



Crime Awareness Statistics and Fire Safety Report

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The Vernon College Police Department administers campus law enforcement on all instructional locations. Vernon College Police Officers are licensed Peace Officers through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) and do possess arrest power. Criminal incidents are reported to these officers as well as local agencies in the area. The Vernon College Police Department maintains a highly professional working relationship with Vernon and Wichita Falls law enforcement agencies which includes but is not limited to monitoring student-related off campus criminal activity as appropriate. All victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report incidents in order to assure timely warning notices can be made available to the campus community.

The mission of the Vernon College Police Department is to support the mission of Vernon College by creating a safe and secure environment where teaching, learning, and leading can be achieved.

The VC Police Department will serve as a model for other College Police Departments by selecting highly-trained personnel and by providing cutting-edge police services.

The VC Police Department is located in the Osborne Administration Building located at 4400 College Dr. in Vernon, Texas. It is comprised of a Director of Campus Police, two Sergeants, two full-time Police Officers, and is supported by a force of ten part-time law enforcement officers from local agencies in the service areas. Officers are individually assigned to each of our locations Vernon, CCC, and STC daily. We also work closely with law enforcement agencies in the jurisdictions of all our locations.

The VC Police Department personnel pride themselves with the use of good moral values and professionalism. We strive to promote and maintain a safe higher education learning environment for all our students, staff, and community. We achieve this through mutual trust, fairness, and dignity as we pursue our mission and the mission of Vernon College.

Institutional Security Policies and Crime Statistics

Vernon College shares the commitment of providing students and employees with a safe environment in which to learn and work. In compliance with the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Vernon College publishes an Annual Security Report regarding campus security and personal safety topics. The report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes which occurred on-campus and in appropriate off campus and/or public owned facilities. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning the reporting of offenses or incidents, sexual assault, and drugs and alcohol. The Annual Security report is designed as a resource for sharing information that students and employees may need in order to make informed decisions.

Procedures for Reporting Crimes & Other Emergencies

For the convenience of students and employees, guidelines for reporting offenses and incidents, as well as designated campus security authorities are listed in the Emergency Procedures on the Vernon College web site at: <http://www.vernoncollege.edu/emergency-procedures>. This site includes emergency phone numbers for campus security authorities who include, but are not limited to Campus Police, Vice President of Student Services, Vice President of Instructional Services, Director of Human Resources and Director of Physical Plant. Emergency Notifications will be confirmed, determined and initiated by Vernon College Police Department.

Reporting an Offense or incident

Persons who need assistance or need to report an offense or incident should contact campus security authorities, as listed above, to inform of the following information:

1. Name of person making report and victim, if different
2. Address of person making the report and victim
3. Telephone number of person making the report and victim
4. Location of incident
5. Brief description of incident (burglary, rape, theft, indecent exposure, obscene phone calls, suspicious persons, vandalism, bomb threat, shooting, disturbance, sexual assault, etc.)

6. If desired to be contacted by officer, location and contact information
7. Suspect information, if known, such as name, race, age, weight, height, tattoos, rings, etc.
8. Vehicle information, if known, such as color, year, make and model, body type, license plate number
9. Advise last known direction of travel of suspects or persons involved in reported incidents.

Access to Facilities

Vernon College strives to maintain a safe and secure atmosphere for members of the student body, faculty, staff, and the general public so that they are not unreasonably concerned for their personal safety. The College, as with any other public or private entity, cannot guarantee a crime free living or working environment. Access to Vernon College instructional locations during business hours (excluding certain housing facilities) is open to students, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours, access to all Vernon College facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via the Campus Police/Security or Student Residence Center staff. Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Students are instructed to keep their room doors locked at all times. Over extended breaks the doors of all halls will be secured around the clock.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs are sponsored by various Vernon College entities through the support of the Vernon College Police throughout the year. Staff Development in August includes a presentation by the Human Resources Department/Vernon College Police to discuss emergency procedures. Mandatory orientation, under the leadership of the Director of Housing, is conducted in August for all students residing in Vernon College Housing. Orientation agendas include detailed information from the Vernon Campus Police in the areas of personal safety and theft protection. Emergency Procedures, developed by the Security, Safety, and Health Committee, are listed by link on the Vernon College home page. The Vernon College Student Update is another tool used to provide security awareness and crime prevention information to students. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of members of the college community to act in a security – conscious manner, and to avoid actions that jeopardize their security as well as the security of others.

Crime Statistics

Vernon College will use the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting typology for campus crime reporting as mandated by the Campus Security Act (1990, 1994). Crime statistics and policies to be reported for each campus include: murder, forcible or nonforcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, manslaughter, arson, arrests or disciplinary actions for liquor law, drug-related and weapons possession violations, hate/prejudice crimes, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking incidents. Definitions are extracted from three sources, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, the National Incident-based Reporting System edition of the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook, and the Higher Education Amendment of 1998. For reference, please use the link below or see Crime Awareness Statistics on the last two pages of this document.

<http://www.vernoncollege.edu/Government-Mandated-Information-home>

Drug and Alcohol Policies

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Vernon College prohibits the possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol on College premises or as part of any College sponsored event. The college has developed this policy, not only in response to the federal drug-free legislation, but also in an attempt to provide a healthy environment by preventing the use of illegal drugs or the abuse of alcohol within the College community. Information on the effects of specific drugs and alcohol, and drug counseling resources in Vernon, Wichita Falls, and surrounding areas is available through the Vernon Campus Health Care Clinic or by contacting a counselor in the Student Services office at the appropriate instructional location. The College's counselors are trained to assist students through counseling and referral to specialized substance abuse programs. The Vernon College counseling provides information on drug and alcohol awareness to students as a reminder of the dangers and consequences of manufacturing and usage:

[Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention](#).

Registered Sex Offenders Disclosure can be obtained through the Texas Department of Public Safety Crimes Record Service at: <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DpsWebsite/Index.aspx>.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Notification Policies and Procedures

Immediate emergency response and evacuation procedures are published through RUNsync which is a new communication tool Vernon College has implemented to enhance the security of our instructional locations. RUNsync ensures timely emergency communication and aides in giving peace of mind to students, parents, and community members. RUNsync publishes emergency information to the Vernon College website, mobile app, Facebook, and Twitter. RUNsync also generates text-to-speech phone calls and SMS messages for subscribers. The types of notifications RUNsync submits will follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) which has been formally adopted by Vernon College. The SRP commands are Lockout, Lockdown, Shelter and Evacuate. The SRP is displayed in each classroom and throughout Vernon College instructional locations. In addition, emergency phones are strategically located throughout each instructional location to be used in emergency situations only. The emergency phone are for dialing "911" or the campus operators to report emergencies. All students, faculty and staff are to follow all instructions (SRP) transmitted via the emergency phone intercom system. The Emergency Procedures are listed on the Vernon College web site at: <http://www.vernoncollege.edu/emergency-procedures>. The Emergency Procedures are tested, publicized and reviewed on an annual basis.

Timely Warning Reports, to aid in the prevention of similar crimes, will be made to members of the campus community regarding the occurrence of crimes through use of memorandums and/or email when deemed necessary by the Dean of Student Services and Campus Police/Security. As considered best practice, Vernon College maintains proper communication with area law enforcement authorities to ensure related timely warnings are publicized. Confidential reporting procedures are honored, as deemed appropriate through state law and practicality, when it is the wish of the victim or witness to keep the matter confidential while striving to ensure the future safety of her/his self and others.

Crime Logs

Vernon College will make, keep and maintain daily logs of crimes reported to police department. Daily crime logs must include but not be limited to nature, date, time, as well as, general location and disposition of the complaint, if known. VC will update logs with new information when available but not later than two business days. Campus crime statistic logs will be made available to the public except where prohibited by law or when disclosure would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim. VC reserves the right to withhold information when the release would jeopardize the investigation or the safety of an individual until the damage would no longer occur as a result of the release of information. VC will make the crime log for the most recent 60 day period open to public inspection during normal business hours. The crime log older than 60 days will be available within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking

In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the terms sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are defined as follows:

- Sexual Assault-an offence classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offence under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- Domestic Violence-a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies; or any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of jurisdiction.
- Dating violence-violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: length of the relationship; the type of relationship; and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- Stalking-engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.
- Vernon College strictly adheres to State of Texas definitions of consent as outlined in its criminal code.

In instances where sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking is alleged, the victim is strongly encouraged to report the incident. The campus offices authorized to deal with sexual assault allegations are the Dean of Student Services, the VC Campus Police/Security and/or Counseling. By contacting one of these offices, the victim will be informed in writing of his/her voluntary/confidential reporting rights and given specific information as how to go about bringing formal charges against the accused. The procedures for on-campus disciplinary action will be the same as those outlined in the Student Handbook and the Employee Handbook for any other alleged violation of the Student or Employee Code of Conduct. After conferring with the student, an incident is to be referred to law enforcement authorities, and this action would then be pursued by the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Vernon College recognizes that the preservation of evidence is critical for criminal prosecution. Students and employees are hereby advised that they have the option of pursuing their allegations either through the Office of the Dean of Student Services, under the Student Code of Conduct, or through the appropriate law enforcement authorities under certain criminal and/or civil laws and requirements, or both. Pursuing allegations through both authorities does not constitute double jeopardy. Institutional personnel will assist the student in notifying these authorities if requested by the student. Ultimately, it is the student's option as to whether or not they want to pursue allegations through both authorities.

Procedures for Disciplinary Action:

The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding. Both the victim and the accused have the option to appoint an advisor from campus faculty/staff of their choice. Both the accuser and the accused must be informed simultaneously in writing of the outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sex offense. Depending upon the severity of the incident, those persons found guilty of sex crime would be subject to a range of penalties; e.g. mandatory counseling, suspension, or dismissal from VC, as well as other sanctions outlined in the Student Handbook and Employee Handbook. The institution's procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the results of the institutional disciplinary proceedings are outlined in the Student Handbook and Employee Handbook.

Rights/Support for Victims:

Every effort will be made to provide victims of sexual assault written notification of their rights including medical and psychological referrals for treatment as soon as possible.

- **Changing Academic and/or Living Arrangements:** When appropriate, and in respect for the rights of victims and accusers, academic and/or on-campus living arrangements may be modified as the direct result of an alleged sexual assault. This action may be taken when requested by the victim or accuser and if such modifications are reasonable and available. These arrangements would be coordinated through the Dean of Student Services office.
- **Counseling Services:** Those students who have become victims of a sex crime are eligible for and encouraged to take advantage of the counseling services offered by a VC counselor. Referrals to other community support services will be made when appropriate. Various programming to address sexual assault, including rape and acquaintance rape, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking is available throughout the academic year. In addition to annual information booths provided by the local domestic violence shelter, programs are conducted primarily by the VC counselors. Additional information as well as literature is available through the VC counselors, the Dean of Student Services office, and the Health Care Clinic.

Ongoing Educational Programming to promote awareness and prevent sexual assault, including rape and acquaintance rape, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking is available throughout the academic year. Information on risk reduction to recognize warning signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks is available throughout the academic year. In addition to annual information booths provided by the local domestic violence shelter, programs are conducted primarily by the VC counselors. Additional information as well as posters and literature are available through the VC counselors, the Dean of Student Services office, and the Health Care Clinic. In compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, Vernon College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Vernon College does not encourage bystander or witness intervention in assaults of any kind, but provides safe and positive options such as highly encouraging witnesses or bystanders to immediately contact law enforcement or

institutional personnel in the event of an incident or suspected incident. More information can be found on our website at: <http://www.vernoncollege.edu/campus-save-act>.

Missing Persons Procedures for Student Residence Halls

A person residing on the Vernon Campus student residence halls is required to list a confidential name to be notified in the event they are reported missing on emergency contact information form. When a missing person report is made regarding a student residing in Vernon College Housing, the following protocol will be enacted. If the notification is made to the Office of Housing, the Director of Housing and Police Chief should be immediately notified to assess the situation. If the notification is made to the Police Department they should immediately notify the Director of Housing. The Chief of Police and the Director of Housing will assess the situation and include local and state authorities if necessary.

Assessing the Situation: (Director of Housing)

- a. Search room and building for individual. If not located, proceed to step B.
- b. What are the circumstances that lead one to report a person is missing?
- c. What was the emotional state of the missing individual?
- d. What are the missing person's normal habits?
- e. How long has the individual been missing?
 1. Last time the person was seen?
 2. Who were they with at the time?
 3. Last known destination?
 4. What type of transportation did he/she have?
- f. Description of missing individual.
 1. Age and build.
 2. Clothes they were wearing when last seen.
 3. Facial hair, glasses, color and length of hair, etc.
 4. Other unusual or identifying characteristics, e.g., braces, scars, etc.

Actions to be taken:

- a. Director of Housing
 1. Notify the Dean of Student Services.
 2. Notify the emergency contact person listed on the housing application. The institution shall notify the contact person within 24 hours of the determination the student is missing.

Fire Safety Report

The Office of Student Services publishes an Annual Fire Safety Report for our facilities including on campus student housing. Beginning October 2011, this report will include all fire statistics, emergency response and evacuation procedures and all policies regarding fire drills and alarms.

All of the above policies, procedures and protocol have been adopted as best practices by Vernon College in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Higher Education Act of 1965 and amendments made by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Request a copy of this Annual Security Report by contacting Vernon College at 940.552.6291, or write Annual Security Report, Office of Student Services, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, Texas 76384.

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the following is a full disclosure of reported criminal activities for the past three years.

Vernon	On-Campus			Residential Facilities			Non-Campus			Public Property			Unfounded Crimes		
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
Homicide															
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses															
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Persons/Property															
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Forcible Entry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-No Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Attempted Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) Offenses															
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests															
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Disciplinary Referrals															
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	4	0	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Hate Crimes															
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graffiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the following is a full disclosure of reported criminal activities for the past three years.

Century City Center	On-Campus			Residential Facilities	Non-Campus			Public Property			Unfounded Crimes		
	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
Homicide													
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses													
Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Persons/Property													
Robbery	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Forcible Entry	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-No Force	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Attempted Force	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) Offenses													
Domestic Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests													
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Disciplinary Referrals													
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Hate Crimes													
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graffiti	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Skills Training Center	On-Campus			Residential Facilities	Non-Campus			Public Property			Unfounded Crimes		
	2021	2020	2019		2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019
Homicide													
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses													
Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Persons/Property													
Robbery	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Forcible Entry	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-No Force	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary-Attempted Force	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) Offenses													
Domestic Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests													
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Disciplinary Referrals													
Weapons: Carrying/Possessing	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Hate Crimes													
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny Theft	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graffiti	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* These statistics include property statistics from the Vernon Police Department (VPD), Wilbarger County Sheriff Office (WCSO), Wichita Falls Police Department (WFPD), Wichita County Sheriff Office (WCSO), Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC), and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Hate Crimes:

Vernon College is required to report hate crimes by category of prejudice, geographic location, year the incident was reported, and category of crime (including any crime perpetrated on the basis of prejudice that results in bodily injury). However, for the years covered by this report (2019, 2020, 2021), the college has received no reports of crimes committed on the basis of prejudice.

Federal Crime Definitions

Following are the definitions and terms used in the FBI Uniform Crime Reports and VC Crime Statistics reported herein.

Arson:

Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Assault, Aggravated:

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Assault, Non-aggravated:

Assaults and attempted assaults where no weapon is used and that do not result in serious or aggravated injury to the victim.

Burglary (Breaking or Entering):

The unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft. Forced entry is not a required element of the offense; it may be accomplished via an unlocked door or window, so long as the entry is unlawful (constituting trespass). Included are attempts to commit burglary where force is employed or where a perpetrator is frightened off while entering an unlocked door or climbing through an open window.

Drug Abuse Violations:

Violations of laws prohibiting the possession, production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use.

Fondling:

The touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Hate Crimes:

Any of the offenses listed and other crimes involving bodily injury to any person in which the victim is intentionally selected because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability of the victim.

Incest:

Non forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Larceny/Theft:

The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession of constructive possessions of another. Examples of offenses in this classification include pocket-picking and purse snatching (where no more force is employed than that necessary to take the property).

Liquor Law Violations:

Violations of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages (does not include "driving under the influence" or drunkenness).

Motor Vehicle Theft:

Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter:

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Negligent manslaughter:

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Rape:

The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Robbery:

The taking, or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Sex Assault:

The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Sodomy:

Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Stalking:

The act or crime of willfully and repeatedly following or harassing another person in circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to fear injury or death especially because of express or implied threats; *broadly* : a crime of engaging in a course of conduct directed at a person that serves no legitimate purpose and seriously alarms, annoys, or intimidates that person.

Statutory Rape:

Non forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Weapons Possessions:

Violations of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

As defined in the Clery Act:**Campus:**

Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls.

Non-campus building or property:

Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution; and any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public property:

All public property that is within the same reasonable contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes.

As defined by Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code Possession of Alcohol by a Minor (MIP) - A minor (a person under the age of 21) commits an offense if he or she possesses an alcoholic beverage.

The following criminal offenses are published each year no later than October 1st, and include crime statistics that occurred on campus during the previous three calendar years.

For more information concerning Crime Awareness Statistics in the areas of non-campus, public property, and/or local area, as well as to obtain a complete copy of Institutional Security Policies, contact Vernon College Student Services at (940) 552-6291, or write Institutional Security Policies and Crime Statistics, Office of Student Services, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, Texas 76384.

-OR-

For a complete copy of Vernon College Crime Statistics and/or to compare with other Secondary Education Institutions, visit the [Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education Campus Security Statistics Website](#).

Annual Fire Safety Report 2022

Calendar Year 2021

Firefighting services are provided 24 hours a day by the Vernon Fire Department for the Vernon College campus. The Vernon College Physical Plant Department is responsible for the management, plan review, contractor supervision, service, inspection and testing of the fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, special hazard systems, kitchen suppression systems, and fire extinguishers for all college owned and leased facilities. They also provide plan reviews and contractor supervision of new construction. The fire extinguishers and emergency exit lights are checked annually by Vernon Fire & Safety. Fire alarms and smoke detectors are tested annually by Simplex-Grinnell.

Fire Statistics/Log: Vernon Campus – including Student Residence Center & Athletic Hall

Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Student Residence Center

Year	Date /Time of Event	Location	Cause of Fire			Deaths	Injuries	Value of Property Damage
			Intentional/ Unintentional *	Mechanical Failure	Act of Nature			
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Athletic Hall

Year	Date /Time of Event	Location	Cause of Fire			Deaths	Injuries	Value of Property Damage
			Intentional/ Unintentional *	Mechanical Failure	Act of Nature			
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

On-Campus Housing Facilities Fire Safety Systems: (description)

Student Residence Center and Athletic Halls – Housing is available on the Vernon Campus. There are two student housing facilities at Vernon College which accommodate a total of 156 students. Each room is shared by two students. The Student Residence Center provides co-ed housing for 128 students. The 28-bed Athletic hall provides housing for baseball players. The rooms are built in a suite arrangement; two rooms share a shower and other bathroom amenities. In each housing facility, each dorm room is equipped with a smoke detector and there are fire extinguishers located in the center and at the end of each hallway.

Center	Fall Fire Drill	Spring Fire Drill	Spring Severe Weather Drill
Student Resident Center	October 4, 2021	March 10, 2021	March 10, 2021
Baseball Resident Center	October 4, 2021	March 10, 2021	March 10, 2021

Institutional Policies Related to Possible Fire-Inducing Devices:

ITEMS PROHIBITED IN STUDENT HOUSING - The following items shall not be used or held in the student's room, storage areas, basement, or lobby; and violations will result in the item(s) being confiscated and disciplinary actions taken.

1. Firearms, ammunition, explosives (including firecrackers, fireworks, etc.), weapons, hunting bows, arrows, martial arts equipment, hazardous chemicals, gasoline driven vehicles of any kind i.e. motorcycles, vehicle parts, heavy repair equipment or accessories to any vehicle or engine parts.
2. Use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff and chewing tobacco, is prohibited in all College buildings. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings on campus including common rooms in the Student Residence Center.
3. Illegal drugs and/or paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages or their containers.
4. Alcoholic beverages and/or their containers.

5. Electrical items other than clocks, radios, stereo equipment, televisions, or other approved appliances. Microwave ovens must use less than ten (10) amps of power. Refrigerators must be 4.5 C.F. or less.
6. Outside television or radio antennas.
7. Waterbeds or water filled furniture.
8. Motorcycles of any type.
9. Pictures or items deemed by the Director of Housing to be obscene or pornographic.
10. Street signs and other public signs are considered to be stolen property and are not allowed in College Housing.
11. Open flame, burning or heat producing items, including candles.
12. Animals of any type.

Fire Equipment

Fire and safety equipment must function properly when it is needed, therefore, the following acts are prohibited:

- Tampering or playing with fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, exit lights or emergency lights,
- Tampering with or pulling fire alarm under false pretenses;
- Removing smoke detector batteries or otherwise rendering a smoke detector inoperable,
- Obstructing halls and stairwells with furniture, debris and/or other items.

Reporting Emergencies

In an emergency or threat to person or property, dial 911 and give clear description of the problem, your location and your name, immediately following the call, please notify the Dorm Director or staff for additional assistance.

Student Housing Evacuation Procedures: (Same procedures for both facilities)

Student Residence Center & Athletic Hall Fire Evacuation Procedures

If the fire alarm sounds, students are to evacuate the building IMMEDIATELY, following the instructions listed below.

- A. If your door is hot to touch, do not open it.
 1. Roll up a wet towel and place it at the base of the door to prevent smoke penetration.
 2. Close windows, turn on lights, and close room doors but do not lock.
- B. If your door is cool to the touch, open it slowly.
 1. If you encounter heat and/or pressure in the hallway, leave your room, carefully, closing the door behind you, and proceed to the nearest exit/stairwell. (If possible, alert other students on your way to the exit).
 2. If the hallway is clear, close your door behind you and proceed to the nearest exit/stairwell. (If possible, alert other students on your way to the exit).
- C. If you encounter smoke, take short breaths through your nose and stay close to the floor (crawl if possible.)
- D. Once outside the building, move far away from the building and wait until recalled by an authorized College official.

When appropriate, students will be asked to report to the tennis courts in order to account for all and make way for fire equipment. A false fire alarm and/or the abuse of fire equipment (including smoke detectors) is an offense of the Texas Penal Code and may be considered a misdemeanor or felony. The College may elect to deal with these violations and/or refer them to appropriate law authorities. College action can include disciplinary action or expulsion from Vernon College. Safety equipment is here for your protection.

Fire Safety Education & Training Programs: At the beginning of each semester, a mandatory meeting for all student residents and housing staff is held. At the meeting, evacuation notification and emergency procedures are covered in detail.

In the event of a Fire-Related Emergency Dial 911, and please report to: 940-552-6291

- a. Chief of Police – Kevin Holland x. 2272 or (940) 357-9637
- b. Director of Housing – Jesse Dominguez x. 2319
- c. Vice President of Student Services – Dr. Criquet Chapman x. 2250
- d. President – Dr. Dusty Johnston x. 2200

Plans for future improvement in Fire Safety: The safety of our students is of the utmost priority at Vernon College, therefore Vernon College plans to continue to report and comply with federal, state and local requirements.

The Vernon College Annual Security Report & Crime Awareness Statistics can be accessed from our website under Legal Information and then Government Mandated Information or here: <http://www.vernoncollege.edu/governmentmandatedinfo/>

Request a copy of this Annual Fire Safety Report or Annual Security Report by contacting Vernon College at 940.552.6291, or write Office of Student Services, 4400 College Drive, Vernon, Texas 76384.