



Thiel College Department of Public Safety

Emergency Calls
Dial 724.589.2222

The Thiel College Department of Public Safety is part of the Administrative Services division of the College. The Department of Public Safety has a multi-faceted mission. In addition to maintaining a safe environment for the campus community, the department is responsible for educating and involving campus members in safety and security issues including fire safety inspections and crime prevention education programming. It is a full-service campus police department with five sworn police officers and several part-time police officers. All of the officers have been trained in CPR and first aid. All the officers have met the standards of Pennsylvania Municipal Police officer training and are armed. In addition, officers receive in-service training related to the specific needs of the campus community. There are Municipal Police Training Academy instructors, Crime Prevention Practitioners, Emergency Medical Technicians and Instructors and first aid/CPR instructors on staff.

The Department of Public Safety works closely with the Greenville-West Salem Township Police Department, the Hempfield Township Police Department and the Mercer County District Attorney's Office when incidents of a serious nature arise. Crime and other emergencies that may represent a threat to students and employees will be reported to members of the campus community in a timely manner. The reports may be made in Safety Bulletins, *The Thielensian*, T-Notes or memos distributed from the Office of the Dean of Students or other administrative offices of the College.

Working closely with residence life staff, members of the Department often respond to incidents in the residence halls ranging from noise complaints to maintenance problems. Residents play an important role in ensuring their safety within the residence halls. Propped doors, maintenance problems, such as broken locks, lights that are out, broken windows, etc., and suspicious activity or situations should be reported immediately.

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for compiling the annual statistical information. Anyone may report a crime or violation of campus regulations to Public Safety. They may also report the crime or violation of campus regulations to the Division of Student Life. The division will notify Public Safety. All crimes are classified according to the Pennsylvania Criminal Code. Each report of criminal activity and/or violations of campus regulations will be investigated to determine the appropriate course of action. Anonymous reports are accepted, but anonymity cannot be guaranteed through all processes of either the campus judicial system or the criminal justice system. All reports to Public Safety whether verbal or written are accepted.

In academic year 2008-09 there were 1074 full-time students and 63 part-time students. Of these, there were 900 housed on campus. There are 270 non-student employees working at Thiel.

The 22 buildings that serve as residence halls on campus have self-closing doors at their main entrances. 13 of these residence buildings have card access readers at their main entrance(s) and their other doors are electromagnetically secured. The residence life staff is responsible for checking door security on a regular basis. All buildings are locked and checked during breaks. Ten of the residence buildings have sprinkler systems.

All residential buildings have fire alarm systems that are monitored off-campus. The Department works closely with the Greenville Fire Department to assure the safety of the campus.

There are 15 main parking areas that are regularly patrolled. Officers issue parking violation notices to violators and also perform traffic control duties for events that draw large crowds to campus.

REPORTING EMERGENCIES ON CAMPUS

For any police, fire, or medical emergency on campus call the Thiel College Police at extension 2222. If calling from off-campus or from a cell phone, call (724) 589-2222. In the case that you must reach 911 directly from a campus telephone, first press “9”, then press 9-1-1.

If reporting an emergency:

- Give your location.
- Describe the nature of the emergency.
- Stay on the line, and be prepared to respond to the dispatcher’s instructions or questions.

ALCOHOL POLICY

The Thiel College Alcohol Policy, developed in the spirit of the College mission statement, is, as far as possible, educational in nature. The goals of this policy are: to create an environment dedicated to student success, to reduce the role that alcohol can play in the lives of students, to ensure compliance with the law, and to maintain an informed community where the effects of alcohol abuse and the behavioral problems associated with it are minimized.

All students and students’ guests within the Thiel community are expected to observe the College Alcohol Policy that prohibits:

- A. Public intoxication.
- B. Alcohol consumption in any room of college housing.
- C. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the rooms, hallways, bathrooms or lounges of the residence halls, fraternity houses, or any part of campus.
- D. Failure to be responsible for the conduct of campus guests or to acquaint them with the College policies and procedures regarding the use of alcoholic beverages.
- E. Violating State or Federal Laws concerning alcohol.
- F. The possession or consumption of alcohol to take place in one's room, even if not present in the room at the time.
- G. Possession of Alcohol Paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, cans, bottles, “beer bonges”, drinking game paraphernalia, cups containing alcohol, kegs, “beer balls”, “boxes of wine”, etc. No such materials may be maintained for any reason, including, but not limited to, decoration, sentimentality, etc.
- H. Providing alcohol to underage students/visitors.

Culpability and the Alcohol Policy

Each student present in a room or area at the time of a violation may be held responsible for any rule violation which occurs when they are present. Students are advised in advance to avoid such situations that may put them at risk for disciplinary action.

Alcohol and Persons 21 Years of Age and Older

Students 21 years and over may decide to drink off campus, however the College considers intoxication, disorderliness, or offensive behavior deriving from the use of alcoholic beverages as conduct subject to disciplinary action, regardless of age.

Thiel College Enforcement

To emphasize the importance of adhering to these guidelines, should a person or group violate the Drug/Alcohol Policy, sanctions may include but are not limited to the following:

- Disciplinary Probation varying in length between 6 months and the student's entire academic career
- Fines from \$100-\$300
- Assignment of Community Service (see 5 under Disciplinary Sanctions)
- Substance Abuse Counseling referral
- Loss of Privilege
- Residence Hall Suspension/Eviction for up to one calendar year
- Disciplinary Suspension for up to one calendar year
- Providers of alcohol could be removed from campus on a first offense

Court Imposed Sanctions

- An alcohol offense under Pennsylvania Law can be a misdemeanor offense. A criminal record will very likely hamper a person's chances of gaining admission to another school or securing future employment.
- Court imposed penalties for an underage offense (consumption, possession, transportation of liquor or malt or brewed beverages) can include: fines up to \$500, loss of driver's license for 90 days, probation and/or community service.
- Court imposed penalties for possession or manufacture of false identification cards can include: minimum fines of \$500 and \$1000 respectively for first offenses.
- Court imposed penalties for selling or furnishing alcohol to minors can include: a minimum fine of \$1000 per minor involved.

Parents of students will be notified following a violation of our drug/alcohol policy beginning with the first offense.

These are standard ranges of sanctions for students found in violation of the College Alcohol Policy. Sanctions are cumulative over a student's entire career, and may be enhanced based on past disciplinary record, the severity of behavior and the impact on the community. Additional sanctions may be imposed if a student violates other college policies while also violating the alcohol policy.

Federal Government guidelines state that anyone under 21 years of age receiving Federal Financial Aid (Pell Grants) who is convicted of established Federal or State Alcohol Laws may lose his or her financial aid.

NOTE: Money collected from fines will be used to offset counseling expenses, alcohol education expenses, alcohol programming, or deposited in the Student Life Programming Account. [2008-09 Thiel College Student Handbook, pp. 14, 15.]

DRUG POLICY

Thiel College has a prime concern for the psychological and medical well-being of its students and employees, and recognizes the problems created by the misuse of controlled substances. The College prohibits the possession, distribution, sale or use of controlled substances, and all other drugs prohibited by state and federal law (i.e. marijuana, narcotics, barbiturates, hallucinogens or amphetamines). The College also prohibits the possession of drug paraphernalia (i.e. bong, one-hitters, pipes, clips, rolling papers, scales, etc.).

Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action by the College and/or criminal prosecution under State and Federal law.

Sale: When, in the opinion of the Student Life representative, there is sufficient and credible information that a student is or has been trafficking in controlled substances, the student may be "Summarily Suspended" by the Office of Student Engagement and Success pending further action as described in the Student Handbook. Authorities outside the College may also be notified.

Use: Students are urged to seek help for themselves or on the behalf of others in any matter of drug use.

Sanctioning:

- A.** A drug offense under Pennsylvania or Federal Law can be a misdemeanor or a felony depending on the charge and the amount of drugs involved. In either case, a criminal record will very likely hamper a person's chances of gaining admission to another school or securing future employment.
- B.** Court imposed penalties for a first offense for possession, distribution, or use of drugs depends upon the circumstances of the case. They can include: (1) Fines of \$500 to \$250,000; (2) Jail terms of 30 days to 15 years; (3) Community Service hours; (4) Driver's License suspension for up to two years. Such penalties can be combined in a single sentence.
- C.** Student Life will issue Thiel College sanctions. Possible sanctions may include, but are not limited to, those found under the Disciplinary Sanctions section, and may be given in combination.
- D.** If found responsible for violation of College Drug Policy students may be required to undergo drug testing, paid for by the student, as a condition of their admittance to campus housing.
- E.** Federal Government guidelines state that anyone receiving Federal Financial Aid (Pell Grants) who is convicted of violating established Federal or State controlled substance laws may lose financial aid.
- F.** College sanctions may be imposed for violation of the College Drug Policy independent of or in addition to any sanction imposed by civil or criminal authorities. *[2008-09 Thiel College Student Handbook, p. 15.]*

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Thiel College is committed to providing students, faculty and staff with a community and place of work and study that is free of sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment.

The policy on sexual harassment as approved by the Board of Trustees defines sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when either:

- 1) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as term or condition of an individual's employment or education, or
- 2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or
- 3) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or professional performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment, education or living environment.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RAPE

Sexual assaults, including rape, are serious crimes of violence in which the assailant, by threat or physical force, involves or attempts to involve the victim in involuntary sexual conduct.

Acquaintance rape, where the assailant is known to the victim and exploits this familiarity to force the victim into unwanted sexual activity, is rape under the law. It is just as reprehensible, and just as much of a crime, as criminal sexual assault by an unknown assailant.

You need to remember that no one has the right to force or pressure another person to have sex. Any sexual activity must be mutually agreeable to both parties. It is important for you to know your own sexual values and communicate them clearly. It does not matter what a person's sexual history is, what type of clothing is worn, how much money is spent on a date or even what the relationship is or has been. Plain and simple, you have the right to say "yes" or "no".

Don't go to jail for a misunderstanding! "No" really means "No"!

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, be prepared to leave. Know ahead of time how you can get home if needed. Limit the consumption of alcoholic beverages, which reduce your awareness level. Be ready to take immediate action. Don't worry about being polite!

Avoiding Date Rape

- 1) Know your date.
- 2) Let other know where you are going.
- 3) Stay sober.
- 4) Avoid risky situations.
- 5) Trust your instincts: Don't be hesitant about ending the date if a situation seems strange or uncomfortable for you.

- 6) Be prepared to leave, have money for transportation or a phone call.
- 7) Speak assertively when saying "No"!
- 8) If on campus, call Public Safety for an escort.

SAFETY IN COLLEGE HOUSING

Because Thiel College is a residential college, students must reside in College housing. Even though there is a sense of safety living closely with one's peers, be sure that you do not allow anyone, student or non-student, to exploit that environment. The vast majority of crimes and violations that occur in residence halls involve theft of personal property.

Almost always, the theft is from an unlocked room or an unattended common area. **YOU** can prevent these "crimes of opportunity."

Security Measures in the Residence Halls:

- A. Do not prop open residence hall doors – even for a friend.
- B. Lock your door when you leave – even for a short time.
- C. Lock your door before going to sleep.
- D. Lock windows that are accessible from the outside.
- E. Keep your small items of value, such as wallets, purses, money, and jewelry out of sight and don't advertise your hiding place.
- F. Participate with Operation Identification through the Department of Public Safety.
- G. Do not leave notes on your door announcing that no one is in.
- H. **NEVER** loan out your keys or ID card.
- I. Report any persons acting suspiciously in or around residence halls. Note their description and location and call Public Safety immediately.
- J. Report all theft immediately to Public Safety.

Personal Safety Measures:

- A. Always call 2222 for an escort when walking alone after dark.
- B. When walking in groups or pairs without a Public Safety escort, walk assertively and confidently, and be aware of your surroundings.
- C. If you receive annoying or harassing telephone calls, hang up immediately – do not respond to the caller. Call Public Safety. If the calls persist, keep a record of the time, the voice description and then contact Public Safety. If you feel that you are in immediate danger, call Public Safety at once.

FIRE SAFETY

Public Safety officers check all fire safety systems monthly and all systems are annually inspected by both the Greenville Fire Department and a contractor to assure their integrity.

If the Alarm Sounds

The most important thing for you is getting out. Know your closest exit from the building. Move quickly, but do not run. Do not stop to collect valuables. Use normal exits if you can, under no circumstances should you use an elevator. You must leave the building when the fire alarm sounds, even if you believe it is an false alarm, Do not reenter the building until given permission to do so by College officials.

If you must go through smoke or heat, remember that they rise. Crawl, keeping your face a little above the floor. Once you are out, move well away from the building. This way you won't interfere with Public Safety and fire department efforts to enter the building.

If you are trapped in your room, stuff a sheet under the door to keep smoke out. Open a window slightly at the top and bottom to let air in, and yell for help. If you have phone service call 2222 and report your name and location. Jumping out a window is an extreme and hazardous measure, *Do not do this* unless there is no other option.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Campus Police from on-campus telephones	2222
Campus Police from off-campus and cellular telephones.....	(724) 589-2222
Mercer County Emergency Services (911) from on-campus telephones	9-911
Greenville Police Department.....	724-588-4190
Hempfield Twp. Police Department	724-588-7369
Chief of Campus Police	2186
College Operator and Police dispatch.....	0
Maintenance Office.....	2175
College Counselor.....	2125

Regulatory Citation 34 CFR 668.46 (b) (4): Statement of Current Policies re: Campus Law Enforcement

Enforcement authority of campus personnel and;
Working relationship of campus personnel with state and local agencies
Arrest authority of campus police
Policies that encourage accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to;
Campus Police and Appropriate police agencies

The Campus Police department has the authority to remove and/or arrest unauthorized individual or groups from any and all facilities, to confiscate any weapons, alcohol or drug paraphernalia, and to issue traffic violations on the campus. When the campus Police department encounters resistance to its legitimate authority or a potentially dangerous situation, local or state law enforcement agencies will be contacted for assistance. Campus police officers do possess arrest powers. The Campus Police department is also responsible for maintaining a cooperative relationship with local law enforcement authorities, and for assisting them on request.

TIMELY WARNINGS

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that in the judgment of the Chief of Campus Police constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “Timely Warning” will be issued to the entire campus community. The warning will be issued through the college e-mail system and/or other mechanisms to all students and employees.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the campus community and individuals, a copy of the notice or photo will be posted in all residential buildings and on other campus owned property as deemed appropriate by the Chief of Campus Police.

All crime victims and witnesses, and/or anyone with information warranting a timely warning are strongly encouraged to immediately report the crime to the Campus Police and the appropriate college official. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on campus and timely disclosure of the crime statistics.

REPORTING OF THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF THE CRIME STATISTICS:

The Chief of Campus Police prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure, Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding Thiel College.

TITLE 71 PENNSYLVANIA STATUTES
STATE GOVERNMENT: THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929

Subsection 646.1 (Adm. Code Subsection 24.16.1) Campus Police Powers and Duties

- A. Campus police shall have the power and their duty shall be:
1. To enforce good order on the grounds and in the buildings of the college or university;
 2. To protect the grounds and buildings of the college or university;
 3. To exclude all disorderly persons from the grounds and buildings of the college or university;
 4. To adopt whatever means may be necessary for the performance of their duties;
 5. To exercise the same powers as are now or may hereafter be exercised under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the municipalities wherein the college or university is located, included but not limited to those powers conferred pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S. Ch 89 Subch. D (relating to municipal police jurisdiction);
 6. To prevent crime, investigate criminal acts, apprehend, arrest, and charge criminal offenders and issue summary citations for acts committed on the grounds and in the buildings of the college or university and carry the offender before the proper alderman, justice of the peace, magistrate or bail commissioner and prefer charges against him under laws of this Commonwealth. Except when acting pursuant to 42 Pa. C.S. Ch 89 Subch. D, campus police shall exercise these powers and perform these duties only on the grounds or within 500 yards of the grounds of the college or university. For the purposes of applying the provisions of 42 Pa. C.S. Ch 89 Subch. D, the grounds and within 500 yards of the grounds of the college or university shall constitute the primary jurisdiction of the campus police;
 7. To order off grounds and out of the buildings of the college or university all vagrants, loafers, trespassers and persons under the influence of liquor and, if necessary remove them by force and, in case of resistance, carry such offenders before an alderman, justice of the peace, bail commissioner or magistrate; and
 8. To arrest any person who damages, mutilates or destroys the trees, plants, shrubbery, turf, grass plots, benches, buildings and structures or commits any other offense on the grounds and in the buildings of the college or university and carry the offender before the proper alderman, justice of the peace, bail commissioner or magistrate and prefer charges against him under the laws of the Commonwealth.
- B. Campus police and municipalities are authorized to enter into an agreement with the municipality wherein the college or university is located to exercise concurrently those powers and to perform those duties conferred pursuant to a cooperative police service agreement in accordance with 42 Pa. C.S. Subsec. 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction). When so acting, the campus police or the college or university shall have the same powers, immunities and benefits granted to police officers in 42 Pa. C.S. Ch 89 Subch. D.
- C. When acting within the scope of the authority of this section, campus police are at all times employees of the college or university and shall be entitled to all of the rights and benefits accruing therefrom.

THREE YEAR CRIME STATISTICS COMPARISON

CLASSIFICATION	2006	Percent		Percent		
		per 100,000	2007	per 100,000	2008	Percent per 100,000
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	1	0.00001	0	0	2	0.00002
<i>Forcible</i>	1	0.00001	0	0	0	0
<i>Non-Forcible</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0.00002
Robbery	1	0.00001	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault*	4	0.00004	0	0	4	0.00004
<i>In Residence Hall</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Non-Campus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	14	0.00014	1	0.00001	4	0.00004
Theft*	47	0.00047	44	0.00044	20	0.0002
<i>In Residence Hall</i>	45	0.00045	29	0.00029	20	0.0002
<i>Campus Property</i>	13	0.00013	6	0.00006	0	0
<i>Non-Campus</i>	13	0.00013	9	0.00009	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0.00002	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0.00001	0	0	0	0
Alcohol Arrests	20	0.0002	46	0.00046	46	0.00046
Alcohol Referrals	37	0.00037	58	0.00058	48	0.00048
Drug Arrests	12	0.00012	13	0.00013	10	0.0001
Drug Referrals	6	0.00006	13	0.00013	10	0.0001
Weapons Arrests	0	0	2	0.00002	0	0
Weapons Referrals	0	0	2	0.00002	0	0

* The numbers in these categories are cumulative.
The columns will not necessarily add up.