

**UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY  
KINGS POINT, NEW YORK**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR 2013**



**CAMPUS CRIME & FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

In accordance with the provisions contained in Title II, Public Law 101-542, "Student Right-To-know and Campus Security Act," the Academy publishes and distributes an annual report of campus and crime statistics to all current students and employees.

Additionally, the Academy provides copies of the annual report to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request. Additionally, a copy of the report is available to the Secretary of Education, upon request.

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed the Women's Against Violence Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2013 which amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Dedicated on September 30, 1943, the United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal institution of higher education operated by the United States Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. The campus is located on the north shore of Long Island at Kings Point, New York 20 miles east of New York City.

**The mission of the United States Merchant Marine Academy is to educate and graduate licensed merchant mariners and leaders of exemplary character who will serve America's marine transportation and defense needs in peace and war.**

The Regiment of Midshipmen is composed of approximately 1000 male and female students from nearly every state and several foreign nations. Midshipmen pursue studies in marine transportation, engineering, mathematics and science, humanities, naval science and physical education. Upon graduation, midshipmen receive Bachelor of Science degrees, maritime licenses and Naval Reserve Commissions.

At any one time, almost 300 midshipmen are on assignments during the academic year. Approximately 700 midshipmen residents remain at the Academy during the academic year and are housed in 5 dormitory buildings. Midshipmen residents are governed by dormitory safety and security regulations administered by the Commandant of Midshipmen through a staff of full-time Regimental Tactical Officers and a cadre of Midshipmen Officers.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY:**

Pursuant to Title 40 United States Code section 1315, the Secretary of Transportation has delegated to the Maritime Administration the authority to appoint federal police officers at the Academy to enforce the law, make arrest, issue federal and state of New York summonses, protect persons and property, prevent breaches of the peace and to enforce rules and regulations for the protection of properties at the Academy for which the Academy has exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR MIDSHIPMEN:**

In addition to that of the Department of Public Safety, the Commandant of Midshipmen, the Deputy Commandant, and the Regimental Tactical Officers are also tasked with the responsibility for safety and welfare of the midshipmen. Their authority extends over all midshipmen personnel, the dormitories and other facilities/activities associated with the student life program.

## **FACILITY ACCESS:**

With the exception of regimental leave periods and Plebe Indoctrination training, the Academy grounds are open to the public 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, daily. Vehicle access to the grounds is controlled at all hours at the main gate, and those vehicles authorized entry are issued time-restricted permits. Faculty and staff personnel must register their personal vehicles with the Department of Public Safety for issuance of Academy parking permits.

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the administration of the Academy's key control and locking program. The Department controls the issuance and return of keys, the purchase and distribution of duplicate keys and the replacement of new lock cylinders, as necessary.

A computerized intrusion detection system provides protection against unauthorized access to Academy facilities containing valuable inventories or sensitive files and information. The system is monitored 24 hours a day by the Department of Public Safety and a contract alarm monitoring service. The Academy is currently undergoing an extensive upgrade to current security systems and procedures.

Recently an access control system was installed on all public access barracks doors. Only authorized persons can now enter the barracks by means of an electronic access card.

## **POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE:**

Superintendent Instruction 2012-08, dated July 30, 2012, sets forth the Academy's policies on sexual assault prevention and response. The United States Merchant Marine Academy is committed to maintaining a safe campus at which midshipmen can learn and mature in an environment free of violence, harassment, hazing and sexual misconduct. In keeping with its mission, the Academy supports and nurtures a campus climate that allows midshipmen, faculty and staff to perform at their highest abilities assured of their essential safety and well-being. Each member of the Academy community is responsible for fostering mutual respect and refraining from conduct that violates the Academy's policy. Sexual assault will not be tolerated.

The Academy will use training, education, and awareness to minimize the occurrence of sexual assault, promote the sensitive handling of victims of sexual assault, offer victim assistance and counseling, hold those who commit sexual assault offenses accountable, provide confidential avenues for reporting, and reinforce a commitment to Academy values.

## **ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

The United States Merchant Marine Academy subscribes to the laws of New York State concerning the legal age requirement of 21 years of age for the purchase, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages. Unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent, no alcoholic beverages are sold, introduced, possessed or consumed at any midshipmen activity at the Academy or on Academy vessels.

Consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages by staff, faculty, visitors or guests is prohibited in all academy buildings and academy grounds and vessels, except at locations specifically authorized by the Superintendent to support a special event.

In accordance with Title 21 United States Code 812 and 21 Code of Federal regulations 1308.11 and 1308.12, the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of controlled substances (illegal drugs) by midshipmen, staff, faculty on Academy grounds, vessels or as part of any Academy activity is prohibited. Anyone found in violation of this statute will be disciplined and maybe suspended or dismissed from the Academy in addition to facing criminal prosecution.

Midshipmen and employees are provided with the opportunity for alcohol and substance abuse/abatement services via the Academy's substance abuse counselor.

### **DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT:**

The Human Relations policy of the Academy prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of sex, race, age, disability, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Additionally, it is a violation of Academy policy for staff, faculty and midshipmen to engage in sexual harassment. The Academy has a grievance committee appointed by the Superintendent, which consists of staff, faculty and midshipmen. The committee was created to ensure that all charges of discrimination and sexual harassment are dealt with promptly and fairly. If appropriate, discrimination and sexual harassment incidents will be reported to the Department of Public Safety for investigation.

Academy counselors and staff personnel conduct annual classes for all midshipmen on prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault for all midshipmen personnel. This training serves to remind midshipmen that anyone found responsible for violating Academy policy is subject to appropriate disciplinary action, and may be subject to criminal and/or civil prosecution.

### **SECURITY SERVICES AND REPORTING PROCEDURES**

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is dedicated to creating a safe campus environment for midshipmen, staff, faculty, continuing education students, visitors and guests. The Academy's Department of Public Safety provides security, safety and police services for the campus. The Operations Office of the department is located at the Furuseth Building, first deck, on Steamboat Road and Madison Walk. Federal/contract security personnel are available 24 hours a day to provide information, monitor fire and intrusion alarms and respond to calls for service.

The Department of Public Safety staff currently consists of a Department Head, and two public safety officers and armed contract security guards who have received extensive law enforcement, first responder and CPR training. The Academy has also entered into agreements with the Village of Kings Point to provide additional emergency resources if necessary.

Federal public safety officers and armed contract guards wear distinct uniforms and perform access control, foot and motor patrols, and transmitted fire and security alarm response. They also address safety

and security matters, direct traffic and enforce parking and traffic regulations. Federal and State of New York laws are enforced on campus. All security personnel utilize two-way radio communication with portable radios.

Midshipmen are assigned as Battalion Officers of the Watch, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the dormitory complex while school is in session. In addition to their watch duties, midshipmen watch standers challenge all unauthorized persons entering the barracks complex.

Midshipmen, staff and faculty may report safety and security problems to the Department of Public Safety at 516 773- 5309 and 516 726-5847 or personally to security personnel on patrol. To report an emergency or crime in progress an immediate notification can be made by dialing 5911. The Chief of the Department can be reached directly at 516-726-5846.

The Academy Department of Public Safety maintains a liaison with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The United States Eastern District of New York Federal Court handles all matters dealing with criminal offenses, petty offenses and summonses.

#### **CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM:**

All freshmen (Plebes) attend a safety and security lecture present by the Department of Public Safety. The major focus of the presentations is on personal safety and security awareness. Midshipmen are advised of basic preventative measures for securing and safeguarding their property, proper response to criminal incidents and fire protection procedures.

The following crime statistics are presented in compliance with the “Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act”. These statistics are distributed to all current students and employees and are available to all prospective students and employees. The Department of Public Safety vigorously pursues all criminals and apprehends those that commit crimes within the jurisdiction of the Department. When feasible, the Department will request assistance from other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in apprehending and prosecuting criminals. The Academy recognizes that without the cooperation and support of the Academy community, the Academy is less effective ensuring a safe and secure campus. The community’s cooperation is necessary in reporting crimes and in the conduct of investigations to deter unlawful and dangerous activities. Securing offices, dorm doors, desk drawers, file cabinets, vehicles and lockers are helpful in reducing thefts at the Academy. The Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing customer-oriented services to the Academy community.

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

The Academy utilizes an emergency notification system to make timely notifications of emergency or weather related incidents. Effective use of the Academy's mass communication system (text & email) keeps interested parties informed of openings and closings. The Emergency Operations Center in Furuseth Hall monitors emergency call boxes and point, tilt zoom (PTZ) cameras strategically located throughout the Academy.

Emergency evacuation procedures are clearly outlined in public space for each barracks and academic building on campus.

## **REPORTS OF MISSING STUDENTS:**

Students at the United States Merchant Marine Academy are required to live in government provided housing and as such are accounted for on a tri-daily basis, Monday thru Friday, and a bi-daily basis on weekends and holidays.

Any faculty, staff or student who has information that a student may be a missing person must notify the Academy Public Safety Department as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after they determine a student may be missing. Public Safety or their designee shall also follow up on notification by other individuals such as friends or family members.

The Academy Public Safety Department shall gather information about the student from the reporting person and from the student's acquaintances (including, by way of example, description, clothes last worn, where student might be, who student might be with, vehicle description, information about the physical and mental well-being of the student, an up-to-date photograph, class schedule, etc.). Appropriate campus faculty and/or staff shall be notified to aid in the search for the student.

No later than 24 hours after determining that a student is missing, the Academy Public Safety Department or their designee shall notify the emergency contact (\*for students 18 and over) or the parent/guardian (for students under the age of 18) that the student is believed to be missing. *\*Contact is contingent upon the correct emergency contact information being made available by the student.*

### **Campus communications about missing students**

In all cases when the student is declared missing by the Academy Public Safety Department after an initial investigation and in consultation with other law enforcement agencies as appropriate, Public Safety will coordinate with the Office of External Affairs to provide information to the media that is designed to obtain public assistance in the search for any missing student. This coordination will insure that investigations are not impeded by the release of information.

## **FIRE SAFETY**

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the fire alarm procedures and to study the escape routes posted in the hallway of each deck. The barracks complex is equipped with CO and smoke detectors in each room and in common access areas. Any time a detector is activated its location is recorded on the system and is directly reported to the Public Safety Command Center for dispatch of Public Safety personnel.

## **Fire Alarms**

It is Academy policy that during a fire alarm the building must be evacuated immediately. The alarm will sound until the building is fully evacuated and Public Safety personnel clear the alarm or the fire department arrives. Once the fire department is on the scene, the fire chief or assistant fire chief is in charge of the building and its residents. Evacuees are instructed not to linger in the vicinity of the subject building or stand in the way of emergency responders. Emergency vehicles must have clear access.

The “all-clear” signal is given by a verbal command, not when the alarm is silenced. In the event of an alarm, residents cannot re-enter the building until it has been checked for fire safety (usually 10-15 minutes if everyone cooperates) and the fire chief gives the all clear.

As the Fire Department checks the building during a fire alarm, it will note any violations of state and Academy laws/rules/regulations regarding fire safety, and report them to the Office of Public Safety.

## **Failure to Comply**

Students who fail to respond to an alarm or are uncooperative during a fire alarm must understand that their actions are in violation of regimental conduct standards. They will be brought to the attention of the Command Duty Officer by the Public Safety Officer(s) who is overseeing the response and crowd control. If deliberate non-compliance is verified, the student will be subject to disciplinary action if warranted.

## **False Alarms**

Purposely or negligently causing false alarms or tampering with safety/fire devices may be grounds for dismissal or expulsion. Under state law it is a felony offense to purposely cause false alarms or to tamper with emergency/fire equipment. Under Academy policy, students who purposely or negligently/intentionally cause false alarms or tamper with fire equipment may face disciplinary action. False alarms invite resentment from other students and may delay future volunteer fire department response to actual emergencies. Students and fire department members may become desensitized to alarms and fail to respond in a timely fashion. Students should be able to rely on the alarm system to function properly and to know that when activated there is truly an emergency. Nationally, more students are hurt responding to false instances of emergencies than in true emergency situations.

## **Flammable Materials** (i.e. candles, incense)

Possession/use of candles, incense, oil burners, or other flammable materials or other flammable items such as live holiday decorations that can or do produce open flames or burning embers, is not permitted in the barracks facilities.

**Tobacco** (Smoking & Other) As per Federal regulations smoking is prohibited anywhere inside federal buildings. This includes student rooms, and no less than 25’ within the vicinity of any federal building. The Academy has two designated smoking areas with hard shelters provided; one is beside Murphy Hall and the other is behind Cleveland Hall. Users of other tobacco products (such as chewing tobacco and snuff) are expected to do so in a responsible manner. It is their responsibility to dispose of the used products and related materials in appropriate trash receptacles and not in building hallways, stairwells, laundry rooms, and/or other such common living spaces.

## **Cooking & Food**

**Cooking or the use of coffee makers within individual rooms in the barracks is strictly prohibited.**

Only foodstuffs that can be prepared in authorized electric equipment can be cooked or heated in designated wardrooms (this includes coffee/tea or popcorn using a hot air popper). Midshipmen are advised to take care during use of any type of cooking/heating equipment and are instructed that any foodstuffs/snacks kept in wardrooms must be stored in sealed containers to avoid attracting bugs.



## **ACADEMY CRIME STATISTICS (PAST 3 YEARS)**

<b><u>OFFENSE</u></b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES</b>	<b>NON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	3	1	2	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESS	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2	2	0	0	0
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMENS ACT (VAWA)					
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0
STALKING	0	0	0	0	0

<b><u>OFFENSE</u></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES</b>	<b>NON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	3	0	3	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESS	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITIES</b>	<b>NON CAMPUS PROPERTY</b>	<b>PUBLIC PROPERTY</b>
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	9	3	6	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0

### **HATE CRIME REPORTS**

2013-No reported incidents      2012-No reported incidents      2011-No reported incidents

### **ACADEMY FIRE STATISTICS- 2013**

<b>RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES</b>	<b>TOTAL FIRES</b>	<b>FIRE NUMBER</b>	<b>CAUSE OF FIRE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF INJURIES THAT REQUIRED MEDICAL TREATMENT AT A MEDICAL FACILITY</b>	<b>NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO A FIRE</b>	<b>VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE</b>
PALMER HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
MURPHY HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLEVELAND HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROGERS HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
BARRY HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONES HALL	0	0	0	0	0	0

