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# **CRIME AWARENESS AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT**

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## ***2025 CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT***



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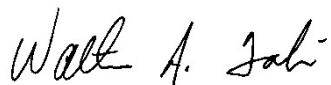
## A Message from the President

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The mission of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (OCtech) is to "provide relevant training and education in a diverse, flexible and inclusive environment that promotes success and self-reliance for students, and fosters economic development for the region." Inherent in that mission is our goal to provide a safe learning and working environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Operationally, all members of the faculty and staff at this institution play a vital role in fulfilling that goal by making students our priority, making a commitment to community, dedicating ourselves to quality, and valuing those skills that provide opportunity for all members of the OCtech family. Within that family, we have a committed campus police staff, who are proactive in deterring criminal activity on campus, yet also serving as ambassadors to those stakeholders who arrive on our campus. I am very proud of the work they've accomplished through their belief and commitment to the philosophy of community policing.

As a two-year technical college, and a commuter campus, we serve diverse populations of students, and work diligently to be proactive in deterring any type of criminal activity on campus. However, we do understand that instances beyond our control do occur, and therefore, we value shared decision making and collaboration in developing plans to address those types of occurrences.

OCtech has a strong, positive reputation in the community for the high level of customer service, the strong academic rigor it provides students, and the quality of its employees, but this reputation would not be as it is today without the assistance of our campus police department. Thank you for taking the opportunity to review the OCtech Crime Safety Report, and the reader of this publication will discover, after reviewing the information contained in this document, that safety and security on this campus is a priority, and we as an institution, value the work provided by our staff.



Dr. Walt A. Tobin  
President

## **PURPOSE**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The information in this publication is to comply with requirements set forth under the 1998 Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The act is commonly referred to as the “Clery Act.” This report is updated on an annual basis and is disseminated to all college students, faculty, staff, and interested individual via web distribution. Upon request, this report will also be provided in printed format to any applicant for enrollment or employment, as well as to any current student, faculty, staff, or interested individuals.

## **POLICY**

It is the policy of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College that any criminal act, act or threat of violence, injury, destruction of college or personal property, traffic accident, or other situation which occurs on the campus which may constitute an emergency, a danger to the health, safety or property of any person; or a threat to the public order; be reported immediately. The following is the procedure for reporting any of the above, or other potential criminal actions and/or other emergencies:

During normal operating hours, incident reports should be made to OCtech Police Office. The OCtech Police Office is located in the Gressette Learning Resources Center, Building B Office 142. Please dial telephone ext. 1336 if on campus (803-535-1336 if off campus) to speak with the officer on duty or, in the event of non-emergencies, leave a voice mail message. In the event of an emergency, and there is no answer at ext. 1336, dial cell phone **803-682-3335** or press **0** from a college phone. By pressing 0, the phone will automatically dial the information desk. This number is monitored from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday and on Friday 8:00a.m.to 1:30p.m. After 6:00 p.m. on Monday – Thursday and on Friday after 1:30p.m., please follow the following instructions for reaching the officer on duty:

- Monday – Friday, call the OCtech Police cellular phone at **803-682-3335**. The phone will automatically notify the officer of any messages. For non-emergencies, leave a voice mail message.
- Blue light emergency call boxes are strategically located in the campus parking lots. These boxes connect directly to the radios of the Campus Police Officers.

In extreme emergencies such as serious injuries and medical issues, fire and other life-threatening situations, any employee or student is authorized to dial 911 and make a direct request for assistance. Further notification through proper college channels may be completed when time permits. The officer on duty shall initiate the emergency notification system, notifying the appropriate individuals.

An initial and necessary follow-up investigation of the allegations will be conducted. Reports are treated confidentially. When notified of a crime, the assigned officer will work closely with the victim to resolve the problem. The victim maintains the right to drop or decline prosecution of the case at any time and to choose whether to pursue the case through the criminal justice system, the campus judicial system, or both. If an incident is considered an immediate threat to members of the campus community, that information will be shared through crime alert notices.

## **THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (OCtech) provides full-service police protection to the campus community through its Police Department. The department is a fully independent law enforcement agency. OCtech police officers are South Carolina state certified Class I law enforcement officers. They are commissioned State Constables with statewide jurisdiction and have complete police authority to arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on campus and areas off campus. If any violation of the college rules and regulations are committed by a college member, the incident may also be referred to Student Services for disciplinary action. The Office of Student Services ensures that safety/security policies are uniformly executed and conveyed in a clear and consistent manner to the student body. Reports involving major offenses are shared with the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and Orangeburg County Sheriff Office (OCSO), and joint investigations may occur. The prosecution of criminal offenses, felony or misdemeanor, are conducted at Magistrate, General Sessions or Federal Court.

By mutual agreement with state and federal agencies, OCtech Police Department access the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system and other South Carolina Crime Information databases through the Orangeburg County Sheriff Office. These databases are used for accessing criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information along with other local, state and federal law enforcement information. OCtech Police Department has direct radio communication with local law enforcement agencies over the Palmetto 800 communications network.

Students who engage in criminal activity at off campus locations may be monitored and recorded by local law enforcement agencies. This information may be provided to the Vice President of Student Services for any action that may be required and appropriate. While Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office has primary jurisdiction in off campus areas in close proximity to campus and concurrent jurisdiction on campus, OCtech Police Officers often respond to incidents that may involve students.

Job duties of OCtech Police Officers include but are not limited to:

1. Patrolling the campus on a routine basis, making security checks of buildings and grounds, and investigating any suspicious person or activity.
2. Checking parking lots and the campus in general; enforcing the traffic and parking regulations.
3. Registering vehicles for identification purposes.
4. Assisting in fire prevention
  - A. Posting fire plans and instructions throughout the campus.
  - B. Routinely checking fire extinguishers throughout the campus for serviceability.
  - C. Summoning the fire department when needed.
5. Investigating accidents to personnel and securing appropriate medical attention.
6. Initiating investigations and police reports from complaints dealing with thefts, assaults, disturbances, etc.
7. Maintaining a desk log and recording events as they take place during a tour of duty.
8. Enforce all South Carolina state laws. Enforce the college's rules and regulations.

## **OCTECH POLICE POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

In the event of a disturbance (non-violent), the OCtech Police Department tries to solve it on campus without affecting an arrest. When a crime is committed or probable cause exists, arrests are made by the officer on duty and the subjects are transported to Orangeburg-Calhoun Detention Center and charges are filed.

1. The OCSO is called in on major incidents for assistance. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is called to enter the investigation if it involves other counties in the state.
2. OCtech Police Department does report crimes to the Uniform Crime Reporting System. The officers at the college will assist in other matters when called upon.
3. The college has excellent working relationships with the local sheriff, fire departments, rescue, and the hospital.

## **Crime Statistics and Reporting**

Numerous efforts are made to inform members of the campus community on a timely basis about campus crime and crime related problems.

## **Timely Warnings**

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Chief of Campus Police and/or the Executive Team, constitutes a credible ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college intercom message and e-mail system to faculty, staff, and present students. The

college emergency alert system will issue messages to cell phone and email to participants in the system. Other instructions will come via building/area captains and by memo to the media, if necessary.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the OCtech Police Department, by phone **803-682-3335** and **803-535-1336** or in person at the police office, located in the Gressette Learning Resources Building, Building B, Office 142.

### **Emergency Alert Systems**

Emergency Alert (Regroup) allows the college to send emergency messages to multiple phone numbers and emails of students and employees. Students are directed to a link on their D2L accounts to sign-up. Employees may use the link on SharePoint or website ([www.regroup.com](http://www.regroup.com)). The college email address is automatically enrolled in the alert system. Students and employees are encouraged to add cell phone numbers and personal email addresses to the system. Adding a cell phone and an email will allow the receipt of emergency texts, voice messages, and emails. The College currently tests the system twice a year at minimum.

### **Eyewitness**

OCtech Police Department has a safety anonymous hotline. It is called **eyewitness**. The phone number is **803-268-2626**. This hotline provides students, faculty and staff an anonymous number to report any information they have witnessed, observed or know of that may threaten the safety and security of anyone on campus. If you call, you are not required to leave any contact information unless you wish. The hotline will be checked twice a day, Monday-Thursday, and once on Friday. To report emergencies, you will continue to call the OCtech Police cell phone **803-682-3335**. A truly safe campus can only be achieved through the full cooperation of all the students, faculty, and staff.

### **Crime Log**

A summary of criminal incidents is maintained at the OCtech PD office located in Building B, room 142. This log can be viewed during normal business hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.) and on Friday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. The Clery Act does not require disclosure of all crimes.

### **Tobacco Free Campus**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is committed to providing an environment conducive to its mission that is safe, healthy and comfortable. Due to well-documented health and safety risks related to smoking and the college's commitment to support the comfort and well-being of its various constituents, the college is a "tobacco-free" campus. Tobacco use is prohibited on all property owned or controlled by the college. This prohibition includes all buildings and grounds. This policy is in effect at all times with no exceptions.

### **Safety and Security Response Manual**

The college has published a Safety and Security Response Manual that incorporates emergency response and evacuation policies and procedures for a variety of situations.

Information in the plan ranges from general guidelines for dealing with potential emergency situations to specific information on what to do for a variety of specific situations. The information is provided in an effort to better prepare all of the college community members in the event of a natural or man-made emergency or disaster. The plan is reviewed annually and is on the web at [www.octech.edu](http://www.octech.edu) under Campus Security.

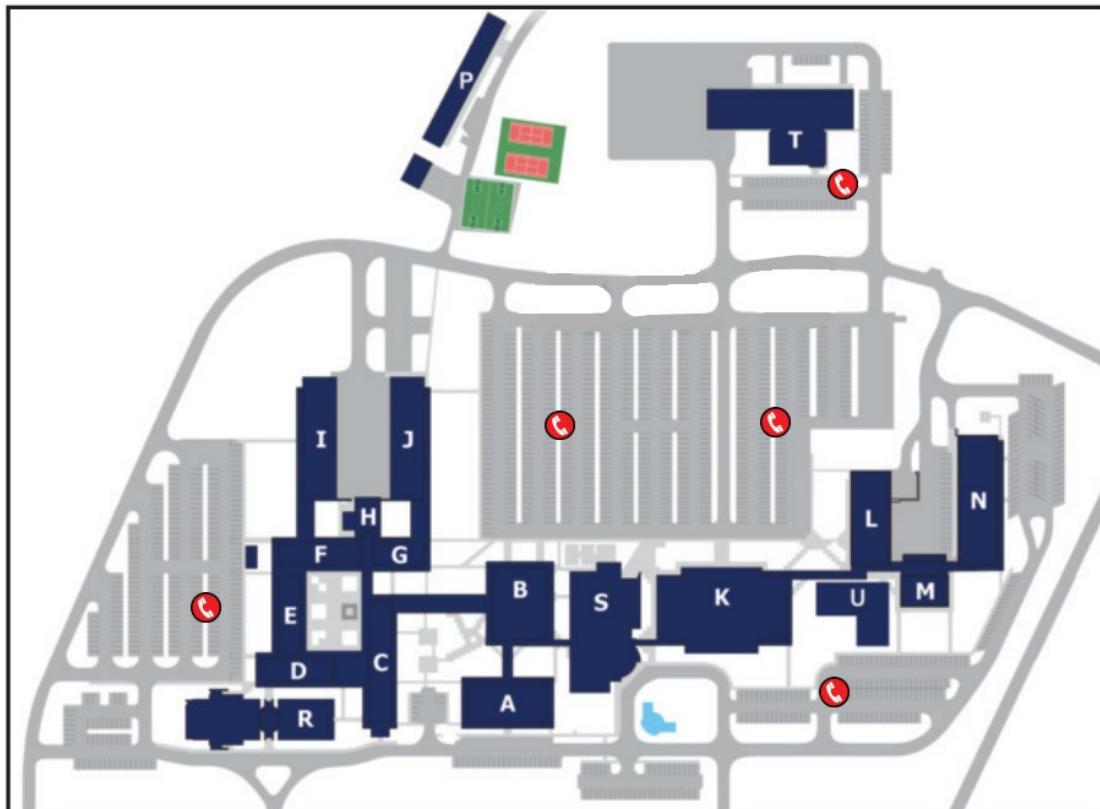
### Campus Services

The following services are offered through our OCtech Police Department: campus escorts, lost and found, vehicles lockout, and battery jumpstart assistance for vehicles. Please contact the officer(s) on duty or call **803-682-3335**.

### Emergency Call Boxes

Safety and Security on the college campus has been enhanced through the installation of emergency call boxes.

- There are five (5) blue light call boxes located on campus. The blue light call boxes have a blue light that is illuminated 24/7 and a blue strobe that flashes when the box is activated. Our "blue light call boxes" are radios that communicate directly with armed Campus Police Officers' radios. A patrolling officer can often be at the location in seconds, bypassing the local 911 service, who would otherwise dispatch Campus Police personnel to the emergency. By pressing the button on the box this will enable instant, reliable notification (ID and location) to Campus Police personnel during normal College operating hours. The automatic audible instructions will guide users through a step-by-step process. The caller will be able to gain a two-way voice communication with responding personnel to quickly assess the caller's needs. The locations of the Blue Light call boxes are indicated on the map below by the red phone symbol.



**IMPORTANT**

Please be reminded the Call Box Emergency System is only useful when an officer is on duty. If you have an emergency when the college is not staffed with an officer, please call 911.

**Weapons**

Pursuant to the South Carolina Concealed Weapons Act, other applicable State laws, and the college policy, firearms are not allowed on the campus of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Any person with a firearm in his/her vehicle is subject to the applicable laws of the State of South Carolina. See South Carolina Code of Laws Section 16-23-420.

**SECTION 16-23-420.** - (A) It is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm of any kind on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, other post-secondary institution, or in any publicly owned building, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property. The provisions of this subsection related to any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post-secondary institution, do not apply to a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 when the weapon remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

Persons whose conduct violates state law will be prosecuted in the appropriate criminal court. In addition, this procedure prohibits carrying any other weapon (knife, sword, blackjack, metal pipe, club, dirk, slingshot, brass knuckles, razor, or other type of weapon, object or device which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death) on campus. This applies to any weapon or replica of a weapon in assembled or unassembled condition.

All prohibited items will be confiscated and may be destroyed. Approval for possession or use, in extremely limited and specific situations, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Animals Prohibited**

Animals are not allowed on the premises or property of OCtech except for animals trained to assist the disabled, police dogs or police horses, or animals used for educational purposes in academic programs. The feeding of animals (feral, domestic, or wildlife) on campus is prohibited with the exception of those animals trained to assist persons with disabilities.

**Drugs and Alcohol**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances by students as set

forth in South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 44-S3-110et seq. This law prohibits possession or sale of drug paraphernalia (such as roach clips, bongs, water pipes, cocaine spoons) as defined in South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 44-S3-1510et seq. and the distribution or delivery of an imitation ("look-alike"), non-controlled substance represented as a controlled substance, as defined in South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 44-S3-390. Detailed information on federal and state alcoholic beverage and other drug laws may be found in the Student Handbook.

In the state of South Carolina it is illegal to purchase, possess or consume alcohol if you are under the age of 21. It is also illegal for a person of legal age to purchase alcohol for a person less than 21 years of age.

The college must maintain its primary function as a center of learning. No one under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will be allowed to attend class or remain on campus. At the same time, it must be clear that local, state and federal laws apply equally on campus as well as off campus. The abuse of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs by members of the College community are incompatible with the goals of our College. Substance abuse programs have been developed both on campus and within this community. They offer alcohol and other drug education, counseling, and referral services. Local agencies are the Dawn Center and Orangeburg Mental Health Clinic.

### **Sex Offender Registry and Access to Related Information**

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in the State to provide notice, as required under State law, to each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. In South Carolina convicted sex offenders must register with the County Sheriff Office where they reside.

In addition, all persons convicted of violations under the laws of the United States or any other state substantially similar to an offense for which registration is required shall provide to the local agency all necessary information for inclusion in the State Sex Offender Registry within ten days of establishing a residence within South Carolina. Any person required to register shall also be required to re-register within ten days following any change of residence.

Nonresident offenders entering the State for employment, to carry on a vocation, or as a student attending school who are required to register in their state of residence or who would be required to register under this section if a resident of South Carolina shall, within ten days of accepting employment or enrolling in school in the State, be required to register and re-register pursuant to this section. For purposes of this section "student" means a person who is enrolled on a full-time or part- time basis, in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution, or institution of higher education.

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) maintains a system for making certain Registry information available via the Internet. The Web address for the SLED State Sex Offender Registry is: <http://www.sled.sc.gov/> and allows you to search for Offenders by Name, City, County, or Zip Code. The information available includes the offender's name; sex, race, age, date of birth, height, weight, eye, hair and skin color; last reported address, any scars, marks or tattoos, aliases used; the date of conviction, the statute violated; if the offender is a predator; and a photograph if available.

Registry information provided under law shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, for the screening of current or prospective employees or volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. Use of the information for purposes not authorized by law is prohibited and a willful violation with the intent to harass or intimidate another can result in prosecution.

## **SECURITY AND ACCESS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES**

The Chief of Police, the VP for Business Affairs, and Human Resources Director are responsible for campus safety/security.

In order to ensure a safe environment, the college has partnered with Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department to provide professional police services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Inspection of grounds and facilities, with the specific intent of evaluating any existing or potential safety hazards, are conducted periodically and findings corrected.

### **Access to Campus Facilities Procedure**

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

In accordance with this commitment, we ask that you comply with the following:

1. Anyone who needs access to a building on Monday – Thursday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and Friday between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and anytime on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, must have prior authorization from the Chief of Police before entering the campus and/or any buildings during the above hours. The OCtech Police Office (located in Building B) can be contacted by dialing **803-682-3335 or 803-535-1336**, and speaking with the officer on duty or leaving a message on voice mail during normal college business hours. This applies to individuals who have keys, those who have access to keys and those who do not have access to keys.
2. No one is permitted to open doors for individuals who do not have keys during the hours mentioned above except campus security personnel who have been authorized to do so by their supervisor.
3. Individuals who have been assigned keys are not to loan or entrust their keys to others. The individuals to whom key assignments have been made are and will be held responsible for the security of their respective areas.

4. When a faculty or staff member opens a building, or a section of a building for student activities, the students must be supervised during the entire time they are in the building. It is the responsibility of the supervising faculty or staff member to secure the building when the activity has ended.
5. At the close of the business or instructional day, it is the responsibility of the individual supervisors or faculty members to secure their respective work areas. This includes windows, doors, and any other means by which unlawful or unauthorized entry might be made.

### **PROCEDURES VICTIMS SHOULD FOLLOW IF A CRIME OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE OR STALKING HAS OCCURRED**

Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that they are or have been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the College's Title IX Coordinator, or designee. Students may also contact any Responsible Employee who has an obligation to report any claim of sexual harassment or sexual assault to the Title IX Coordinator or designee.

The OCtech Police Department takes all complaints of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking seriously and actively assists students, faculty, and staff in dealing with matters of this type through civil and criminal means. The following policies and procedures can be found on the college website at [www.octech.edu/](http://www.octech.edu/) About/Policies and Procedures and State Technical College System (SBTCE) website at [www.sctechsystem.com/faculty-and-staff/policies-and-procedures/index.html](http://www.sctechsystem.com/faculty-and-staff/policies-and-procedures/index.html)

- SBTCE Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Sexual Misconduct (8-5-101 & 8-5-101.1)
- SBTCE Sexual Harassment under Title IX (8-5-101.2)
- OCtech Student Grievance Procedure (4.049.01)
- OCtech Student Code of Conduct (4.049.03)
- OCtech Student Code Procedures for Addressing Alleged Acts of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (4.049.02)

#### **If a Sexual Offense Should Occur, the survivor should:**

- Go to a safe place.
- Contact a safe person to be with you.

The following are options and are not required of a survivor:

- On campus, call the OCtech Police Department at 803-682-3335 or 803-535-1336. Off campus, call local emergency medical service by dialing “911” or their local number. This does not obligate you to file charges or testify in court.
- If you prefer not to call the police, but you want to make it known that a sexual assault has occurred, contact the Vice President for Student Services (803-535-1218) or the Title IX Coordinator (803-535-1207).
- Do not bathe, shower, or douche. Do not urinate, if possible.
- Do not change clothes, if it can be avoided. If changing clothes is necessary, secure your changed clothes inside a paper bag, not plastic. (Evidence deteriorates in plastic).
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, rinse your mouth, or brush your teeth if oral contact took place.
- Do not disturb the crime scene(s).
- Get prompt medical attention. This can be obtained from any hospital emergency room. This will maintain the survivor’s confidentiality.
- Obtain counseling. CASA Family Systems (local counseling service) maintains your confidentiality. The contact number is 803-531-6189 and 803-539-6265 (pager).
- The survivor has a right to choose who to talk to and who not to talk to at any point.

## **COLLEGE INFORMATION**

Sexual assault is strictly prohibited by the college. The College’s Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct and Student Code Procedures for Addressing Alleged Acts of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment procedures comply with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-105-10 et seq. (Supp. 2002), commonly known as the “South Carolina Campus Sexual Assault Information Act”.

**Sexual Assault** means an actual or attempted sexual contact with another individual without the individual’s consent. Sexual assault includes, but is not limited to: involvement in any sexual contact when the victim is unable to consent; intentional and unwelcome touching of, coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force another to touch an individual’s intimate parts, or disrobing or exposure of another without consent; or sexual intercourse without consent, including acts commonly referred to as “rape.” Intimate parts may include genitalia, groin, breast, or buttocks, or any other body part that is touched in a sexual manner.

**Consent** is clear, knowing, and voluntary agreement. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity. Consent to any one form of sexual activity cannot automatically imply consent to any other forms of sexual activity. Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts.

The college will impose sanctions on individuals who commit sexual assault. In cases involving a student, an interim (immediate) suspension may be imposed, which means the accused cannot attend classes or be on campus until a preliminary hearing is held (within 10 days). In other cases, the accused may be permitted to attend classes pending a final decision from the Vice President for Student Services. If the recommendation is suspension (from the college) or expulsion (from the college), a hearing will be held. Among the other disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed are the following: reprimand, special conditions, disciplinary probation, loss of privileges, suspension from the college, expulsion from the college, additional measures that may include change in academic and extra curricula activities, living arrangement, transportation, dining, and college-related work assignments, or any combination of the sanctions listed.

### **Procedure when a Sexual Assault Is Reported to the Campus Police Department**

When you notify OCtech Police Officers of a sexual assault, the following will occur:

- OCtech PD will respond to your location on campus, ensure that you are safe and provide you with emergency medical assistance.
- OCtech PD will ask you questions about the assault (location and time of the assault, a description of the accused, etc.). If you request to speak to a male or female officer, campus police will make every reasonable effort to accommodate your request, to include contacting another law enforcement agency having concurrent jurisdiction. Local law enforcement may become involved depending on the circumstances surrounding the incident. A family member, friend, or counselor may be with you during the interview.
- OCtech PD will protect the crime scene, contact local law enforcement as may become necessary and assist in the collection and preservation of evidence.
- OCtech PD will make contact with and escort you to an appropriate medical facility.
- OCtech PD will contact other assistance agencies (Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office Victims/Witness Program, etc.) on your behalf. The Victims/Witness coordinator from the Sheriff's Office will help you file any documents related to the S.C. Victim's Compensation Fund.
- OCtech PD will treat you and your case with sensitivity, understanding, and professionalism regardless of your gender or the gender of the accused. Officers will not prejudge you or blame you for what occurred.
- OCtech PD will NOT release your name to the public or the press.
- OCtech PD will continue to be available to you, answer your questions, and explain the system and processes involved (solicitor, courts, etc.).

- OCtech PD will investigate your case, which may lead to the arrest and prosecution of the accused. You will be kept up-to-date on the progress of the investigation and/or prosecution.
- When you report a sexual assault on campus, you are not making a commitment to file charges or testify in court. By reporting the matter to the OCtech PD, you can be assured of immediate physical protection and transportation to a medical facility.

### **Procedure when a Sexual Assault Is Reported to the Vice President for Student Services or Title IX Coordinator**

Please refer to

SBTCE Procedure 3-2-106.2 [Student Code for Addressing Alleged Acts of Sexual Harassment Under Title IX](#)

OCtech Procedure 4.049.02 [Student Code Procedures for Addressing Alleged Acts of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#)

If a sexual assault occurs off campus, the proper jurisdiction should be notified. Please familiarize yourself with the numbers for emergency assistance (EMS, police) in your area. Even though the incident occurs off campus, counselors and community resources are available to meet with the student.

### **HAZING**

OCtech is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students and hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. All student organizations recognized by OCtech including the Student Advisory Board (SAB), and any unofficial student group of two or more people operating as a club, society or association. Student groups and individual students should not condone or engage in any hazing activity.

OCtech makes Online Hazing prevention training available to all students and reminder announcements about the training are posted in the College's learning management system, D2L.

#### **Reporting Hazing Activities**

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any suspected hazing activities immediately. Reports can be made through the following channels:

- A. If there is an immediate threat to a student's health and safety, call Campus Police at 803-682-3335.
- B. To initiate a complaint for alleged hazing, contact the Vice President of Student Services at 803-535-1218 or the Director of Human Resources at 803-535-1207.

### **Investigation and Adjudication**

Upon receiving a report of hazing, OCtech will conduct a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation in compliance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in [OCtech Student Code of Conduct Procedure 4.049.03.](#)

The following policies and procedures can be found on the college website at [www.octech.edu/](http://www.octech.edu/) About/Policies and Procedures

[OCtech Hazing Policy 4.050](#)

[OCtech Hazing Procedure 4.050.01 Hazing](#)

## **CAMPUS PROGRAMS ON SECURITY, SAFETY, AND CRIME PREVENTION**

Campus safety procedures and practices are included in the college catalog and OCtech website ([www.octech.edu](http://www.octech.edu)). Students, faculty, and staff are also informed of these safety practices at orientations and faculty/staff meetings. Students and employees are encouraged to be responsible for their own safety and security.

### **Campus Safety Programs**

In addition to direct efforts in crime prevention and detection, the OCtech Police Department monitors a number of programs to foster campus safety and security.

#### **Freshmen and New Students:**

All new and freshmen students are recommended to attend an orientation session that includes a briefing on crime on campus, security procedures, and department services from the OCtech Police Department. Although there is no set schedule for presentations of other crime prevention/education programs, topics on campus crime or related topics are offered by various departments on campus throughout the year.

#### **Faculty/Staff**

All security and safety programs offered to students are also available to faculty and staff. The Chief of Police annually presents to the faculty and staff services provided to them by the OCtech Police Department and any additional information or changes. New employees are provided education on the Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct policies and procedures of the college, and their responsibility under Title IX. They are given information about the safety and security policies and procedures of the college.

#### **Security Awareness Programs**

Crime prevention posters are displayed in campus facilities to help educate the college community on new prevention techniques and bystander intervention and awareness. The

college has an awareness program “Be Aware, Be Alert, and Be Safe”. There are events and information circulated to promote this program which includes, but is not limited to bystander intervention, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault stalking information, and prevention and risk reduction.

## **HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Chief of Police, Jermaine McFadden**

Office: 803-535-1393, Cellular: 803-928-0211

**Campus Police Department**

College Office: 803-535-1336, Cellular: 803-682-3335

**VP of Business, Mr. Kim Huff**

College Office: 803-535-1204, Cellular: 843-560-1788

**VP of Student Services and Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Sandra Davis**

College Office: 803-535-1218, Cellular: 803-378-9737

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**OFF CAMPUS ASSISTANCE**

\*\*\*\*\* 911 \*\*\*\*\*

1. Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Orangeburg County Sheriff	803-534-3550
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Orangeburg Public Safety	803-534-2812
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2. Local Fire Department	803-533-6046
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3. EMS (RESCUE SQUAD)	803-531-3020
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4. SC Highway Patrol Department	803-531-6840/6841
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5. Local Hospital (MUSC)	803-395-2201
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6. County Health Department	803-536-9060
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7. The American Red Cross	803-534-5735
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8. Department of Public Utilities	803- 268-4000
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9. County and State Engineers	803-531-6850
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10. Dept of Mental Health	833-364-2274
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11. CASA Family Systems	803-531-6189
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## **CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS**

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 were enacted on November 8, 1990. The Act requires college campuses to make available statistics of any criminal incidents and/or arrests, and to report, on an annual basis, the number of criminal incidents (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and/or motor theft). The college is also required to report the number of arrests involving liquor law, drug abuse and/or weapons violations.

The Chief of Police collects, compiles, and disseminates this data for the college's annual security report.

## **STATISTICAL DEFINITIONS**

### **Campus**

ON CAMPUS is defined as any building or property, owned or controlled by an institution of higher education, within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area to the institution, and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes. This includes residence halls and property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports the institutional purposes.

### **Non-campus Building or Property**

NON-CAMPUS BUILDING OR PROPERTY is defined as any building or property owned or controlled by student organizations officially recognized by the institution. Also, any building or property (other than a ranch 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 reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

### **Public Property**

PUBLIC PROPERTY is defined as all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

### **Hate Crimes**

We report, by category of prejudice, any crime reported pursuant to the act, or any other crime involving bodily injury, that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the his/her actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or ethnicity.

### **Disciplinary Referrals**

This is a list of the number of disciplinary referrals for each of the following offenses during the three listed calendar years. The statistics do not include drunkenness or driving under the influence.

### **Reporting changes for the Campus Security Policy/Campus Crime Statistics Report have been amended to include the following:**

- Two new crime reporting categories (manslaughter and arson)
- Arrests or persons referred for campus disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug-related violations, and weapons possession,
- Redefinition of reporting area: ***Campus, Non-Campus Building or Property and Public Property.***

Offense (Reported by Hierarchy)	Year	On Campus	Non- Campus	Public Property	Total
Murder / Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forceable	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Non-Forceable	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	1	0	0	1
Liquor Law Arrests	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrests	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Arrests	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violation Referred for Disciplinary Action	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Violation Referred for Disciplinary Action	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violation Referred for Disciplinary Action	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Arson	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0
Stalking	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0