

# **Campus Safety and Crime Statistics**

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## **Campus Safety**

Forrest Junior College is a community of about 100 students and more than 40 faculty and staff. The campus covers five acres near downtown Anderson, SC, and is within a short drive and/or walking distance of shopping, restaurants, city and county offices, and a major hospital. The city of Anderson has a population of about 28,000, enjoys a relatively low crime rate, and is the county seat. The county, with a population of 172,988, has 777 square miles and includes the cities of Belton, Honea Path, Iva, Pelzer, Pendleton, Starr, West Pelzer and Williamston.

## **Police/Security Services**

The College employs off-duty officers of the City of Anderson Department of Police. These off-duty officers are responsible for securing campus buildings at night, opening locked vehicles, jump-starting vehicles, conducting campus safety programs, and providing escorts upon request for safety reasons. Officers regularly request Physical Plant to repair burned-out lights, damaged property, broken door locks, and other items that may cause injury or risk to students.

The College employs three part-time police officers. Campus police officers are authorized to investigate crimes, complaints, to make arrests, and to enforce federal, state, and local laws, including traffic laws. Campus police patrol the campus on foot from 5 p.m. until closing. During late evening hours, the officers on duty check the building and other places where students congregate.

## **Crime Statistics**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires all colleges to report designated crimes that occur on property owned or controlled by the College that is used by students for educational purposes. Police/Security Services include reports received from the Anderson Police Department in our crime statistics as required by the Campus Security Act. The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System is the source of the definitions that we use for Clery Act reporting.

Among the reportable crimes required to be reported are criminal homicide, murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, forcible sex offenses, nonforcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Also reportable are students referred for disciplinary sanctions for liquor law violations, drug violations, and illegal weapons possession.

## Student Responsibilities

As members of a community within the city of Anderson, Forrest Junior College students and employees can become victims of crime if they neglect the appropriate safety measures. Students must be conscious of personal conduct which could have a direct effect on their safety and wellness. They are advised to lock their doors, be accompanied by another person(s), inventory and mark valuables, and make sound decisions when choosing friends and activities. Students are to report crimes and questionable activity to the designated on-site college administrator or campus police/security. Every student is required to read and be familiar with the College's Judicial Code in the Student Handbook as it relates to conduct.

## Reporting Crimes

It is extremely important for students, faculty, and staff to report all crimes to the designated on-site College administrator or to campus security as quickly and accurately as possible.

Campus crime can be reported anonymously. Information received will be investigated without disclosure of the confidential source. If the report is validated, the incident will be included in the annual crime statistics.

**Crimes Reported by Forrest Junior College** (in accordance with Uniform Crime Reporting Procedures and the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Crimes Statistics Act)

### Total Crimes Reported - FJC Campus

Offense Type	2006	2007	2008
(Includes attempts)			
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses-Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses(only includes incest and statutory rape)</b>	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	2	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	0

### Hate Crimes Reported—FJC Campus

Offense Type	2006	2007	2008
(Includes attempts)			
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses-Forcible</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sex Offenses-Non-Forcible (includes only incest and statutory rape)</b>	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0
<b>Any Other Crime Involving Bodily Injury</b>	0	0	0

### Total Crimes Reported - FJC Campus Resulting in Disciplinary Actions or Arrest

Offense Type	2006	2007	2008
<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>	0	0	0
Arrest	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Violations</b>	0	0	0
Arrest	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0
<b>Weapons Law Violations</b>	0	0	0
Arrest	0	0	0
Referral	0	0	0

### Drug & Alcohol Policy

The use and/or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs by Forrest Junior College students, faculty, and staff is strictly prohibited both on and off campus. State and federal laws require the College to take appropriate enforcement action involving the possession, use, and sale of illegal drugs. The College is also required to enforce state laws involving the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages, and to enforce laws prohibiting underage drinking. The College's objective is to take positive corrective action to prevent further incidents of substance abuse. Students involved with substance abuse are usually required to go through evaluation and counseling programs. In addition to its comprehensive drug and alcohol policy, the university complies with the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act of 1989. When processing and adjudicating incidents involving alcohol or drug use or the possession of drugs, the College's policy could involve the Anderson Police Department's narcotics division.

## **Sexual Assault Prevention Programs**

Students who are victims of or have questions about sexual violence are encouraged to contact Police/Security Services or the Administrative Offices of the College for assistance. The following organizations and offices are available for prevention programs and for referrals:

- **Campus Security Officer on duty**
- **Campus administrator on duty**
- **Anderson Police Department** - Central Dispatch at (864) 231-2280. Central Dispatch will either send a police officer or transfer you to the appropriate office.

## **To Report Sexual Assault**

In rape cases, contacting the proper authority is imperative (Campus on-duty administrator or campus on-duty security officer). To properly obtain evidence, victims must go immediately to a hospital, wearing the same clothes worn at the time of the offense. Victims should not bathe. In most situations, rape investigations are conducted by the Anderson Police Department. Students are to refer to the Student Handbook and the College Catalog for information on disciplinary procedures and campus disciplinary sanctions.

**Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act:** The Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act requires educational institutions to provide notification in an annual campus security report specifying where information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained. The South Carolina Sex and Violent Offender Registry is available on the Web at <http://www.sled.state.sc.us>

## **Timely Warning**

When incidents occur on or near campus that could pose a threat, College administration will notify students, faculty, and staff by sending an all-campus mailing and posting notices. The mailing will include information on the potential threat and suggest action to be followed for personal safety.

## **Lighting**

College administration ensures adequate campus lighting. Campus officers report burned-out lights during their daily rounds and complete a comprehensive light survey several times each quarter.

## **Fire Drills**

Fire drills are held on campus each term in order to help students become familiar with evacuation procedures.

## **Severe Weather**

Potentially dangerous weather is announced on local television and radio stations. The College follows the same severe weather schedule as does the Anderson County School District. The college has a weather alert radio that will sound if any potentially dangerous weather is in the area.

### **Safety Meetings**

Campus police officers are available to speak to small groups of students about campus safety and crime.

### **Vehicle Assistance**

Campus security officers make every effort to help students, faculty, and staff stranded on or near campus, including unlocking doors, inflating tires, and jump-starting vehicles. Officers do not change flat tires.

### **Weapons**

Handguns, rifles, and other weapons are not permitted on campus. Students, faculty, and staff who hold state gun permits are **not** permitted to carry or keep their weapons on university property or in vehicles parked on campus. Sworn police officers are the exception.

### **Solicitors**

Selling or soliciting is not permitted on campus.

### **Emergency Phone Numbers**

- For all emergencies and crimes in progress, call **911**  
(City of Anderson Police/Fire/Ambulance)

### **Reporting Crimes/Requesting Services**

- Campus security officer on duty
- Campus administrator on duty
- To report a crime that has already occurred, call Anderson Police Central Dispatch at (864) 231-2280. Central Dispatch will either send a police officer or transfer you to the appropriate office.
- To find out if someone has been arrested, call the Anderson Police Booking Office at (864) 231-2277.

The Anderson Police Department, with few exceptions, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.