

# *Annual Safety Report*

## *2015*



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*This information is provided in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act as amended through the Violence Against Women Act of 2013.*

## ***Introduction***

Northeastern Technical College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members and guests of the campus community. Because no area is totally isolated from crime, the college has developed a series of policies and procedures that are designed to ensure that every possible precautionary measure is taken to protect persons on campus.

The Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services ensures that safety/security policies and procedures are uniformly executed and conveyed in a clear and consistent manner to the college's students.

## ***How to Report Crimes and Emergencies***

### During day classes (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.):

***Cheraw Campus:*** Report to the Office of Student Services

***Bennettsville, Dillon, and Pageland Campuses:*** Report to Campus Coordinator

### During evening classes (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.):

***Cheraw Campus:*** Report to the Evening Coordinator or Campus Security. In either case, the proper authority can be contacted through the switchboard operator from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., call the Security cell phone at (843) 921-3512.

***Bennettsville, Dillon, and Pageland Campuses:*** Report to Evening Coordinator

### In the event of an emergency:

The student or visitor should report the problem to the most accessible faculty or staff person who will notify Security or the administrator in charge. Appropriate college personnel will notify the proper local authorities needed to assist with the emergency.

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

Most college facilities are open to the public during the day and evening hours when classes are in session. When the college is officially closed, buildings are secured and only faculty, staff and pre-approved students are admitted.

## ***Campus Security Personnel***

The college employs the services of Defender Services, Inc. to provide for public safety and the general security of campus facilities. Campus security efforts are supplemented by mutual aid agreements with the Cheraw Police Department, Bennettsville Police Department, Dillon County Sheriff's Office, and Pageland Police Department.

## ***Emergency Procedures***

NETC's Emergency procedures are listed in its Policies & Procedures Manual – NETC Procedure 2.2.4 (located online at <http://www.netc.edu/uploads/2-2-4.pdf>) as well as the Emergency Procedures Manual.

Items addressed are as follows: Informing the media/public; Unauthorized visitors; Acts of violence/threatening behavior/armed intruder; Accidents, injuries, illness (medical/psychological); Emergency evacuation; Reporting an emergency; Fire; Infectious materials spills; Hazardous materials spills; Utility emergencies; Inclement weather (tornados, storms); Bomb threat or explosive device; Reporting a crime; Sexual assault/crime prevention; and Drugs/alcohol usage.

Each category is addressed separately to include notification of the proper campus official/security or, if deemed necessary, a 911 response. The notification system includes a Call Tree, which lists the name and telephone number of the next person on the list. This process is done in a timely manner to notify college personnel of an emergency situation.

All faculty, staff, and students may sign up for the Emergency Notification System powered by Regroup. This system can send a mass communication in the event of an emergency on any one of the College campuses through cell phones (text/voice), landlines, emails, and social media (Facebook/Twitter).

Evacuation maps are located on walls in classrooms and hallways and are clearly marked to show exits or “safe areas” in case of tornados. Tornado drills are held annually, and fire drills are performed once each semester. The Safety Committee Chair documents the date and time of drills and indicates whether or not an announced or unannounced exercise was held.

The Safety Committee is comprised of the Chair and nine members—four from staff and five from faculty. The committee monitors the safety aspects of the campus and makes recommendations for consideration and action. The Safety Committee has recommended and the Area Commission has approved the upgrade of locks for offices and classrooms that allow for securing of the room from inside, the purchase of cameras that will record the parking lots and entrances and hallways of campus buildings, and the acquisition of an alarm that may be heard across the campus in the event of a lockdown situation. All improvements are scheduled to be completed in December 2015.

### ***Crime Prevention***

While the College makes considerable effort to ensure the safety and security of all students and visitors, it is the individual’s responsibility to take precautions to protect himself/herself. For this reason, the College has established a crime prevention program that provides for the following:

- A. Crime prevention presentations are made by experts in the fields of rape prevention, robbery, car theft.
- B. Crime prevention materials are placed in campus literature racks.
- C. Surveys on safety are conducted among students.

### ***Off-Campus Crime***

The College considers the welfare and safety of students in off-campus programs and those participating in field trips, etc., to be of equal importance to those on the campus. Incidents happening at off-campus sites will be under the jurisdiction of the faculty or staff member in charge of the group or individuals affected. Such incidents will be reported to local law enforcement and to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services. Such incidents will become part of the college crime statistics.

The Student Code, in section III, F, # 3 & 4, indicates that the violation of institutional policies or South Carolina and/or federal laws while on or off-campus when participating in a college sponsored activity subjects the student to the disciplinary provisions of the Code. Therefore, all violations of these provisions are subject to institutional sanctions regardless of actions taken or not taken by legal authorities.

### ***Alcohol & Drug Information***

Separate materials have been prepared by the College on alcohol and drug possession, use and sale. This information is sent to every student via email and is available online at <http://www.netc.edu/uploads/drug-policy-and-procedures.pdf>.

### ***Sexual Offenses***

Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault. An unfortunate result is that many sexual assault survivors elect not to tell anyone. It is important that the campus community be aware of both the consequences of sexual assault and the options available to victims/survivors. Victims may report the incident confidently and without fear of retaliation.

If an assault occurs on college property, it should be reported immediately to any member of the college staff or faculty. Incidents can be reported to the administrator in charge by calling 6900 on the campus telephone system. Incidents may be reported to local law enforcement officials if the victim so chooses.

Alteration of schedules, work conditions, and transportation may be considered if necessary to support a survivor of sexual assault, and counseling options will be discussed.

### ***Statement on Domestic and Sexual Violence***

Northeastern Technical College does not tolerate acts of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. Survivors may also explore protective orders or non-contact orders through law enforcement.

### ***Definitions***

***Domestic Violence*** may be defined as violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family law.

***Dating Violence*** means violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Whether there was a relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.

***Stalking*** means a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

***Sexual Harassment*** is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, including but not limited to unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; or other verbal or nonverbal conduct of a sexual nature, including rape, sexual violence, sexual assault, and sexual exploitation. In addition, depending on the facts, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking may also be forms of sexual harassment.

***Sexual Assault*** is actual or attempted sexual contact with another person without that person's consent. Sexual assault includes, but is not limited to: intentional touching of another person's intimate parts without that person's consent; or other intentional sexual contact with another person without that person's consent; or coercing, forcing, or attempting to coerce or force a person to touch another person's intimate parts without that person's consent.

***Rape*** is defined as penetration, no matter how slight, of the anus or vagina with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the person's consent.

**Consent** requires speech or conduct indicating a freely given, uncoerced agreement to engage in sexual contact. Consent may not be inferred from silence or passivity alone, and a current or previous relationship is not sufficient to constitute consent. Consent may be withdrawn at any time prior to a specific sexual act by either person.

To be valid, the person giving consent must be physically and mentally able to:

- Understand the circumstances and implication of the sexual act
- Able to make a reasoned decision concerning the sexual act
- Able to communicate that decision in an unambiguous manner.

There are a number of factors which may limit or negate a person's ability to consent to a sexual act. These include impairment due to the influence of alcohol or drugs (illegal or prescription), a person's mental or physical impairment of which the other person is aware or should reasonably have been aware, unconsciousness and fear or coercion.

### ***Addressing Allegations***

NETC Procedure 5.2.25 [http://www.netc.edu/uploads/5-2-25\\_002.pdf](http://www.netc.edu/uploads/5-2-25_002.pdf) identifies the steps that will be taken to investigate an allegation of sexual misconduct and to adjudicate such an allegation in a manner that safeguards the rights and safety of the alleged victim, as well as the accused party, in a timely, impartial process that will utilize the preponderance of evidence standard. In addition, the procedure outlines the rights and options of those individuals who report being the victim of such a crime.

### ***Campus Contacts***

If you find yourself a victim of, or witness to, an act of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual harassment, or sexual assault, you may notify any faculty or staff member or one of the following:

- Security Office at 921-3512
- Dean of Students at 921-6932
- Title IX Coordinator at 921-6908

### ***Additional Resources***

#### ***South Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA)***

<http://www.sccadvasa.org/about/member-programs/>

#### ***Hands on Health – Promoting Healthy Lifestyles***

<http://www.handsonhealth-sc.org/golocal/golocal.php?nid=380&regnum=5&skip=400>

#### ***Pee Dee Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Assault***

Toll Free: 1-800-273-1820

### ***Training and Programs***

In order to ensure compliance with Section 304 of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which amends the Clery Act, Northeastern Technical College has revamped its new student orientation materials to

further educate students regarding the definitions of consent, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and stalking.

In September 2014, seven college administrators participated in Title IX training as part of a larger effort of the South Carolina Technical College System to further educate college faculty and staff of their obligations to report allegations of inappropriate or threatening conduct. The training also conveyed to the participants the proper means of investigating and adjudicating complaints that protect the rights of both the accused and the accuser. The information gathered at this training will be shared with faculty and staff throughout the school year during in-service training sessions.

Further training was provided in March 2015 by Coastal Carolina and in May 2015 by the South Carolina Technical College System for members of Northeastern Technical College Title IX Team to reinforce and update members of the key concepts involved in investigation of alleged incidents, adjudication of alleged incidents, and protections of both alleged victim's and the accused's student rights. Further Title IX training for faculty and staff was made available through online webinars provided throughout the summer of 2015 by the South Carolina Technical College System. The topics covered included bystander intervention, victim resources, and new Clery Act requires. These webinars supplemented new faculty and staff orientation and served as continued training for existing faculty and staff.

In addition to student orientation, Fall Field Day and Spring Fling Events have the Student Government Association manning a table with materials that include fact cards on sexual assault, pledge cards for bystander intervention, wrist bands that say "Speak Up," and college water bottles with the Campus Security phone number on it. These events allow for a social setting further creates a college-wide environment that is safe and healthy.

In 2015, continued innovations occurred with additional information being added to the freshman orientation sessions, and the local Pee Dee Coalition sponsoring a table during Open Registration that highlighted domestic violence and bystander intervention through literature and brochures. The Coalition will also establish a presence at Fall Field Day and Spring Fling Day. NETC's College 103 course – College Skills – will begin to incorporate guest speakers from the Pee Dee Coalition that will help student address such issues of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking along with the importance of being an active bystander if necessary.

### ***Sexual Offender Registration***

In accordance with the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the SC State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is providing a registry of sex offenders in South Carolina.

Registry information provided by this act shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general. The SC SLED is responsible for maintaining this registry. The web address is [www.sled.sc.gov](http://www.sled.sc.gov). On the main page under services, click on Sex Offender Registry.

### ***Campus Safety Tips***

- *Walk with someone at night. Remember: There is safety in numbers.*
- *Don't carry large amounts of cash.*
- *Don't leave your belongings (books, coat, purse) unattended in library, classroom, or lounge area.*
- *Keep doors locked while driving.*

- *Park in well-lighted areas.*
- *Lock valuables in your trunk.*
- *Lock your car.*
- *Check the back seat before getting in your car.*
- *Report suspicious activity to Campus Security.*

### ***Unfounded Crimes***

In the event a reported crime is “unfounded,” it may be only deemed “unfounded” by a law enforcement official. Such “unfounded” crimes will be removed from the institution’s crime statistics; however, they will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education database as “unfounded” crimes as part of the Annual Safety Report.

## Northeastern Technical College – Bennettsville Campus – Crime Reports

Listed below are the crimes subject to reporting and the number of incidents reported from Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2014, and the preceding years of 2012 and 2013.

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (On Campus)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

<b><u>Hate Crimes (On Campus or Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
j. Simple assault	0	0	0
k. Larceny/theft	0	0	0
l. Intimidation	0	0	0
m. Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

### **Arrests or Disciplinary Actions**

<b><u>(On Campus or Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Illegal weapons possession	0	0	0
b. Drug law violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

## Northeastern Technical College – Cheraw Campus – Crime Reports

Listed below are the crimes subject to reporting and the number of incidents reported from Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2014, and the preceding years of 2012 and 2013.

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (On Campus)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

<b><u>Hate Crimes (On Campus or Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
j. Simple assault	0	0	0
k. Larceny/theft	0	0	0
l. Intimidation	0	0	0
m. Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

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<b><u>(On Campus or Public Property)</u></b>			
a. Illegal weapons possession	0	0	0
b. Drug law violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

## Northeastern Technical College – Dillon Campus – Crime Reports

Listed below are the crimes subject to reporting and the number of incidents reported from Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2014, and the preceding years of 2012 and 2013.

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (On Campus)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

<b><u>Criminal Offenses (Public Property)</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

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b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
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b. Drug law violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

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b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

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b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses-Forcible (Rape/Fondling)	0	0	0
d. Sex offenses-Non-forcible (Incest/Statutory Rape)	0	0	0
e. Robbery	0	0	0
f. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
g. Burglary	0	0	0
h. Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
i. Arson	0	0	0
k. Stalking	-	0	0
l. Domestic Violence	-	0	0
m. Dating Violence	-	0	0

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