

Austin Community College District Clery Act Information

Police officers employed by ACC are licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education and are commissioned by ACC. Chapter 51 of the Texas Education Code defines the primary jurisdiction of police officers employed by ACC as every county in which the college owns, rents, leases, or otherwise controls any property. ACC police officers are authorized by state law to investigate crimes, issue traffic citations, and make arrests within their jurisdiction.

The ACC Police Department maintains a positive working relationship with the Austin Police Department, the Cedar Park Police Department, the Travis County Sheriff Office, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction.

The ACC Police Department investigates offenses and incidents occurring on its campuses. In cases which require greater resources, the ACC Police Department will request assistance from other law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction. When warranted, the ACC Police Department may refer cases to either the campus dean of student services for disciplinary action or to the appropriate prosecutorial agency for criminal prosecution. By law, ACC is not prohibited from disclosing to an alleged victim of violence the result of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the college against the alleged perpetrator of the offense, with respect to that offense (as defined in Section 16, Title 18 of the USC).

To facilitate the reporting of incidents, the ACC Police Department maintains a twenty four hour a day, seven day a week police dispatch center. In an emergency the police dispatch center may be reached by dialing 222 from any campus phone connected to the ACC phone system or (512) 223-7999 from any cellular or non-campus phone. For non-emergency messages the ACC Police Department may be reached via e-mail at accpd@austincc.edu. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to make timely report to the ACC Police Department of criminal activities, emergencies, and incidents occurring on ACC property. Instructions for reporting incidents may be found on the web at <http://www.austincc.edu/police/crime/reporting.htm>.

The ACC Police Department is committed to community policing and an important component of this commitment is an active Crime Prevention program. Officers participate in

campus and community events and student orientation programs. The ACC Police Department actively participates with design and maintenance staff in the design and renovation of campus facilities. Information about the ACC Police Department Crime Prevention program may be found on the web at <http://www.austincc.edu/police/crime/prevention.htm>.

In compliance with state law, the ACC Police Department maintains a listing of registered sex offenders who currently work, volunteer or are enrolled in classes on any ACC campus or learning center. A current listing of those who have registered with the ACC Police Department may be found at <http://www.austincc.edu/police/crime/rso.htm>. Additionally, a general listing of registered sex offenders may be found on the Texas Department of Public Safety's web site at https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps_web/Portal/index.aspx.

In the event of an offense or incident that poses an on-going threat to the college community, the ACC Police Department issues timely warning to that portion of the college community that is at risk. ACC has several methods at its disposal to make timely warnings including, but not limited to, e-mail alerts, text messaging, campus message boards, and campus audio broadcast capabilities (the ACC Emergency Notification system).

The Austin Community College is committed to maintaining drug and alcohol free campuses. ACC policy and state law prohibit the possession of illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia on college premises. The possession, sale, or use of alcoholic beverages on ACC premises also is prohibited by college policy. Students, faculty, or staff who violate ACC policy or state law are subject to disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution. Austin Community College Administrative Rule 3.03.003, (<http://www.austincc.edu/admrule/3.03.003.htm>) details the college's prevention program and compliance with the Drug Free Workplace and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.

ACC policies and procedures related to student discipline are published in the Student Handbook and may be accessed at <http://www.austincc.edu/handbook/policies4.php>. Policy and procedures for faculty and staff are published in the Employee Handbook and may be accessed at <http://www.austincc.edu/hr/employeehandbook/compliancepolicies.php>.

Further information on the Clery Act and crime statistics reported by other institutions may be found on the U.S. Department of Education's web site at <http://ope.ed.gov/security/index.aspx>.