HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

AP 3515 Reporting of Crimes


I. Reporting of a Crime

Members of the Hartnell Community College District who are witnesses or victims of a crime should immediately report the crime to Hartnell CCD’s Campus Safety Office.

In the event an employee is assaulted, attacked, or menaced by a student, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor as soon as practical after the incident. The supervisor of any employee who is attacked, assaulted, or menaced shall assist the employee to promptly report the attack or assault to the Hartnell CCD’s Campus Safety Office. The supervisor himself/herself shall make the report if the employee is unable or unwilling to do so. The Campus Safety Office shall report any such incidents to the local law enforcement agency. Reporting a complaint to local law enforcement will not relieve the District of its obligation to investigate all complaints of harassment. (Ed. Code § 87014.)

To report a crime, contact Hartnell CCD’s Campus Safety Office at (831) 755-6888 (for non-emergencies) and dial 9-1-1 (for emergencies only). Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles or inside buildings should be reported to the Campus Safety Office. In addition, you may report a crime to the following areas:

- **Chief Student Services Officer**
  (831) 755-6822
- **Chief Counseling Officer**
  (831) 759-6057
- **Chief Human Resources Officer**
  (831) 755-6706

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the District’s system or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the District’s Campus Safety Officers can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the District can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution.

The District’s Campus Safety Office encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, the District’s Campus Safety Office cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to other campus security authorities as identified below. Confidential reports of crime may also be made to Crime Stoppers of Monterey County at 800-499-2746.
The District may disclose the final results of disciplinary proceedings to a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, regardless of the outcome. The District may also disclose to anyone, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding in which it concludes that a student violated District policy with respect to a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense. The offenses that apply to this permissible disclosure are:

- Arson;
- Assault offenses;
- Burglary;
- Criminal homicide – manslaughter by negligence;
- Criminal homicide – murder and non-negligent manslaughter;
- Destruction, damage, or vandalism of property;
- Kidnapping or abduction;
- Robbery;
- Forcible sex offenses.

The disclosure may only include the final result of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to the alleged criminal offense. The District shall not disclose the name of any other student, including a victim or witness, unless the victim or witness has waived his/her right to confidentiality. (34 CFR 99.39) (See also AP 5520- Student Discipline, Section VII. Student Record of Discipline.)

II. Required Reports to Local Law Enforcement Agency
Any report of willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, sexual assault, or hate crime, committed on or off campus, that is received by a campus security authority and made by the victim for the purposes of notifying the institution or law enforcement must be immediately, or as soon as practicably possible, disclosed to the local law enforcement agency. (Ed. Code § 67383.) The report shall not identify the victim, unless the victim consents to being identified after the victim has been informed of his/her right to have his/her personally identifying information withheld. If the victim does not consent to being identified, the alleged assailant shall not be identified in the information disclosed to the local law enforcement agency unless the District determines the following: (1) the alleged assailant represents a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of students, employees, or the institution; and (2) the immediate assistance of the local law enforcement agency is necessary to contact or detain the assailant. The District will immediately inform the victim of any disclosure made regarding the assailant’s identity. (Ed. Code § 67380.).

III. Timely Warnings
In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Director of Security, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through the District’s e-mail system to students and employees and/or through the District’s SMS-based emergency notification service for mobile phone systems. If issuing a notification will compromise efforts to contain the emergency, then a report shall be issued as soon as practical following containment. The information shall be disseminated by the Director of Communications and/or the Director of Security in a manner that aids the prevention of similar crimes.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the Director of Communications may also post a notice on the District web site at: www.hartnell.edu, providing the community with more immediate notification. The electronic bulletin board is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff and
students. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Hartnell CCD’s Campus Safety Office by phone (831) 755-6888 or in person at Building C Room 136.

Timely warnings shall be published to the campus community for the following crimes:
- Criminal homicide – murder and non-negligent manslaughter;
- Criminal homicide – negligent manslaughter;
- Sex offenses – forcible and non-forcible sex offenses;
- Domestic violence, dating violence and stalking;
- Robbery;
- Aggravated assault;
- Burglary;
- Motor vehicle theft;
- Arson;
- Crimes that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability and involve any of the crimes listed in (a) through (i), in addition to crimes of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction/damage/vandalism of property, or any other crime involving bodily injury;
- Arrests, or persons referred for disciplinary action, for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession;
- Those reported to Salinas Police Department or King City Police Department;
- Those that are considered to represent a continuing threat to other students and employees.

The District shall not be required to provide a timely warning with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.

If there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on campus, the District shall follow its emergency notification procedures. (20 USC 1092(f); 34 CFR 668.46.

IV. Crime Log
The Campus Safety Office shall maintain a written daily crime log that records any crime, which occurred on campus, on a non-campus building or property, on public property, or within patrol jurisdiction of the department and is reported to the Campus Safety Office. The log shall include the nature, date, time, and general location of each crime, as well as the disposition of the complaint, if known. All entries to the log must be made within two (2) business days of the report to the Campus Safety Office. The District may withhold information from the log, until such time as disclosure would be appropriate, if there is clear and convincing evidence that the release of such information would jeopardize an ongoing investigation or the safety of an individual, cause the suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in the destruction of evidence. This crime log, for the most recent 60 days, shall be open for public inspection during normal business hours. (20 USC 1092(f); 34 CFR 668.46, subd. (f).)

V. Records of Crime Reports
Campus Safety Officers shall compile records of all occurrences reported to the Campus Safety Office, including any arrests for crimes committed on campus involving violence, hate violence, theft, destruction of property, illegal drugs, or alcohol intoxication. (Ed. Code § 67380, subd. (a)(1).)

Any written record of a noncriminal act of hate violence shall include a description of the act of hate violence, victim characteristics, and offender characteristics, if known. “Hate violence” means any act of
physical intimidation or harassment, physical force, or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or violence, directed against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group, because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or political or religious beliefs of that person or group. (Ed. Code § 67380, subd. (a)(1), (a)(2), (c)(1).)

These records shall be available within two (2) business days following the request of any student, employee, or applicant for admission, or to the media, unless the information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Government Code section 6254, subdivision (f). The name of the victim, or any other personally identifying information of a victim of any crime defined by Section 243.4, 261, 262, 264, 264.1, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 286, 288a, 289, 422.6, 422.7, or 422.75 of the Penal Code shall not be disclosed without permission of the victim or the victim’s parent or guardian if the victim is a minor. (Ed. Code § 67380, subd. (a)(3).)

Information compiled pursuant to this section, relating to hate violence, shall be reported to the governing board. The governing board shall report this information to the Legislative Analyst’s Office no later than January 1 of each year, and shall make the report available to the general public on the District’s website. (Ed. Code § 67380, subd. (a)(5).)

VI. Annual Security Reporting
The District shall annually collect and distribute statistics concerning crimes on campus. All District staff with significant responsibility for student and campus activities shall report crimes about which they receive information.

The District shall publish an Annual Security Report every year by October 1 that contains statistics regarding crimes committed on campus and at affiliated locations for the previous three years. The Annual Security Report shall also include policies pertaining to campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims’ assistance program, student discipline, campus resources and other matters. The District shall make the report available to all current students and employees. The District will also provide perspective students and employees with a copy of the Annual Security Report upon request. A copy of the Annual Security Report can be obtained by contacting the Director of Security located in Building C Room 136 or at www.hartnell.edu/crime-statistics. (20 USC 1092(f); 34 CFR 668.46)

See Board Policy 3515
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