

# Annual Security Report

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTRODUCTION

This report contains information regarding safety and security programs, policies, and procedures in place at New Mexico State University's Las Cruces campus and the Doña Ana Community College campuses. It complies with the requirements established by 20 USC 1092, also known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. Select crime statistics from 2009 through 2011 required by this Act are included, but a more comprehensive listing of crime and traffic crash statistics from 1989 through 2009 is available on-line at [www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com). The NMSU Police Department is the agency with primary responsibility for the collection of data for this report, though it relies on other departments and agencies for assistance.

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The NMSU Las Cruces campus is the home of over 24,000 students, faculty, staff, and residents during the school year. The Doña Ana Community College's main campus is located on the Las Cruces campus and contains over 10,000 additional students, faculty, and staff in its system. These combine to make NMSU the equivalent of the 9<sup>th</sup> largest city in New Mexico.

Actually located outside the city limits, NMSU is also the largest land-grant university in the nation in terms of size, thanks in part to the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Facility, better known as the College Ranch, and a host of other facilities and campuses throughout the county. These include the Leyendecker Research Facility, the Fabian Garcia Horticulture Center, and the Horse Farm, as well as DACC's East Mesa Campus, Gadsden Campus, Santa Teresa Campus, and Workforce Development Center. All totaled, there are over 105 square miles of campus in Doña Ana County alone.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AT NMSU

In 1958, the university determined there was a need for its own police department. Since its inception over half a century ago, the **NMSU Police Department** has grown to become a highly trained and capable department that provides patrol, criminal investigation, and emergency dispatching services for the university. While most efforts are focused at the Las Cruces campus, the department also assists the other facilities around the state in preparedness activities, crime prevention programs, and special criminal investigations. The department has enforcement authority on all property controlled by the Board of Regents throughout the state, as well as concurrent jurisdiction in some neighboring areas under mutual aid agreements.

All police officers are completely trained, certified, and have full arrest powers. In addition, a number have specialized training and work with other agencies in the region. Some are assigned as members of the Sheriff's Department special response team, while others are nationally certified handlers of explosives and drug detection dogs. Others participate on regional response teams that investigate special crimes, as well as statewide task forces with a variety of state and federal agencies. All of this means the officers working on campus bring back a wealth of information and experience that are used to help ensure the university is on the cutting edge of safety and preparedness.

All dispatchers working in the university's **Emergency Dispatch Center** are also fully trained and certified by the state. They answer the 911 calls coming into the center from campus, and dispatch police, fire, and emergency medical services. In addition, the dispatchers assist the greater community by helping the other public safety dispatch centers during times of crisis. During the floods of Hatch, NM in August 2006, NMSU dispatchers were on-scene for over 150 hours straight providing communications for the responding agencies.

In addition to its own police department, the university also has its own **Fire and Emergency Services Department** to provide fire protection and emergency medical response on the Las Cruces campus. While a

team of full-time, experienced fire professionals lead the department, a large amount of the work is performed by student firefighters who are trained and certified as firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and even hazardous materials technicians. This department is unique to NMSU, and it provides not only a rapid response to emergencies on campus, but also a great way for students to get experience and work their way through school. The Department also provides mutual aid support to the nearby fire departments when they need assistance.

While not a traditional public safety agency, the **Environmental Health & Safety Office** also works to ensure a safe environment at university facilities throughout the state. The staff provides safety training, assists with development of safety procedures, oversees laboratory safety and hazardous waste disposal, assists with emergency planning, and a host of other functions intended to help keep the campus safe.

NMSU also maintains its own **University Health Center** to provide for the non-emergency medical needs of the community. The center has full-time physicians and nurses, and offer X-ray, laboratory, and pharmacy services for students, faculty, and staff. They also provide travel shot services for those preparing for trips abroad, and are a partner in emergency preparedness with the New Mexico Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### **SAFETY – EVERYONE’S BUSINESS**

A campus community relies on a peaceful, safe, and secure environment. Preserving this environment is a responsibility everyone on campus shares. Members of the community are expected to be aware of policies and procedures of the university and to promptly report any crime or suspicious activity.

Everyone needs to also be conscious of personal safety. While the NMSU Police Department and other campus safety entities work to keep the campus safe, they cannot do so when people intentionally choose to engage in risky activity. Everyone is encouraged to be aware of their surroundings and avoid suspicious or dangerous situations whenever possible. Campus community members are also encouraged to follow common safety practices that include locking doors and windows, using seatbelts, and avoiding the over-consumption of alcohol.

### **SECURITY OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES**

The Las Cruces campus is relatively safe compared to other universities and cities its size. However, that does not mean it is crime free. Burglary and thefts occur more frequently than other crimes on campus, and students and employees are encouraged to always lock up valuables and not leave them unattended, as this contributes to a large portion of the thefts.

Most academic buildings at NMSU are open to the public during normal business hours (up to 10 pm for evening classes), including some on weekends. Administrative buildings are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. The libraries and certain buildings with computer labs post their hours of operation, with schedules that change throughout the school year to meet the needs of students and staff. Some are even open 24-hours a day, like the Police Department and Pete’s Place in the Corbett Center Student Union. However, buildings are closed when not in use.

Some residence halls (including Chamisa Village, Garcia Hall, Monagle Hall, Rhodes-Garrett-Hamiel Hall, and Piñon Hall) have exterior common doors that are kept locked to help limit access for residents, while other residential facilities (such as Cervantes Village, Vista Del Monte, and family housing) are designed so the individual apartment or house doors open directly to public areas. For those residential units opening directly to public areas, peepholes are provided in the doors. Guests at enclosed facilities should enter through the main lobby of those facilities. However, students living in any housing units are responsible for keeping doors to

their individual rooms locked, and all residents share responsibility for helping keep exterior doors from common/public areas closed and locked. In addition, residents should never allow someone to follow them through a door, nor should they prop doors open to allow others to enter, even if just for a minute or two. Live-in staff members are located within the facilities to assist residents, as well as to help enforce housing regulations and university policy. If a lock or security device is not working properly, the resident assistants should be contacted immediately.

The Office of Facilities and Services works to help maintain security of the campus by locking up academic buildings at the end of the night, as well as replacing burned out lights, trimming vegetation that blocks lights, and conducting annual tours of the campus to develop a prioritized list of projects for improvements. The custodians who work for the Office of Facilities and Services also serve as additional observers and reporters of problems around the campus.

### **TIMELY WARNINGS AND ALERTS**

When there are major incidents or emergencies that affect a large number of people and that present an immediate threat to health or safety, NMSU will issue advisories, alerts, or warnings as appropriate and as long as doing so will not impede the public safety response or further endanger lives. The following is a description of these three different actions:

**Advisory:** This is a general notice that there is a condition that exists (or will exist) that may affect a large number of people. It is issued primarily to assist the public in avoiding inconvenient situations, such as road construction that may result in traffic delays or road closures where re-routing will be necessary. Advisories may be issued by a number of departments on campus, though the Office of Facilities and Services takes the lead on road construction issues, with the NMSU Police Department often handling remaining issues. Advisories are most often sent out via e-mail to the campus community, as well as to the news media in the area.

**Alert:** This is a more urgent notice that something serious has happened that people need to know, and where specific action should be taken to avoid danger. Alerts are most often used to notify the public of a significant crime that has taken place where the suspect is at large and is believed to present an ongoing safety threat to the community. The NMSU Police Department handles the issuing of alerts, which are most often sent out via e-mail to the campus community, as well as to news media in the area. If circumstances warrant, alerts may also be conducted via door-to-door notifications in residential areas, distribution of flyers or posters, or other means deemed appropriate by police officials. The NMSU Police also work with other law enforcement agencies to encourage them to provide notice of incidents that might affect the university community so alerts can be sent in a timely manner.

**Warning:** This is the most immediate type of notice, indicating that there is a situation that is currently taking place that may present a danger to the public. These are usually sent via the university's Emergency Notification System, which is a combination of short message service (SMS) text messaging, telephone calls, and e-mail notices. Warnings are sent by the NMSU Police Department, and will generally include: 1) an indication there is an emergency; 2) the location of the emergency; 3) the nature of the emergency; and 4) direction on what to do. In order to make the system work as fast as possible, these messages are necessarily kept very brief. Additional, more detailed information regarding the emergency will be posted on the university's website ([www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu)). On-scene direction from public safety personnel, media releases, update e-mails, and other forms of communication may also be used as appropriate. Participation in the ENS is mandatory for all students and employees at NMSU, with e-mail being the default notification. In order to receive text messages and phone calls, the student or employee must register the appropriate contact information at <http://emergency.nmsu.edu>. More information is available at <http://nmsu.edu/emergencyplanning/>.

**Sirens:** NMSU has installed two outdoor sirens in order to provide an additional tool for notifying the public of severe weather emergencies. The sirens will only be used in those circumstances where there is extreme, immediate danger to the entire community, such as a tornado warning or large hail likely to cause injuries. Upon hearing a siren, students and employees should immediately seek shelter and then seek additional information via news media or by logging onto the university's website ([www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu)).

The final decision on whether to issue one of the above notices, and the information contained therein, rests with the NMSU Chief of Police. The Chief (or his designee) may make the decision not to issue a notice if the situation is deemed not to warrant one, or if doing so might hamper the ability of public safety personnel to respond to and contain the incident.

The NMSU Emergency Dispatch Center works with the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority to monitor significant off-campus incidents. The Police Department has also asked outside law enforcement agencies to notify NMSU authorities of incidents that may warrant warnings to the NMSU community. However, this is not a guarantee these outside agencies will do so in every incident, nor in a timely manner. As a result, anyone believing an alert or warning is needed in a particular instance should contact the NMSU Police Department.

### **EMERGENCY ACTIONS**

If you are involved in a dangerous or life-threatening emergency, take the following steps immediately:

- Get to a safe place as quickly as possible. Generally, the further you can get away from the scene, the safer you will likely be.
- Report the emergency by calling 911. Say, "This is an **EMERGENCY**", give your **LOCATION**, and briefly tell **WHAT** is happening.
- Notify others of the danger so they can also stay away.
- Monitor the situation to see if it gets worse or if circumstances (like wind direction) change. Notify the emergency services dispatcher (911 operator) of the changes.

All students and employees are also encouraged to prepare in advance for emergencies, whether they are from natural disasters (such as floods, tornados, earthquakes, extreme heat, lightning, disease outbreak, etc.) or manmade incidents (including traffic crashes, hazardous chemical releases, downed electrical lines, criminal activity, terrorism, arson, etc.). The NMSU Police Department has prepared a "Quick Flip Guide to Emergencies" that can be downloaded from the internet ([www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com)) and assembled. It is a good starting point for both incident specific guidelines, as well as general guidelines. Additional information is also available through the Environmental Health and Safety Office website at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~safety/>. Under the "Emergency Management" tab on the left is a wealth of information, including the NMSU All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan, communicable disease outbreak guidelines, laboratory safety, and links to a number of other agencies.

NMSU conducts fire and evacuation drills in all residence halls and randomly selected buildings each fall semester. However, students and employees should not rely on these being the only times they think about emergency evacuations. Anytime a person enters a building, they should also look to see what other avenues of emergency escape exist, whether through additional doors, designated fire exits, or even windows. Students and employees should also know where the designated escape routes and exits are in those buildings they live and/or work in, as well as any potential specific challenges (such as stairs might present for a person in a wheelchair). Newer buildings on campus also have designated "safe haven" areas where a person may call for

assistance and wait for fire personnel. However, these areas are not a guarantee, and the person should continually evaluate the conditions and decide whether or not it is still safe to remain in that area.

### **FIRE STATISTICS AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

Statistics on fires and fire responses (other than arson), as well as the Fire Log, are managed by the NMSU Fire and Emergency Services Department. This Department also publishes the Annual Fire Safety Report, which is available online at [http://www.fire.nmsu.edu/statistical\\_data.html](http://www.fire.nmsu.edu/statistical_data.html).

### **MISSING PERSON REPORTS**

Any report of a missing person is immediately investigated by the NMSU Police Department. There is no 24-hour waiting period, and attempts to locate the person will include contacting surrounding law enforcement agencies, notifying the missing person's designated contact(s), notifying parents or guardians if the missing person is less than 18 years of age, contacting known family members and friends, and posting of bulletins and news releases. In addition, the Police Department will notify appropriate university officials that a person is missing.

When students enroll at NMSU, they are asked to provide Emergency Contact Information, and this information is used by the Police Department in contacting family and/or friends. One or more of these people may be designated as a person to contact solely for purposes of trying to find a student should they be missing. The same person, or others, may also be designated for contact in other emergencies involving the student. All students are strongly encouraged to designate and provide the names and contact information of the people they would like contacted under these circumstances. This may be done at the website <http://emergency.nmsu.edu>. For any student who is a minor (under the age of 18) and has not been emancipated by a court, police officials are required to notify his/her parent(s) or guardian(s), in addition to any emergency contacts listed by the student.

Any university employee who, through the course of their employment, is informed that a person is missing from campus is required to immediately notify the NMSU Police Department. If there is information an abduction has just taken place, the employee should call 911. Otherwise, the person should call 646-3311 and provide the information to the emergency services dispatcher. A police officer will then be dispatched to meet and gather additional information.

If a person is reported missing to Housing and Residence Life officials, the staff will conduct a preliminary welfare check to attempt to locate the person, in accordance with Housing policies and procedures. If the person cannot be quickly located, the staff will notify the NMSU Police Department and report the resident as missing. Police and Housing officials may enter the missing student's residence in an attempt to locate him/her.

### **SAFETY PROGRAMS**

The primary functions of the NMSU Police Department are law enforcement, criminal investigation, and emergency response. Integral to these are the crime prevention and public education programs the officers and crime prevention specialists teach on campus each year to help reduce the likelihood of crimes. These programs include:

- **Personal Self Defense and Fight Like A Girl:** learn and practice techniques that can help stop an attack in these programs
- **Pepper Spray:** learn to use pepper sprays for self defense

- **Operation Identification:** check out an engraver and learn how to mark and log down your valuable property
- **Traffic Safety Issues:** refresh on the rules of the road and how to avoid problems
- **Rape Awareness & Prevention:** learn about stranger, date, and acquaintance rape, and some ways to avoid situations common to rapes
- **Alcohol & Drug Awareness:** learn the effects of alcohol and drugs on the body, and the dangers they can pose
- **Dealing with Difficult People and Violence in the Workplace:** learn about the causes of workplace violence and how to reduce its likelihood
- **Emergency Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** learn how to prepare for emergencies, help yourself, and help others
- **First Aid & CPR:** learn how to treat medical emergencies until help arrives
- **RAD Kids:** a safety program for young children

Programs are scheduled at the request of any on-campus and most off-campus groups or organizations. In addition, the Police Department works with others on campus (such as the Department of Housing and Residence Life) to design specific public education programs for the needs of each area. The NMSU Police Department also teaches segments of academic courses at the request of instructors and faculty. Courses are tailored for each audience, and range in length from 15 minutes to 8 hours. Further information, including a list of currently scheduled courses, how to request a course, descriptions of the courses, or discussion of specific needs is available by contacting the NMSU Police Department at 646-3311. Additional information regarding safety can also be found at [www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com) and [safety.nmsu.edu](http://safety.nmsu.edu).

People interested in the activities of the NMSU Police Department can find regular news reports on local radio and television stations, as well as articles in the local newspapers. The Round Up student newspaper also publishes stories on recent police reports taken by the NMSU Police Department. The NMSU Police Department experiences a high degree of cooperation from the local news media and issues press releases on cases of public interest. Police reports are also available for public review via the internet at [www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com). The NMSU Police Department also submits its crime statistics to the U.S. Department of Justice's Uniform Crime Reports.

### **TIPS TO PREVENT CRIME**

The following are some things each person can do to reduce chances of becoming a victim of a crime:

Mark or engrave all valuables (including textbooks), and keep a record of these in a safe place. Include their make, model, and serial numbers whenever possible.

If there are problems with your room that may affect security (such as doors that don't lock well or windows that open easily), let your RA or property manager know immediately.

Register your bicycle with the NMSU Police Department and always secure it to a bike rack on campus with a quality lock.

Lock the doors and windows to your room and your vehicle every time you leave. Do not leave valuables where they can be easily seen by someone passing by, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Always be aware of your surroundings and of any strangers near you. If someone is acting suspiciously, move away toward large groups and well lit areas.

Don't leave valuables unattended in unlocked lockers, study areas, or classrooms.

Alcohol and drug use can reduce your ability to recognize a dangerous situation and your ability to defend yourself. If you are going to drink alcohol, do it legally, responsibly, in a safe place, and with people you can trust.

In addition to the tips above, additional information can be found on the NMSU Police Department website ([www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com)), or by contacting the Crime Prevention Office at 646-3311.

### **IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME . . .**

If you are the victim of a crime while at NMSU, or experience a fire or medical emergency, report it immediately to the NMSU Police Department. For all types of emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call 646-3311. When you call, give your name, the location you are calling from, a brief description of what occurred, and whether the person who committed the crime is still in the area. Prompt reporting and specific information will increase the chances of solving your case. An NMSU police officer will be dispatched to meet with you and obtain all of the necessary information. If evidence from the crime is still intact, please do not move or destroy it. This is especially important in sexual assault cases. Showering, changing clothes, or grooming can destroy vital evidence.

Many students worry about reporting crimes to the police because they do not want to testify in a trial. Victims are nevertheless encouraged to at least contact the NMSU Police Department so they can be made aware of other services (counseling services, medical treatment, etc.) that might lessen the trauma of the incident. If the victim does not wish to pursue criminal charges, their wishes will be respected.

Students who are victims of crimes may also pursue recourse through the NMSU Student Judicial System. While this is not a substitute for the criminal justice system, it affords students the opportunity to have their side heard in a less formal environment. If an accused student is found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct by engaging in forcible or non-forcible sex offenses, he or she may be subject to disciplinary action. The level of disciplinary action administered depends on the specific circumstances of the case, but can range from warnings and attendance at mandatory programs up to and including expulsion from NMSU. Both the victim and accused will be afforded the same opportunities within the student judicial process, including the ability to have others present during disciplinary proceedings, and both shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceedings alleging sexual assault. Students interested in this course of action may call the Student Judicial Services Office at 646-1722, the office responsible for upholding the Student Code of Conduct. As always, students may also contact the Police Department for assistance and guidance.

Any NMSU officials who are approached by a person who has been the victim of a sexual assault or other crime on the NMSU campus are required to assist the person in notifying the police department.

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT**

The issue of sexual assault and other sexual misconduct is at the forefront of universities nationwide. NMSU specifically prohibits sexual misconduct and will assist victims in seeking counseling (available through the Counseling Center or several off-campus organizations), obtaining medical treatment (available through the Student Health Center and local hospitals), changing room assignments, making academic changes, and in any other way possible, including criminal prosecution through the District Attorney's Office (if the victim so desires). Students, faculty and staff, and visitors are reminded that they can contact the NMSU Police Department for assistance at any time, and do not have to file an official police report in order to be helped. If a report is filed with the NMSU Police Department, it will be fully investigated with the findings being referred to the District Attorney's Office for prosecutorial decisions.

A registry of convicted sex offenders is maintained by the State of New Mexico, and is available on-line at <http://www.nmsexoffender.dps.state.nm.us>. As of September 28, 2012, no known sex offenders lived on the NMSU campus (zip code 88003) based on a search of this database.

In addition to other legal requirements, any convicted sex offender who is a student or employee of NMSU is required to register with the NMSU Police Department, as well as make notification to either the Registrar's Office (if a student) or the department head of their employing department (if an employee), or both (if both a student and an employee).

### **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

Use of alcohol is a concern with many high school and college students. While the average age of students attending NMSU - Las Cruces is 27 years old, there are still a large percentage of students and visitors below the age of 21 (the minimum age for consumption of alcohol in New Mexico). Alcohol is strictly prohibited for those below 21, and abuse of alcohol by anyone (to include use in unauthorized areas) is prohibited. The NMSU Police Department does arrest and/or cite for these offenses. Anyone caught selling or giving alcohol to a minor is guilty of a 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony in New Mexico. The Student Judicial Affairs Office will also charge students who violate university policies and state laws, with penalties ranging from mandatory education programs up to and including expulsion from NMSU.

In addition to alcohol, illegal drug abuse (to include prescription drug abuse) is a concern on college campuses. Possession, sale, or use of any prohibited substance may result in criminal charges and administrative sanctions, up to and including expulsion from NMSU. Violations of federal and state controlled substance laws are investigated by the NMSU Police Department and referred for prosecution. The Police Department also participates in a regional task force with the US Drug Enforcement Agency to address controlled substance violations.

For those wanting to know more about the effects of alcohol and drugs, as well as issues like sexual assault, the WAVE (Wellness, Alcohol, and Violence Education) peer educator program is available to offer assistance. Counseling services are also available for those with substance abuse problems, and there are flyers and other information regarding drug and alcohol abuse available through a variety of locations on campus. Also, there are several academic courses related to drugs and alcohol offered each semester for those wanting to gain in-depth knowledge while also earning college credits. These courses can also be a great start for those wanting to pursue careers helping others with substance abuse problems.

### **OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE**

New Mexico State University offers counseling services free of charge to students at the NMSU Counseling Center. The NMSU Counseling Center staff is comprised of well-trained professionals and can help students with a wide range of problems. Students interested should call the NMSU Counseling Center at 646-2731.

Students seeking counseling services off campus may obtain a list of the services available and their phone numbers by calling the NMSU Police Department. The NMSU Police Department can put students in touch with the La Piñon Rape Crisis Center, La Casa Shelter, Doña Ana Victims' Assistance, the Southwest Counseling Center, and numerous other public and private counseling services. Many of these are free of charge or are offered on a sliding fee scale.

For education about sexual assault and misconduct, policy development, and victims' assistance issues, NMSU has given responsibilities to several departments and offices. Students with concerns or needing specific information are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students or the NMSU Police Department. NMSU works specifically toward the goal of reducing the incidence of sexual crimes and providing better services for those

victimized. Special assistance for victims in changing academic and living arrangements is available through the Dean of Students.

Additional services exist throughout the community to deal with special problems. Students may contact the NMSU Police Department with their needs for referral to the appropriate people or organizations.

### **CRIME STATISTICS**

The NMSU Board of Regents, the NMSU administration, and the NMSU Police Department strongly discourage any conduct that is illegal or that violates the rights of another individual. This specifically includes laws concerning possession, use, and sale of alcohol and illegal drugs. NMSU may take both administrative (student judicial and/or personnel) and criminal action against individuals and organizations found to be violating federal, state or university laws or policies regarding alcohol or drugs. Various drug or alcohol abuse education programs are sponsored by NMSU's Police Department, the Vice President for Student Affairs Office, and the Human Resources Office. The NMSU Police Department will make every effort to assist victims of crimes and to prosecute those responsible. The complete NMSU policies on alcohol use, drug use, prohibited activities, restrictive access, and crime can also be found at [http://www.nmsu.edu/~vpsa/DRPAP/related\\_policies.pdf](http://www.nmsu.edu/~vpsa/DRPAP/related_policies.pdf).

The NMSU Police Department is responsible for the investigation of all crimes that take place on university premises, which includes the filing of appropriate police reports and filing of annual reports and statistics. However, other agencies have concurrent jurisdiction in many cases. The NMSU Police Department takes efforts to encourage any other agency taking a report to notify the university so the incident can be reflected in the annual crime reports. While there has been a history of excellent cooperation and data sharing among local law enforcement agencies in Doña Ana County, the cooperation from state and federal agencies in sharing this type of data is not as strong, due in large part to secrecy requirements by those agencies. However, as these agencies generally do not investigate crimes reported herein, this data is believed to be complete.

Statistics on the following crimes and offenses are to be reported in the annual security report:

**Criminal Homicide:** Murder, non-negligent, and negligent manslaughter. Murder/non-negligent manslaughter is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Negligent manslaughter is the killing of another person through gross negligence.

**Sex Offenses, Forcible or Non-forcible:** A forcible sex offense is any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Non-forcible sex offenses are acts of unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

**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.

**Aggravated Assault:** The unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

**Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

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

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. There are three classes of motor vehicles: (1) autos, (2) trucks and buses, (3) and other vehicles.

#### On-campus Arrests for Alcohol, Drug and Illegal Weapon Violations

The number of students referred for Campus Disciplinary Actions for alcohol, drug or illegal weapon violations. (If included in the report as an arrest, a referral does not need to be reported under this category.)

\* These statistics are persons referred for disciplinary proceedings in the Dean of Students Office or Residence Life & Student Housing.

Hate Crimes falling into the above list, involving bodily injury, or reported to the campus security office or local police. (Hate crimes are to be reported by category of prejudice: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.) Note that HEOA of 2008 modified (effective August 14, 2008) the list of hate crimes that must be reported to include the following crimes: larceny, theft, simple assault, intimidation, and property destruction, damage or vandalism. (20 USC 1092 (f)(1)(F)(ii)).

#### **Definitions of Clery Act Locations (General)**

**“On-Campus”** is defined as any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residence halls. This also includes any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the geographic area that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

**“Dorms/Residential Facilities”** for students on campus is a **subset** of the **“On-Campus”** category.

\*\* Crimes reported in the Residential Facilities column are also included in the On-Campus Category.

**“Non-Campus”** is defined as any building or property owned or controlled by an institution 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. This also includes any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution.

**“Public Property”** is defined as all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

## The previous 3 years of crime statistics:

Offense	Year	On-Campus Property	**Residential Facilities	On-Campus Total	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	2011	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2011	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2011	3	3	3	0	0
	2010	7	4	7	0	0
	2009	4	4	4	0	0
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible	2011	0	0	0	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2011	1	0	1	0	0
	2010	2	1	2	0	0
	2009	2	0	2	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2011	11	7	11	0	0
	2010	11	3	11	0	0
	2009	8	3	8	0	0
Burglary	2011	76	27	76	0	0
	2010	85	55	85	0	0
	2009	58	34	58	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2011	9	0	9	0	0
	2010	10	0	10	0	0
	2009	15	0	15	0	0
Arson	2011	1	0	1	0	0
	2010	0	0	0	0	0
	2009	1	0	1	0	0

Hate Crimes 2011: 1 (prejudice category: race, incident type: harassment/intimidation)

Hate Crimes 2010: None reported

Hate Crimes 2009: None reported

Arrests	Year	On-Campus Property	** Residential Facilities	On-Campus Total	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
Weapons: Carrying, Possession, Etc.	2011	1	0	1	0	0
	2010	2	2	2	0	0
	2009	4	2	4	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	2011	54	22	54	2	0
	2010	43	24	43	0	4
	2009	62	32	62	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	2011	126	85	126	0	0
	2010	121	86	121	0	0
	2009	126	62	126	1	0
* Referrals	Year	On-Campus Property	** Residential Facilities	On-Campus Total	Non-Campus Property	Public Property
* Weapons: Carrying, Possession, Etc.	2011	3	3	3	0	0
	2010	9	9	9	0	0
	2009	4	4	4	0	0
* Drug Abuse Violations	2011	60	60	60	0	0
	2010	84	84	84	0	0
	2009	214	214	214	0	0
* Liquor Law Violations	2011	137	137	137	0	0
	2010	237	237	237	0	0
	2009	264	264	264	0	0

## **CRIME BLOTTER AND INCIDENT REPORTS**

The NMSU Police Department has always believed in openness in its records, and is one of the only law enforcement agencies in the nation to make the public sections of police reports available to the public in a free, on-line version. The records can be viewed in the form of a table (which shows the case number, the date, the location, the offense type, and the officer taking the report), as well as in detail (which includes details like the time the officer responded and the actions taken by the officer). These can be accessed from the Police Department's website ([www.nmsupolice.com](http://www.nmsupolice.com)), under the "Crime Statistics" tab. The reports available go back a minimum of 18 months, and the database is updated daily (regular business days) by the personnel in the Records and Evidence Office of the Police Department. In addition, historic crime data (including traffic crashes and citations) is available on the site going back to 1989. These should not be considered official police reports for purposes of insurance or prosecution. Anyone needing stamped, official police reports must contact the Records and Evidence Office of the NMSU Police Department during normal working hours (Monday to Friday, 8 am until 5 pm).

## **OFF-CAMPUS CRIME**

Crime occurring off campus involving students or chartered NMSU organizations is reported to and handled by a variety of agencies, including the Las Cruces Police Department, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, or other local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction. While the NMSU Police Department assists other agencies when asked pursuant to mutual aid agreements, the reporting and tracking of crime is done by the agency of primary jurisdiction. The university does not routinely monitor nor track incidents that are on private property or public property not owned by NMSU. Anyone wanting specific information on off-campus crime should contact the appropriate agency(s). See the Phone Number Reference Guide on the last page of this report for contact information.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP – REPORT CRIME!**

Please help us in deterring crime on our campus by promptly calling the Police Department at 646-3311 or 911 (in case of emergencies) to report suspicious activity, safety problems, or crimes. In accordance with state law,

the NMSU Police Department cannot accept anonymous reports, and must disclose certain information to prosecutors and defense counsel. However, it will take steps in sensitive cases to keep personal information confidential to the extent possible. This includes cases of sexual assault, as well as cases where there is a concern of possible retaliation. The NMSU Police Department also encourages 3<sup>rd</sup> party reports from non-NMSU counselors, pastors, and other mental health practitioners.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR POLICY MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT**

The university has assigned responsibility for monitoring the above policies to the Police Department. If violations of policy are found to have occurred, the violations are referred to the President's Chief of Staff for enforcement.

## PHONE NUMBER REFERENCE GUIDE

NMSU Police Department      **EMERGENCY..... 911**  
Non-emergency      í í ..646-3311

NMSU Fire Department.....Non-emergency      í í ..646-2519

ASNMSU Pete's Pickup (Safe Walk Service)      í í .....646-1111

NMSU Dean of Students      í í í í í í í í í í í ..646-1722

NMSU University Health Center      í í í í í í í í ..646-1512

NMSU Employee Health Services      í í í í í í í ...646-6600

NMSU Personnel Office      í í í í í í í í í í ..646-2420

NMSU Department of Housing and Residence Life      í ... 646-3202

NMSU Counseling Center      í í í í í í í í í í ... 646-2731

NMSU Office of Institutional Equity      í í í í í í .. 646-3635

WAVE Program      í í í í í í í í í í í í í í ...646-2813

Crimson Cab      í í í í í í í í í í í í í í í 526-TAXI

La Piñon Rape Crisis Center      í í í í í í í í í í 526-3427

### Off-Campus Law Enforcement Agencies:

Las Cruces Police Department      í í í í í í í ...575-528-4200

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office      í í .í í í í ... 575-526-0795

Mesilla Marshal's Office      í í í í í í í í í .. 575-525-8220

Sunland Park Police Department      í í í í í í í 575-589-6600

New Mexico State Police      í í í í í í í í í í 575-524-6111

Federal Bureau of Investigation      í í í í í í í .575-526-2351

Drug Enforcement Administration      í í í í í í .575-526-0700

US Marshals Service      í í í í í í í í í í ..575-527-6850

US Customs and Border Protection      í í í í í í 575-528-6600