
The ASR includes crime statistics gathered from College Police calls for service, outside law enforcement agencies, Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), and Deans of Students disciplinary judicial proceedings which were reported from January 1 – December 31, 2012. Information concerning reported crimes includes those that occurred on-campus, in off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by NOVA, and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from College property. See the article on page 2 of this newsletter for additional information on crime on campus.

Clery requires reporting for specific major crimes such as murder, robbery, arson, burglary, aggravated assault, and sexual assaults. It also requires reporting hate crimes as well as firearms, and (selected) alcohol and narcotics violations. The Clery Act also establishes requirements and procedures for timely notifications of emergency or dangerous situations, along with appropriate protective actions.

The ASR is a comprehensive document and includes institutional policies about campus safety and security, such as policies concerning sexual assault, weapons on College property, and procedures for reporting and responding to College emergencies.

New to the 2013 ASR is the transition of much of NOVA’s Clery information to an on-line website accessible to the public at any time. The link to this website is: [http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/clery/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/police/clery/index.html). NOVA Police request you review the various green tabs near the bottom of the page. The Daily Crime Log page, at: [http://blogs.nvcc.edu/crimelog/](http://blogs.nvcc.edu/crimelog/) highlights NOVA Police Department’s most current activities and calls for service across all of NOVA’s properties. Daily Crime Log information can provide insight and situational awareness as to what is happening at your specific NOVA location.

Next year’s NOVA ASR (January 1 - December 31, 2013, published October 1, 2014), will include statistics and provide information about policies and services for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking as required by 2013 Presidential direction.

Any crime or incident can be reported by calling the College Police at 703-764-5000 or by submitting a NOVA Campus Jeanne Clery Act Incident form available at the following link: [http://www.nvcc.edu/forms/pdf/105-174.pdf](http://www.nvcc.edu/forms/pdf/105-174.pdf).
NOVA Police are committed to your personal safety and to supporting the College’s academic mission by ensuring our campuses and centers are secure. Over the last 10 years, according to FBI statistics, crime on campus has dropped more than 90%. This decrease is due to several factors, including an expansion of the police force, increased collaboration between NOVA police and those of surrounding jurisdictions, innovative patrol initiatives such as bike patrol, and increased training.

This said, NOVA campuses and centers are not wholly free of crime. While larger numbers of crimes have occurred at Alexandria and Annandale, as one might expect owing to their size and large student bodies, crimes have occurred on other campuses as well. There have been occasional albeit infrequent strong-arm robberies, sexual assaults, and larcenies on our campuses.

NOVA Police have conducted a comprehensive, campus-by-campus analysis of all property and non-property crimes, as well as other significant activities requiring police presence (e.g., medical calls, emotionally disturbed persons, and vehicle accidents) from August, 2011 through September, 2013.

In the area of property crime, (which includes larceny, robbery, thefts of and from vehicles, vandalism, fraud, identity theft), the most frequently observed crimes are larcenies and vandalisms. These crimes occur most frequently in August-October, at the beginning of the Fall semester.

Non-property crimes include trespass, disorderly conduct, alcohol and drug violations, hit and run, noise violations, domestics, sexual assaults and related offenses, and suspicious persons and vehicles. These crimes tend to peak in September and April. Disorderly conduct, hit and run, and suspicious persons and vehicles are the most reported incidents.
NOVA Police patrol the campuses on a regular basis, but cannot be everywhere at once. There are many things you can do to keep yourself safe. The NOVA Police website [http://www.nvcc.edu/police](http://www.nvcc.edu/police) has numerous tips to keep you safe. Among the most important are:

- Program the telephone number for police dispatch (703.764.5000) into your cell phone and call us if you see something that requires, or might require, our attention.
- Do not leave your property unattended. Etch your name or other identifying information onto valuables.
- Try not to walk alone on campus after dark. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call dispatch and an officer will come to your location.

One final point about safety: Some of our campuses, especially Loudoun and Annandale, abut major highways. There have been serious accidents that have caused extensive physical and financial damages to NOVA community members. Observe all traffic signals, don’t text and drive, and constantly scan the road and entering intersections for drivers who may not see you.

NOVA campuses are safe, but it is incumbent upon everyone to maintain high awareness of our environments, maintain control over your property, and communicate problems to the Police in a timely manner.

**Crimes on Campus (cont’d)**

Officer Tony Ong, NOVA Police’s Community Outreach Officer, received NOVA’s Extraordinary Service Award on September 11, 2013. The award, which came with a handsome plaque and check for $1500, was presented by the NOVA Educational Foundation at the Hilton McLean-Tysons Corner. Of the many thousands of faculty and staff at NOVA, only eight were honored with this service award.

Tony’s selection was well deserved. In less than three years, when the Police Department first established the Community Outreach program, Tony has established a vibrant and effective program. In 2010, he made 47 presentations to the NOVA community. Last year, the number was 168 and it will be well over 200 in 2013! In addition to new student, faculty and employee orientations, Tony has trained NOVA people on all 6 campuses and our centers on topics including active shooter response, identity theft, sexual assault, illegal substances, staying safe on campus, and dealing with difficult people.

Tony writes and distributes the Department’s monthly public safety newsletter, which contains information to keep our campuses safe, describes the department’s community outreach efforts, and announces training.

He has also reached out to other agencies. He established a Northern Virginia Community Outreach Officer working group, with 17 agencies participating. He collaborated with the Virginia State Police on VIN etching and identity theft initiatives, bringing officers and resources to campus. Tony also is certified as a child safety seat installer and offers this service to the College community.

These and other activities too numerous to mention in this article supported Tony’s recognition of one of the College’s most professional and dedicated staff members. Chief Daniel Dusseau summed up his contributions when he stated “Officer Ong’s dedication and service reflect great credit upon himself, the NOVA police department, and the College in general.”
NOVA to Participate in Earthquake Drill

NOVA is Participating!

At 10:17 a.m. on October 17, millions of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great SouthEast ShakeOut, the region’s largest earthquake drill ever! Many colleges and universities will participate.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become better prepared to deal with this catastrophe.

The “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill is important because you may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down or some-thing falls on you.

Millions worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake drills since 2008.

The Great SouthEast ShakeOut is held annually on the third Thursday of October.

Find emergency procedures at nvcc.edu/emergency

How to Participate

Here are a few suggestions for NOVA’s participation in the ShakeOut.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:
- Check your emergency supplies and equipment and make sure they are accessible and functional.
- Review earthquake procedures at nvcc.edu/emergency.
- Encourage staff and students to prepare at home as well as at NOVA.

Be Ready to Act:
- DROP to the ground and take COVER.
- HOLD ON and stay under cover until the shaking stops.
- Once the shaking stops, carefully proceed outside to the closest designated assembly site.

Recent Public Safety Training and Outreach

On August 12th at the Manassas Campus, 14 members of NOVA’s Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) participated in day-long training that taught valuable emergency response information and tested their response skills!

During the morning sessions, C-CERT Members learned about flood response and crowd/traffic management—skills that will help NOVA respond to and manage emergency incidents. The afternoon mock casualty exercise tested their skills. C-CERT members used their Incident Command System knowledge to gather critical information about the scene, identify response priorities, search for and rescue mock victims, and provide basic medical care.
Do you have an interest in emergency response? Do you want to be better prepared for an emergency? Do you want to serve the NOVA community? If so, NOVA’s Office of Emergency Management and Planning (OEMP) is organizing future C-CERT classes. Watch your email for upcoming classes or contact OEMP at oemp@nvcc.edu.

About C-CERT: The Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in the basic disaster response skills. C-CERT members can assist others on their campuses or in their neighborhoods following an event when professional responders are not immediately available.

2013 Special Olympics Dulles Plane Pull

On September 11, 2013, the NOVA Police participated in the 2013 Special Olympics Dulles Plane Pull Event. The muscle of “Team NOVA” was provided by The NOVA College Foundation, the College Board, Skylink, and NOVA’s faculty, staff, and students.

Team NOVA pulled a 90-ton jet 12 feet in 8.6 seconds with 23 pullers to raise money for The Special Olympics. Thanks to all who participated, and we hope to see you again next year.
NOVA Police Department will participate in DEA’s 6th Annual Drug Take Back Initiative. Please turn in your unused/unwanted/expired medication for proper disposal. For more information, contact NOVA Police Community Outreach Officer, Tony Ong tong@nvcc.edu.

**NOVA Drop-Off Sites**
(From 10 AM – 2 PM)

**Alexandria Campus**
(Bisdorf Building Entrance on Dawes Avenue, A-4 Parking Lot)  
3001 N. Beauregard Street  
Alexandria, VA 22311

**Annandale Campus**  
CA Building, Main Entrance  
8333 Little River Turnpike  
Annandale, VA 22003

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**Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence/Stalking Awareness Training**

In our continuing effort to ensure campus safety and security, NOVA Police and NOVA Sexual Assault Services (SAS) are offering a workshop to address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Stalking issues.

**Topics Include**
- How to avoid sexual assaults, domestic violence, and stalking
- What to do if you are a victim
- What to do if someone you know is a victim
- Police guidance on all topics (i.e., emergency protective orders, police reporting options, and much more)
- Resources in your community

**Dates/Locations (Training will be from noon - 1:30 PM)**
- * Annandale - October 23, CA 317
- * Alexandria - October 24, AT 112
- Woodbridge - October 25, (TBD)
- Loudoun - October 28, (TBD)
- Medical Education - October 29, (TBD)
- Manassas - October 30, (TBD)

* The workshops at the Annandale and Alexandria campuses will include a presentation and discussion led by a domestic violence survivor and founder of SAVE (Stop Abuse, Victim Empowerment).

This training is open to all. Due to space limitations, you must RSVP your seat in advance. Contact Officer Tony Ong, NOVA Police Community Outreach Officer, via e-mail to reserve your seat tong@nvcc.edu.