community College (RVCC). When you review the statistics, you will note that RVCC is a safe institution. The safety you experience at the campuses in Claremont, Keene, and Lebanon, is due in part to the combined efforts of many individuals and departments, and the close working relationship with local law enforcement. We believe safety at RVCC is a shared responsibility and we rely on every college member to contribute to safety on campus by reporting suspicious activities and using common sense when going about their daily activities.

The Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA), in collaboration with RVCC Administration, the Facilities Manager, Campus Safety, the Safety Committee, and the CARES Team are primarily responsible for developing services, programs, and strategies for maintaining a reasonably safe environment at the Claremont campus and Academic Centers.

To meet this goal, the college focuses on three important functions:

- Maintain a strong partnership with the civil authorities and community groups in the greater Claremont, Keene, and Lebanon communities.
- Focus on emergency management requiring a comprehensive approach to preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergency situations. RVCC strives to be proactive when planning for and handling emergency events. These efforts are charged to the college's Safety committee in conjunction with the CARES team – the college's first responder team for students and employees in personal and emotional crisis.
- Utilize systems that allow us to enhance safety through automated locking systems, regularly scheduled drills, and applications such as Mutalink.

The safety of our campus community is vitally important to RVCC. It is our hope that you find this report informative and helpful, and that your time at River Valley Community College is enjoyable and safe. If you have questions or would like additional information about safety, security, and emergency management at the college, please visit <https://www.rivervalley.edu/about/campus-safety/>.

### Higher Education Act (HEA) – Legal Requirements

The Federal Higher Education Act requires all colleges and universities to:

- Publish an annual report every year by October 1, which contains three years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements including a summary of the college's emergency response policies and evacuation procedures.

- Disclose crime statistics for the college including public areas immediately adjacent to the campus or academic centers, non-campus facilities, or remote classrooms. The statistics are gathered from local law enforcement, Campus Safety, Facilities, and other college officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.
- Provide timely warning notices of those crimes that have occurred and post notices for any ongoing threat to students and employees.
- Disclose all incidents of crime in a public crime log.

The RVCC Campus Safety Officer or a designee is responsible for preparing and distributing this report. Campus Safety works with departments throughout the college, the President's Office, the CCSNH Chancellor's Office, and local law enforcement in Claremont, Keene, and Lebanon to compile the information herein.

The URL and direct link are included on the RVCC Campus Safety Website to inform prospective and current students and employees. Paper copies of the report may be obtained by contacting the Office of Campus Safety and Emergency Management at 603-542-7744 x5420 or the Office of Human Resources at 603-543-4423. The URL for this report is <https://www.rivervalley.edu/about/campus-safety/>