AMHERST COLLEGE

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
Calendar Year 2018
Clery Compliance Document

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Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Amherst College community and to wish you success with your individual endeavors.

The serenity and "smallness" of Amherst College are somewhat deceptive in that they lend the impression of isolation from the outside world. However, this is merely an illusion. Amherst College is part of the real world. Unfortunately, it is very easy to become caught up in this illusion and to become oblivious to the problems of the world outside. Among those forgotten problems is crime.

Contrary to popular belief, crime does exist at Amherst College. Members of the community are rudely awakened to this reality when they find themselves victims. Often the comment of these victims is the same: "I didn't think things like this happened here!"

Under the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, certain crime statistics and policies are mandated to be published. Amherst College supports this initiative and makes every effort to make this information easily available. An informed community is a safer community!

The responsibility of crime prevention does not rest solely with the police; it is shared jointly by you and all other members of the College community. In fact, your involvement is the most important factor in crime prevention. The success of prevention depends largely on your following sound security practices and recognizing and immediately reporting suspicious or criminal activity.

Remember, the potential for crime does exist, but in following the suggestions outlined in this document you can substantially reduce the probability of becoming a victim.

Your Police Department

The Police Department is staffed by twelve full-time officers, a Community Service Officer, the Chief of Police and a Deputy Chief. The department also employs part time police officers and part time community service officers. Other professional staff includes four full-time and several part-time dispatchers. All Police Officers are sworn police officers and exercise full police powers, including the authority to arrest, on all properties owned and used by Amherst College. Police officers are also sworn as Hampshire County Deputy Sheriffs to assist and support local law enforcement in environs around the campus. The officers receive law enforcement training from the Municipal Police Training Committee, and the Massachusetts State Police Academy as well as on campus in-service training. The Police Department maintains a direct telephone line contact with the Amherst Police and Fire Departments. The Department maintains a close working relationship with the Amherst Police Department and routinely exchanges information relative to criminal activity. It is the general policy of the Amherst College Police Department to promptly share all serious crimes with the local police. The Amherst College Police and the Town Police have a written memorandum of understanding regarding the investigation of crimes. The Amherst College Police Department also works closely with other college police departments in the area to exchange information relative to criminal activity.
The Amherst College Police Department is responsible for keeping the peace and enforcing public laws and College regulations. Although the Police Department performs many services, its main function is protecting the lives and property of members of and visitors to the College community. This is accomplished through the use of armed, radio-equipped officers who patrol the campus on foot, by bicycle, by motorcycle and in cruisers 24 hours a day. The Department also provides first responder assistance for reports of fire, medical emergencies, and criminal activity. Fire alarm and intrusion alarm signals are received at the Dispatch Center through a computerized alarm processing system.

The Police Department maintains offices in the Service Building which is open 24 hours a day. The police dispatcher can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by telephoning the following numbers:

**(413) 542-2111 Emergency**—This number is restricted to calls of an emergency nature, i.e., fire, medical emergency, suspicion of criminal activity, etc.

**(413) 542-2291 Police Business Line**—This number is for calls of a non-emergency or routine nature, i.e., motor vehicle registration information, lost or found property information, etc.

All on campus telephone calls received at the Dispatch Center indicate the phone number from which the call is initiated.

**Other Campus Security Authorities (CSA)**

A campus security authority is a campus police or security official, or other official with significant responsibility for campus and student activities. A CSA has responsibilities under Clery to report information for timely warnings and crime statistics. At Amherst College, other than police department staff, CSAs include the Student Affairs Staff, Title IX team members, Athletic Department Staff, Residence Counselors, Faculty or Staff Advisors to student groups, and anyone who is identified as someone to whom crimes should be reported or if they have significant responsibility for student and campus activities. The four specific categories are as follows:

- A campus police department or a campus security department of an institution.
• Any individual or individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department (e.g., an individual who is responsible for monitoring the entrance into institutional property).

• Any individual or organization specified in an institution’s statement of campus security policy as an individual or organization to which students and employees should report criminal offenses.

• An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline and campus judicial proceedings.

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Professional Standards

The Police Department’s relationship with the community and ensuring that we provide quality service is vital to achieving our overall mission of a safe campus. All members of the Amherst College community can expect to be treated in a courteous and professional manner by members of our department. We also wish to recognize instances where our employees have been especially helpful or have exceeded your expectations in the service they provided.

Much of the quality of our service is dependent on feedback from the community. The department has an extensive professional standards process in place to address concerns and compliments.

All members of the Police Department should be willing to accept a written statement from the community to be forwarded to the appropriate supervisor.

Please help us maintain our quality service by bringing compliments and concerns to our attention through the following channels:

• Speak to the on-duty police supervisor (this may be a Sergeant or Officer-in-Charge) at the police station in the Service Building

• Call and speak with, or email, the Deputy Chief of Police who oversees Professional Standards investigations

• Address written correspondence to: Chief of Police, Amherst College Police Department, PO Box 5000, Amherst, MA 01002-5000
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- Weapons on Campus
- Crime Prevention and Community Outreach Programs

Crime Log and Annual Security and Fire Safety Report Availability

In compliance with Massachusetts' Open Police Log statute and the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure Act, there is a public police log and a Clery crime/fire log, available 24 hours a day, of all reported incidents and crimes, at the Amherst College Police Office located at 6 East Drive. On a regular basis, the Crime Log is submitted and sometimes published in the Amherst College student newspaper. Amherst College provides an electronic link to an annual report to all students and employees and to prospective students and employees upon request. Current statistics may be found in the last segment of this document. A printed document will be provided without charge to anyone who requests one. Personally identifying information about victims is excluded from the public logs and ASR.

Timely Notice (Crime Alert)

The Police Department notifies the College community concerning any incident or crime that poses a serious or continuing threat to the community's safety and welfare by issuing Crime Alerts. The Chief of Police or designee assesses each reported crime to determine if a serious or ongoing threat to the Amherst College community exists. If a threat exists, the Chief or designee in the Police Department writes and distributes the crime alert. Police Department personnel may consult with the Chief Communications Officer, the Chief Student Affairs Officer, the Chief Policy Officer and General Counsel and/or the Chief of Campus Operations, if time permits. Crime Alerts (intended to meet the requirements of the timely warning notice provision of the Clery Act) are distributed through the standard email distribution system, to advise the community and the public of a serious or continuing threat to their safety. Crime Alerts may also be posted by police and residence life in residence halls and academic/administrative buildings, if the email system is unavailable or if deemed appropriate by the Chief or designee of ACPD.
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The ACPD typically issues/posts Crime Alerts for incidents of:

- Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- Aggravated assault (cases involving assaults among known parties, such as two roommates fighting which results in an aggravated injury, will be evaluated on a case by case basis to determine if the individual is believed to be an on-going threat to the larger AC community)
- Robbery
- Sexual Assault (considered on a case by case basis depending on the facts of the case, when and where the incident occurred, when it was reported, and the amount of information known by the Amherst College Police Department)
- Major incidents of arson
- Other crimes as determined necessary by the Chief of Police, or his designee in his absence

**Immediate Notification - AC ALERT**

It is the policy of Amherst College to provide, without delay, immediate notification to the community upon confirmation of an incident or emergency that poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the AC community.

Amherst has implemented a Mass Notification system, RAVE, a service that allows College officials to reach students and staff with time-sensitive information during unforeseen events or emergencies.

The system uses voice, e-mail, and text messaging to broadcast pertinent information and, when appropriate, provide directions to those in the affected area(s). The College has also installed an outdoor auditory speaker system to use in conjunction with RAVE. Additionally, the Amherst College main webpage ([www.amherst.edu](http://www.amherst.edu)) may be used to provide emergency notification information. Community members and visitors may now also download the Alertus application onto their mobile devices.
device from the app store. Instructions can be found by following this link: https://www.amherst.edu/emergency/node/521933.

Amherst College has created policy defining when the Mass Notification system will be used, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system unless such notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, investigate or otherwise mitigate an emergency.

Those titles that may authorize and make the decision to distribute and activate an Emergency Mass Notification include:

A. President  
B. Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer  
C. Chief Financial and Administrative Officer  
D. Chief Student Affairs Officer  
E. Provost and Dean of the Faculty  
F. Dean of Admission and Financial Aid  
G. Chief of Campus Operations  
H. Chief of Staff/Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
I. Chief Information Officer  
J. Chief Advancement Officer  
K. Chief Communications Officer  
L. Chief Policy Officer and General Counsel  
M. Director of Emergency Preparedness  
N. Chief of Amherst College Police  
O. Environmental Health and Safety Director  
P. Director of Media Communications  
Q. Deputy Chief of Police  
R. Police Sergeants

The following positions are authorized to develop and initiate the immediate (emergency) notifications to the community:

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<td>Fire Alarm System (to communicate the need to evacuate the building)</td>
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<td>ACPD staff member or Environmental Health and Safety</td>
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*System does not require development of a message.

- The person listed above who creates and initiates the notification will determine the appropriate segment or segments of the community to receive the message.
- Some or all of the systems listed above will be used to communicate follow-up information to the AC community.
- Members of the larger community, such as neighbors, can use the website to receive updated information about an emergency on campus.
- When at all possible, the authorized individual considering an emergency notification shall attempt to consult with another colleague from the list of individuals authorized to make a decision to distribute an immediate (emergency) notification to the community to confirm the need for an immediate notification to the community. Certain emergencies will preclude consultation. There may be times when timeliness (time of day, immediate need to know) is more critical than inclusion and consultation.
Mass notifications may use any combination of methods and most notifications require the use of some or all of the AC-Alert system, but do not necessarily require the use of the outside audible speakers.

**Emergency Response Procedures**

The Amherst College Emergency Action Plan includes information regarding shelter and secure-in-place and evacuation guidelines. In conjunction with other emergency agencies, the College conducts numerous emergency response exercises each year, to include table top and field exercises. Semi Annual Emergency Notification System Drills are also conducted. These tests are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency response plans and capabilities of the institution. These tests may be announced or unannounced.

Amherst College Police Officers have received training in Incident Command and Rapid Response. General information about the emergency response and evacuation procedures is publicized each year as part of the College’s Clery Act compliance efforts and is available on the AC Emergency Preparedness website [https://www.amherst.edu/emergency](https://www.amherst.edu/emergency).

The College tests the Mass Notification system on a semester basis, or twice annually. In 2018, the system was tested on May 1st and August 1st. The date of the test was announced, but not the time.

**Emergency Evacuation**

In the event that it becomes necessary to evacuate a building, the fire alarm may be used to notify occupants. When the fire alarm sounds, persons should proceed quickly and calmly to the nearest exit. Each residence hall and some special use buildings have posted evacuation plans and predetermined areas of re-assembly. Amherst College policy prohibits re-entry into a building until instructed to do so by a police officer or fire fighter. In addition, Amherst College has plans for re-location to areas of shelter on campus for extended evacuations. Amherst College in collaboration with the other campuses in the Five College, Inc. has agreements and plans of mutual aid for relocation of residents should shelter be needed off campus.

**Securing/Shelter in place**

“Shelter-in-place” means, simply, to move to a safe place indoors and wait until you are instructed to leave. If you receive this instruction from the Amherst College Police Department (ACPD), whenever possible:

- Look for a small, interior room with no or few windows.
- Close, lock and avoid all doors and windows.
- Remain where you are until you receive an “All Clear” signal from the ACPD or other emergency personnel.
Emergencies change as they progress. The questions to ask yourself are:

Am I safer inside or outside?
Where am I safest inside?
Where am I safest outside?

Security of and Access to Facilities

The campus and facilities of the College are restricted to students, faculty, staff, guests and invitees of the College, except when all or part of the campus is open to the general public for a designated purpose and time. Guests of students must stay in the student's room or a guest bedroom in one of the residence halls.

All residential, academic and administrative buildings are routinely patrolled and are locked at designated times throughout the academic year. Most facilities are kept locked, and both key and electronic card access are restricted to individuals who obtain authorization. Residential Halls are locked twenty-four hours a day.

Individuals found on campus without a legitimate purpose are issued trespass warnings and directed to leave campus; failure to comply with a warning will result in arrest.

Each year, the Amherst College Police Department offers training to all students, faculty and staff. This training includes the department’s services, legal authority, tips on reporting to the police, environmental health and safety, as well as maintaining security of self and property. These trainings can be customized to each group and their location.

Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Amherst College is maintained in a manner that is intended to minimize unsafe conditions. The Amherst College Facilities Department maintains all safety and security systems on campus, including locks, doors, window screens, lights, fire safety and life safety measures. Any deficiencies should be reported as soon as possible to the Facilities Service Center.
Campus telephones are located throughout the campus so that emergencies, requests for assistance or incidents of suspicious activity can be easily reported.

Amherst College continuously strives to provide a safe and comfortable environment for the College community. On a regularly scheduled basis, the police conduct thorough inspections of locks on all residence halls and individual rooms.

Medical Transportation

The College may provide transportation for medical purposes to the Amherst College Student Health Center; Ambulatory, Employee, Industrial, Occupational Urgent Health Care (AEIOU) or to the University of Massachusetts Health Center when the Amherst Student Health Center is not in operation. Transportation to other medical facilities is not available unless unusual circumstances require it. Emergency care and transportation is provided by the Amherst Fire Department Ambulance.

EMT On-call Program

This student organization provides emergency medical care to the Amherst College community and is on call around the clock when school is in session. Student EMTs respond to health related emergencies on campus and can be reached by calling the ACPD emergency number 413-542-2111.

Contacting the Amherst College Police: How to Report a Crime or Emergency

The Police Department encourages you to report suspected crimes as promptly and as accurately as possible. Only through your help in promptly reporting criminal activity can the College take effective action to prevent crime and provide timely warnings of possible danger to the community and to include the required reported criminal offenses in the annual statistical disclosure.

Criminal offenses that may trigger a Timely Notice (Crime Alert) or an immediate notification (AC-Alert) must be reported to the Amherst College Police Dispatcher for appropriate action.

If you need to report a crime or other emergency, you should call the emergency telephone number of the Police Dispatch Center. The Police Dispatch Center can be reached for emergency response, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the calendar year by dialing (413) 542-2111.
All crimes should be reported to the Police Department.

For crimes that are no longer a threat, on-line reporting is also available through the Office of Student Affairs Reporting Forms site:  https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/reporting-forms

Confidential Reporting Option

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the College System or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report.

Confidential reporting may be made through The Office of Student Affairs Reporting Forms site: https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/reporting-forms  Directions on remaining anonymous are included in the directions of each reporting form. These forms give you the means to enter detailed information if you have it.

The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

Confidential Reporting – Pastoral and Professional Counselors

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which followed the signing into law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus “Pastoral Counselors” and Campus “Professional Counselors”, when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged, if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics.

The rulemaking committee defines counselors as:

Pastoral Counselor:  An employee of an institution who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

Professional Counselor:  An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

SEE IT……HEAR IT……REPORT IT
Response to a Report

Dispatchers are available 24 hours a day to answer your calls. In response to a call, ACPD will take the required action, either dispatching an officer or asking the victim to report to ACPD to file an incident report. All reported crimes will be investigated by the College and may become a matter of public record. All ACPD incident reports involving students are forwarded to the Student Affairs Division for review and referral to the Director of Community Standards for potential action. As appropriate ACPD officers will investigate a report when it is deemed necessary. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be forwarded to the Director of Community Standards. If assistance is required from the local Police Department or the local Fire Department, ACPD will contact the appropriate unit. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, staff on the scene, including ACPD, will offer the victim a wide variety of services.

Sale or Use of Illegal Drugs or Alcohol and Associated Risks

Amherst College complies with, and will enforce, all federal and state laws which prohibit the use, sale, and possession of illegal drugs. Further, Amherst College will enforce Massachusetts laws regarding underage drinking as well as laws pertaining to the illegal possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages. The sale or use of illegal drugs or alcohol is subject to College discipline as well as criminal prosecution. The College will not shield any student, faculty member, employee or visitor from action by law enforcement agencies, including Amherst College Police. Information regarding the College's sanctions concerning alcohol and drug violations can be found in the Student Code of Conduct or Staff Handbook. Please refer to your copy for specific State Law and College Policy information. You will be held accountable for the information found in the Student Code of Conduct and Staff Handbook, so you should read it carefully and call the Office of Student Affairs, Amherst College Police or the Human Resources Office with any questions.

In addition to disciplinary consequences, there are a number of safety issues directly related to drug and alcohol consumption. The use of these substances will cause impaired judgment, which can lead to vulnerability or poor decision making. It is extremely common for drugs or alcohol to be factors in date rape or acquaintance rape incidents. Operating a vehicle while impaired by drugs or alcohol is not only a serious criminal offense, but poses a threat to your personal safety and the safety of others in the community as well. Drugs and alcohol can give rise to conduct which causes injury, death or damage to the user/abuser or to the person or property of others. As mentioned previously, the effects of drugs and alcohol will often lead to unsafe consensual or non-consensual sexual relations.

The Amherst College Police Department encourages the student body to make educated and responsible decisions regarding drug and alcohol use. To facilitate this decision making, we have added information regarding the health risks involved in drug and alcohol abuse, and the resources available to assist a person who may be struggling with these problems on our campus, to this brochure. This information is designed and compiled to assist you in making decisions that protect your personal safety. Please read it carefully.
The Effects of Drugs on Your Body

Narcotics (Heroin)
- Addiction
- Initial euphoria followed by drowsiness and nausea
- Constricted pupils, watery eyes, dazed appearance
- Signs of overdose or prolonged use include: slow shallow breathing, clammy skin, loss of appetite and weight and possible death.

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers)
- Addiction
- Relaxed muscles, calmness, drowsiness
- Confusion, disorientation, slurred speech
- Signs of overdose or prolonged use include: shallow breathing, clammy skin, weak and rapid pulse, coma and possible death.

Stimulants (Cocaine, Methamphetamine)
- Addiction
- Increased heart rate and respiratory rate
- Elevated blood pressure
- Decreased appetite, weight loss
- Blurred vision, dizziness, insomnia, anxiety
- Impaired decision making
- High doses can cause physical collapse, irregular heartbeat, stroke and possible death.

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, Mushrooms)
- Addiction
- Hallucinations
- Confusion, panic, anxiety, depression and poor perception of time and distance
- Respiratory failure
- Death due to careless behavior.

Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish)
- Addiction
- Increase in heart rate, bloodshot eyes, dry mouth and throat, increased appetite
- Interferes with memory, speech, coordination, motivation, and perception of time
- Increased risk of lung cancer, weakened immune system and affects to the reproductive system
- Impaired decision making which can lead to harm or death.

The effect that any drug has on the human body has a lot to do with how it is ingested. The method in which the drug enters your body can add new risks and health concerns above and beyond those associated with the drug itself. Many drugs are taken through the digestive system in a pill or added to a food, others however, are inhaled or injected. Inhaling a drug is dangerous because you are replacing the oxygen that your body needs with a harmful substance. Inhalation can happen through smoking, snorting or "huffing." Huffing is a method involving the inhalation of solvents or other volatile substances directly from the container or from rags that have been soaked in the substance. This is an extremely dangerous practice and can often result in brain damage or death. When a drug is injected, it
enters the body through your blood stream, thus carrying it throughout your entire body very quickly and doing a lot of damage in the process. Injecting drugs risks health problems associated with blood borne infections such as hepatitis and HIV.

The Effects of Alcohol on Your Body

- Impairment of brain function, judgment, alertness, coordination and reflexes
- Attitude and behavioral changes such as uncharacteristic hostility or increased risk taking
- Inability to safely operate a vehicle
- When combined with other drugs, alcohol can intensify or alter the effect of the drug, cause nausea, sweating, severe headaches, convulsions and overdose
- Addiction or chemical dependency
- Memory blackouts
- Uncharacteristic family, school, work, legal problems
- Health problems such as cirrhosis of the liver
- Birth defects and mental retardation in user's children.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

The college provides services and resources for community members who experience alcohol and drug-related difficulties. The complete Drug Free Schools and Community Act policy can be viewed at the https://www.amherst.edu/offices/student-affairs/community-standards/student-code-of-conduct.

The school provides training about the consumption of drugs and alcohol for students through the Health Education Director.

The following are included in these programs:

1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018

Ongoing January 2018 – December 2018

- Passive education materials were designed by SHEs and Health Education Staff, distributed in the residence halls. Issues included blackout drinking, sobering up, social norms on actual use of alcohol from survey statistics, signs of alcohol poisoning and drink equivalents.
- SHEs performed skits on health and wellness at Amherst for the admitted students at admitted student weekend.
- Health Education subscribes to the online health and wellbeing a magazine Student Health 101 and it is widely advertised to students. Each month highlights 2-4 articles on AOD.
- Student Health Educators presented workshops and Alcohol to students living in the residence halls.
January 2017 – May 2017 and September 2017 – December 2017

• The Health Education Director coordinated and funded the consultant who provided Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS) for students referred by the conduct dean and others in Student Affairs. This year, approximately 44 students went through the two-session BASICS program.

• The Health Education Department serves on the 5-College Alcohol and Other Drug Committee which also includes representatives from other area colleges including Springfield College and Elms College.

August 2018

• All incoming students were encouraged to complete the EverFi Alcohol and Prescription Drug Abuse online course. We had a 98% compliance rate.

• Student Health Educators performed skits on Health and Wellness for all incoming students during 2 60-minutes shows during summer orientation.

• Student Health Educators distributed a “Amherst DeClassified” a health and wellness resource packet to all first-year students the first week of the semester. This packet includes information on alcohol, recovery, and drugs.

October 2017

• A “Safe Homecoming” campaign was conducted with a booth sponsored by SHEs where snacks, cider, and water were distributed along with cards giving safe partying tips at the football game tailgate.

Resources

Amherst College Counseling Center
During regular business office hours or after hours—(413) 542-2354. If you contact this number outside of business hours, it will connect you with a licensed mental health counselor by phone.

Amherst College Health Services
(413) 542-2267 (UMass Health Services is available after regular business hours at (413) 577-5000.

Administrator on Call (Student Affairs)
The Administrator on Call can be contacted through the Amherst College Police Dispatch Center at (413) 542-2291.
Weapons on Campus

Except as noted below, the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts prohibit the possession of the following on the campus of any college or university: any firearm, stiletto, dagger, dirk knife, any knife having a double-edged blade, a switch knife or any knife having an automatic spring release which has a blade over one and one-half inches, a sling shot, black jack, metallic knuckles or knuckles of any substance with a similar effect as metallic knuckles, pellet guns, BB guns, mace, and pepper spray.

In addition to the weapons identified above, Amherst College also prohibits all other weapons, including, but not limited to: open flames (unless otherwise approved by Environmental Health and Safety), ammunition, explosives, paintball guns, replica guns (except as noted below), electronic incapacitation or other stun weapons, and any other object (including an otherwise innocuous object) that the college determines could be used (or is being used) to harass or injure another individual or that the college reasonably determines has the effect of intimidating another individual.

Exceptions

Only Amherst College Police Officers and other law-enforcement officers are authorized to possess firearms on campus.

Possession of a replica gun does not constitute a violation of this policy, provided that such replica gun is used exclusively in connection with a theatrical production. The Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety may authorize other possession or use of a replica gun in certain other limited circumstances.

In accordance with Massachusetts law, any exception to this policy authorizing the presence of a weapon otherwise prohibited under the law (including any firearm) must be approved in writing by the President of the college. Any request for such an exception should be directed to the President in the care of the Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety. Requests for an exception by faculty members for pedagogical purposes will be approved unless the use would pose an exceptional danger to the community.

Violations

The possession of any weapon on Amherst College property in violation of this policy by an Amherst College student, faculty member, or staff member will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or expulsion. The college may issue a no-trespass order to, and enforce the terms of a no-trespass order against, any other person who violates this policy.

In addition to the consequences noted above, in most instances, the college will also pursue legal action against anyone who:
1) possesses a firearm on campus in violation of this policy;
2) possesses any weapon while not lawfully present on campus; and/or
3) uses any weapon in the commission of any other violation of law or college policy.

Nothing in this policy precludes law enforcement, including Amherst College Police, from taking appropriate law-enforcement action, including criminal complaints and/or arrests.

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**Crime Prevention and Security Awareness Programs**

The Amherst College Police Department is committed to a pro-active approach, which enables us through education, police presence and community awareness to stop many potential incidents before they occur. It is with the cooperation of our community and the integration of our Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Community Outreach efforts that we have created a partnership between police and community members. This partnership enables us to unite our efforts and encourages each member of our community to take an active role in their own safety and the safety of others.

The police conduct the following crime prevention and security awareness programs:

- provide training to new employees and requesting departments for crime prevention, security awareness, as well as Environmental Health and Safety
- offer Basic, Advanced, and Keychain R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) classes to students, staff and faculty. This is an opportunity to gain empowerment and education as well as self-defense technique training. (1 time in 2018, 2 times in 2017, and 3 times in 2016)
- staff information and resource tables at the Campus Center, where we provide safety and security information as well as promote our self-defense and alcohol awareness programs and activities. (once each semester)
- conduct public speaking and crime prevention programs at community forums about issues such as hate crimes, alcohol awareness, sexual assault, relationship violence or general safety.
- are active in the training of Residential Counselors and Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect.
- supervise Student Security employees. Our Student Security program is supervised by a police sergeant who coordinates hiring as well as training and scheduling for the student security staff. (weekly)
- are involved in meetings and task forces throughout College and Town committees such as the town's Community Policing Partnership, Title IX, the Sexual Respect Task Force, and the Security Advisory Committee. (8 times a year)
- are assigned to the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Intervention Program (4 times a year) and Sexual Assault Respect Task Force
- work with student organizations such as the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion to discuss issues which are of particular concern to these groups and to identify ways in which our department can provide the safest possible environment for every member of our community.
- post notices and posters about fire safety, room security and local alcohol and noise ordinances which may affect our students.
- conduct alcohol awareness training using the Fatal Vision Goggles program to raise awareness about alcohol and impairment.
• make available to members of the college community Operation Identification engraving tools at no cost. Operation Identification allows members of the community to engrave numbers or owner recognized numbers on their computers, stereo equipment, bicycles or other valuables. (Constant)
• offer bicycle registration that is highly publicized and enables students to have their bicycles engraved and documented by an Amherst College Police Officer. Additional information about bicycle safety and security is also provided. (Constant)
• offer a laptop registration program (Constant)
• maintain emergency telephones located throughout the campus and a list of these locations is provided in the campus directory as well as on this document.
• distribute pamphlets about all types of crime and crime prevention issues at outreach events and in our office area.
• create and distribute Crime Alerts when a specific safety issue arises and requires public notification.
• will, upon request of the individual departments, give specific crime prevention and safety talks to staff members in their facilities.
• provide safety escort rides to and from on campus locations and the University Health Center during hours of darkness when personal safety is a concern.
• monitor the College’s electronic access security system, which is located in all residential halls and many academic and administrative buildings.

In addition, The first floor and fire escape access windows on our residential halls are outfitted with security screens that make it less likely that an intruder could gain access to those rooms through the window.
Active Shooter

Video Link https://www.amherst.edu/emergency/handbook/active-shooter
RUN--or--HIDE--or--FIGHT

In a quickly unfolding situation involving an individual with a gun, immediately leave the area and call the Amherst College Police Department (ACPD) at 413.542.2111. For those in an area with a dangerous person, remember: RUN – HIDE – FIGHT.

Run
• Have an escape route and plan in mind.
• Keep your hands in plain sight for your safety and the safety of responding police.

Hide
• Hide in an area, room or closet out of the shooter’s view.
• Lock the doors. If the door cannot be locked, block or wedge the door shut from inside.
• Move away from windows and pull down blinds/shades.
• Leave cell phones on, but turn the volume off so you can continue to receive messages.
• Do not open the door for anyone identifying themselves as a police officer or other rescuer. The police will gain entrance using keys or after an “All Clear” is sent.

Fight
• As a last resort, when your life is in danger, FIGHT!
• Any object or substance—such as coffee, chemicals, pens and pencils, furniture—can be used as a weapon to incapacitate a shooter.

Call law enforcement when you safely may do so.
Amherst College Police (413) 542-2111 or Ext 2111
Amherst Police (413) 259-3000 or 9-1-1
Massachusetts State Police (413) 585-3000 or 9-1-1

What to do when law enforcement arrives:

• Remain calm and follow officers’ instructions
• Immediately raise hands and spread fingers wide
• Keep hands visible at all times
• Avoid making sudden movements towards police or grabbing them
• Do not stop officers to ask for assistance or directions in evacuating; just proceed to the area from which officers are entering
• If possible provide law enforcement with the location, number, and description of the shooters

Make the Amherst College Police a speed dial function on your cell phone.
Seconds count in emergencies
Emergency Telephone Locations

There are a number of emergency telephones located around the campus to facilitate the reporting of crimes or to request assistance from the police. The telephones are identified by a blue light and direct dial the police when the emergency button is pushed. Telephones are located in the following areas:

ALUMNI GYM main entrance
ALUMNI GYM rear east side entrance
ALUMNI PARKING LOT center of lot closest to Cohan
CADIGAN RELIGIOUS CENTER main entrance
CHARLES PRATT between Charles Pratt and Seeley Mudd
CONVERSE PARKING LOT near bus stop
CONWAY FIELD HOUSE
SERVICE BUILDING at front entrance
FAIERWEATHER QUAD on pole between Chapin and Fayerweather
FROST LIBRARY at entrance
GOODING FIELD Walkway
GREENWAY along main access road
GREENWAY on northwest side
GREENWAY on northeast side
HILLS PARKING LOT on gray barn south side
HILLS PARKING LOT at College Street Entrance on gray barn east side
JOHNSON CHAPEL on quad side of the building
JOHNSON CHAPEL on the west side of the building
KEEFE HEALTH CENTER on west side by Moore
KING on southwest side near walkway
KIRBY THEATER near the walkway to Appleton
MARSH HOUSE WALKWAY between Marsh and Lessey Street
MEMORIAL HILL at top of hill
MERRILL SCIENCE between Merrill Science and Campus Center
MOORE RESIDENCE HALL College Street side by Valentine
MUSIC BUILDING College Street side by lot entrance
NEWPORT HOUSE Northampton Road side by the sidewalk
O'CONNELL PARKING LOT on gray barn
PLIMPTON on walkway from Lessey Street
SCIENCE CENTER west side of the building on walkway
SOUTH LOT at northeast entrance
TENNIS COURTS near northeast corner
WEBSTER CIRCLE near College Street
WHALEN HOUSE rental housing parking lot near softball field
Operation Identification

**Operation Identification** is a nationwide crime prevention program. The program involves the permanent marking of valuables with a unique number, symbol or combination, recording of identification information, and affixing a decal warning potential thieves that the property is registered with the police. This program not only deters theft by making stolen property more difficult to sell and easier to identify, but also expedites insurance claims in the event of a loss.

The program is open to all members of the Amherst College community, and all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate.

The program works as follows:

- Come to the Amherst College Police station in the Service building and you will be provided with the following:
  - An electric engraver and/or diamond pen. You will be required to sign for these items and to return them within three days.
  - A property inventory sheet on which you record identification information for each item of value.
- Engrave your number on all moveable items of value.
- Methodically inventory the contents of each room and record pertinent identification information on the property inventory sheet.
- Return the electric engraver and/or diamond pen, along with your completed inventory sheet to the Amherst College Police station in the Service Building. The property sheet will be kept on file for your future reference in case of loss.

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**Student Security/Safe R-I-D-E**

The Police Department employs Amherst College students in various paid, non-sworn capacities for clerical and security duties. Any student interested in these positions should contact Sergeant Shea at jrshea@amherst.edu.

**Student Security**

Student Security members are trained to provide party monitor services and crowd control for registered student events. They ensure security of the building used for the event and are equipped with two-way radios to immediately report any suspicious or criminal activity.

**Safe R-I-D-E**

Safe Ride operates between the hours of 7:00 PM and 2:00 AM and provides lockout services and safety escorts for on-campus locations to Amherst College community members. Safe R-I-D-E can be reached by calling R-I-D-E (x7433).
Policies Regarding Sexual Assault, Dating or Domestic Violence and Stalking

The College has established a procedure to assist and support all campus community members who experience sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, and stalking. Amherst College Police will assist victims of sexual assault, upon request, in obtaining medical treatment, counseling, support and police services (both local police and ACPD). The College, through its Sexual Respect Education office, offers educational programs on sexual assault, to promote awareness of rape, and other sex offenses and sexual harassment. Amherst’s Sexual Respect Educator is available to students for individual consultation and referral.

The Sexual Respect Education team conducts trainings throughout the campus for departments in an effort to reach all new and existing faculty and staff members, which training includes bystander intervention training. The Amherst College Police Department also receives training in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act in responding to Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assaults. Amherst College prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Bystander Intervention

Bystander Intervention is defined as safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. This training helps bring attention to the Bystander Effect which shows that as the number of bystanders increase, the likelihood of any one bystander helping someone decreases. Bystander Intervention training about the prevention sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, is provided to each incoming students and new employee. Ongoing programming throughout the year also teaches options for bystanders. Guidelines for being an active bystander are often known as the “4Ds.” They are:

Direct: Make direct contact. Intervene in the moment to prevent a problem from happening.
Distract: Be a distraction. Interrupt the situation without directly confronting anybody.
Delegate: Delegate someone else to intervene. Get help from someone who is better equipped to handle the situation.
Delayed: Follow up later with the people involved in the situation.

By contacting any of the resources in the below section, you can receive assistance.
The College’s Procedures Related to the Specific Offenses of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

The following procedures are conducted by campus officials who receive annual training on issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (including how to conduct a hearing process that protects victim safety and promotes accountability). Investigations and resolution will be conducted in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner.

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Students who request assistance in changing their academic or living situation after an incident of stalking will receive appropriate modifications if reasonably available. Students seeking academic assistance or changes in their housing should speak with the Title IX Coordinator, who will coordinate such requests on behalf of the student.

Amherst College will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of stalking, the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense.

**Reporting Options**

We urge you to immediately report any incidents of this nature to Amherst College Police at 413-542-2111, even if you do not wish to pursue the matter further. Keep in mind that an assailant who is allowed to go un-pursued is a potential future danger, not only to you but also to other members of the community. You may decline standard. Both the complainant and the respondent will be notified of the outcome of the campus disciplinary proceeding contemporaneously after the results are final, any changes to the results before they are final, and the appeal procedures.

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If you experience sexual assault, it is important that you seek medical attention. The medical exam has two goals: first, to treat the full extent of any injury of physical trauma and to consider the possibilities of sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy and second, to properly preserve evidence in case you decide to pursue criminal charges. IMPORTANT: do not bathe, douche, brush your teeth, drink or change your clothing, as you may be destroying evidence you will need if you decide to pursue criminal charges and it may be helpful in obtaining a protection order.

Amherst will maintain your privacy at all times during the process consistent with our interest in both individual and community safety, our commitment to providing an environment free from sex and gender discrimination and as required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If you wish to report information concerning a sexual assault anonymously, you may do so.

Community members that experience sexual assault may also make a report to the Amherst Police Department. When you report a sexual assault, it will be your choice whether or not to file charges with the District Attorney. If you choose to file criminal charges with the District Attorney, the Amherst College Police Department will provide support and assistance.

Acknowledging that every situation may be different, if you are faced with a threat, we encourage you to seek safety first. If you think you are being followed, you can call out for assistance and run to a lighted business or residence; enlist the assistance of a passerby or flag down a passing vehicle, break a window in a residence or pull a fire alarm. Do anything that
charges with the District Attorney, the Amherst College Police Department will provide support and assistance. You may contact the District Attorney’s Office at 413-586-9225.

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A stalker may be someone that you know. In dating and acquaintance situations be very clear about your sexual limits. If you notice that your date or acquaintance is not respecting those limits, leave and call someone for assistance.

Amherst College Police Officers will notify victims of sexual assault of their rights and provide them in writing with a “Notice of Rights.” Amherst College Police Officers will also provide written notification of information regarding the College’s policy and procedure on dating or domestic violence.

Amherst College Police Officers will notify suspects and victims of dating or domestic violence of their rights under Massachusetts Law (Ch 209A, Sec 6) and provide them in writing with a “Notice of Rights.” Amherst College Police Officers will also provide written notification of information regarding the College’s policy and procedure on dating or domestic violence.

Amherst College Police Officers will notify victims of stalking/harassment of their rights under Massachusetts Law (Ch 258) and provide them in writing with a “Notice of Rights.” Amherst College Police Officers will also provide written notification of information regarding the College’s policy and procedure on dating or domestic violence.
Resources

While we recognize that a report may emerge through many sources, we encourage our students to report all sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, dating or domestic violence and stalking directly to the Amherst College Police or Title IX Coordinator. These individuals will support you and provide you with information regarding options, including: grievance procedures, interim remedies, and ongoing emotional support. Campus Authorities will further assist you in reporting to the Amherst College Police, if you chose to do so. These individuals will assist in eliminating the misconduct, preventing its occurrence and addressing the effects. Modifications and protective measures are available if you request them, and if they are reasonably available. These are available regardless of whether or not you choose to report the crime to the Amherst College Police.

Amherst will seek to maintain your privacy at all times during the process consistent with our interest in both individual and community safety and our commitment to providing an environment free from sex and gender discrimination. All college employees who become aware of an incident of sexual misconduct will notify the appropriate college personnel.

Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent that it would not impair the ability of the institution to provide modifications or protective measures.

No Contact Restricted Proximity Orders

The Amherst College Office of Student Affairs may be able to establish a “no contact order” for incidents that occur between two students. Human Resources may provide “no contact orders” for faculty and staff members. These orders are not court orders. They are handled administratively.

Protective Orders (Massachusetts General Law 209A) and Harassment Prevention Orders (Massachusetts General Law 258E) may be requested through the court system, and upon request, Amherst College Police will assist you in this process. These orders are enforceable through the legal system.
Resources continued

Amherst College Police | 413.542.2111
Available 24 hours a day

Student Affairs/Administrator on Call | 413.542.2337
Available during regular office hours and can assist with academic concerns, changes in housing or other modifications and referrals to other resources. Members of Student Affairs are also available 24 hours a day by calling Amherst College Police.

Director of Community Standards | 413.542.2337
The Dean of Student Conduct is available during regular office hours for students interested in receiving information on filing a complaint through the College

Employees: e4health 800-828-6025 or https://www.helloe4.com/ are available 24 hours/day. E4health is the Amherst College Employee Assistance Program. Employees are provided with a username and password for the website on the human resources site.

Title IX Coordinator | 413.542.5707
Laurie Frankl is available during regular office hours; she coordinates prompt and equitable responses to reports of sexual misconduct by eliminating the misconduct, preventing its occurrence and addressing the effects.

Title IX Deputy Coordinators
Available during regular office hours
Amanda Collings Vann (students) 413.542.5671
Dean Gendron (students) 412.542.2337
Maria Rello (Athletics Departments) 413.542.8467
Catherine Epstein (faculty) 413.542.2334
Maria-Judith Rodriguez (staff, administration and visitors) | 413.542.2327

Resident Counselors
Students living in the residence halls who are employed by Residential Life and trained to refer students to campus resources

All of the resources listed above are trained to support students and staff, and coordinate with the Title IX Coordinator consistent with the college’s commitment to a safe and healthy educational environment. Amherst values your privacy. Reports of sexual assault will be shared only with individuals with a need-to-know or as required by law.
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<td><strong>AC Counseling Center</strong></td>
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<td>Available during regular office hours. During off hours, you will be connected by phone to a licensed therapist or a therapist working under the supervision of a licensed clinician.</td>
<td>Open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Religious and Spiritual Life</strong></td>
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Whether you were subjected to any sexual misconduct recently or in the past, you are encouraged to use all available support services.
Sexual Respect Education (2017)

February 23, 2018
Imagine A World: Reading of our community poem
Powerhouse
Description:
Ninety-two students contributed to a community poem where we imagined a world without sexual violence. Nineteen students from across campus joined together to read the poem in the Powerhouse. The event which reminded the community what could take the place of violence was a powerful reminder of our shared vision. The poem was followed by a reception and shared conversation. Resources were provided.

February 27- March 1, 2018
Cuffing Season: Tabling for Healthy Relationship Month
6 sessions
Description:
The Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect created a campaign around healthy relationships. Posters were distributed on February 27th to the campus community and tabling, which included quizzes to help students think about how their relationship could be healthier, what it means to maintain a healthy relationship and resources for what to do if students are in unhealthy relationships. Tabling included a photo campaign asking students to finish the sentence “A healthy relationship is…”

March 1, 2018
Sexual Respect / Sexual Harassment at Amherst & You New Employee Welcome Event
Alumni House
Description:
Amherst & You is a new employee welcome event. Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann and Human Resources Training Specialist Stephen Butler presented on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Respect and Bystander Intervention. New Employees could voluntarily attend this event. Amherst College policies, definitions of various types of sexual violence, what constitutes sexual harassment and options for bystander intervention were all covered in this session. All new employees were invited.

March 6, 2018
Making Sense of #MeToo
Benenski Lecture Hall
Description:
A panel discussion to make sense of the #MeToo movement. Masha Gessen is a staff writer at the New Yorker and currently John J. McCloy professor at Amherst College. She is the author of the National Book Award-winning "The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia," and several other books. Loretta Ross, visiting associate professor in women’s studies at Hampshire College, is co-founder and former national coordinator of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. She has
published several foundational books on reproductive justice. After short presentations Professors Ross and Gessen were joined by SWAGS discussants include Manuela Picq, Khary Polk and Sahar Sadjadi. Facilitated by Amrita Basu.

March 23, 2018
**The Mask You Live in: Film Screening**
*Peer Advocate Documentary Film Series*

**Description:**
This was the first film in the Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect film screening series. The Mask You Live In follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America’s narrow definition of masculinity. Pressured by the media, their peer group, and even the adults in their lives, our protagonists confront messages encouraging them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify and degrade women, and resolve conflicts through violence. These gender stereotypes interconnect with race, class, and circumstance, creating a maze of identity issues boys and young men must navigate to become “real” men. The Mask You Live In ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men. A discussion followed.

March 27, 2018
**Writing Workshop with Kavi and Vision**

**Description:**
This workshop centered on unpacking perceived gender norms and stipulations, the manifestation of toxic masculinity and how we collectively function under gender binaries in a cisgender heteronormative patriarchy. Utilizing prompts, poems, and activities based around vulnerability participants could share their thoughts and create their own poems. Kavindu “Kavi” Ade is a writer, activist and arts educator. Their work grapples with the reality of being a Black - Trans - Queer body set at the threshold of violence. Using art as resistance they create transformative dialogue. Perry “Vision” DiVirgilio is a poet, activist and youth poetry educator. Vision’s work focuses on racial identity, identity politics, healing, and dismantling toxic masculinity. Vision has authored three collections of poetry: “Surviving Saturn’s Return,” “Heal On Purpose,” & “About Her.”

March 27, 2018
**Student Dinner with Kavi and Vision**

**Description:**
Students and Staff joined Perry “Vision” DiVirgilio and Kavindu “Kavi” Ade for dinner and conversation about masculinity, identity and ending violence.

March 27, 2018
**Mending Masculinities Performance**
*The Powerhouse*

**Description:**
Through performance poetry Perry “Vision” DiVirgilio and Kavindu “Kavi” Ade cultivate a conversation that encompasses all forms of masculinity, the performance of gender, and the inherent toxicity of gendered binaries in a patriarchal world. With poems focusing on gender, sexuality, race, violence,
sexual assault, homophobia/transphobia, and more, their art aims to task men and masculine of center folks of all journeys to unpack, heal, and create a path to whole masculinities.

March 29, 2018
Survivor Support Series: Hooked on Self-Care
Chapin Lounge
Description:
Everybody has their own methods of self-care, but sometimes the right methods can be hard to find. The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect and Book and Plow employee and veteran crocheter, Kaylee Brow walked participants through basic crocheting techniques. Students learned how crocheting can be used as a grounding technique and can be incorporated to self-care routines. This event focused on self-care and coping strategies for sexual assault survivors, but all were welcomed to attend. Materials were provided for the first 25 people who came.

April 6, 2018
Film Screening: Together
Peer Advocate Documentary Film Series
Description:
Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect hosted the second film of their film screening series this semester, "Together." Special guests and filmmakers from Bowdoin College attended to facilitate a short discussion after the screening. The trailer is available at: https://vimeo.com/234223778. Together shares stories about what it's like to be a student who has experienced sexual violence. Students at Bowdoin College submitted anonymous, written stories about their own experiences, and in the film, actors tell these stories in the context of a day in the life of a student. While these stories do not represent every experience of sexual violence on and off a college campus, they do offer a wide range of perspectives on what it can be like to experience rape and/or sexual assault and endure its aftermath.

April 10, 2018
Swiping Left on Sexual Violence: Sexual Respect, Queerness and Dating
Description:
The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect and the Student Educational Coordinator of the Queer Resource Center presented and held a discussion on the way queerness impacts experiences with sexual violence. Discussion focused on sexual violence in dating apps and how students can learn to engage in these spaces respectfully.

April 10, 2018
Guest Lecture in The Spiral of Time in Native American Novels, English 459
Professor Lisa Brooks
Description: Professor Deer’s Book is required for this course in relation to the reading of the novel The Round House by Louise Erdich. Professor Deer presented in the Professor Lisa Brook’s class. Discussion centered around sexual violence in Native American communities.

April 10, 2018
Lunch with Sarah Deer, INCA and students for English 459: The Spiral of Time in Native American Novels
Description:
Lunch with students from INCA (the Indigenous and Native American Citizens Association) and students in English 459. Students were joined by Professor Brooks.

April 10, 2018
Student and Staff Dinner with Sarah Deer
Description:
Students and staff joined professor Deer for a wide-ranging conversations on the law, sexual violence and identity.

April 10, 2018
Sovereignty of the Soul: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America
Keynote with Sarah Deer
Powerhouse
Description:
Sarah Deer (Muscogee (Creek) Nation) is a professor of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas. She has worked to end violence against women for over 25 years and was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2014. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection of federal Indian law and victims' rights. Her latest book is The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America, which has received several awards. Her work on violence against Native women has received national recognition from the American Bar Association and the Department of Justice. Professor Deer is also the Chief Justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

April 11, 2018
Coming to You from the Indigenous Future with Danika Medak-Saltz
Digital Media Showcase of Indigenous Women's Digital Media including a screening of the virtual reality film Highway of Tears
Description:
UMASS alum and Native and Indigenous Studies scholar Danika Medak-Saltzman visited Amherst College to host an informal Showcase of Indigenous Women’s Digital Media, including the virtual reality documentary, Highway of Tears. CBC’s first virtual reality documentary, Highway of Tears transports viewers to 16-year-old Ramona Wilson's home and then onto the notorious stretch of Highway 16, providing a visceral experience of the landscape and the personal tragedies that haunt that landscape and that have affected so many Indigenous people in Canada. The documentary was directed by Anishinaabe filmmaker Lisa Jackson.
April 16, 2018
I am Evidence Film Screening
Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect Film Screening
Description:
The final film in their film screening series this semester, "I Am Evidence." I AM EVIDENCE exposes the alarming number of untested rape kits in the United States through a character–driven narrative, bringing much needed attention to the disturbing pattern of how the criminal justice system has historically treated sexual assault survivors. Why is there a rape kit backlog? What can we do to fix the problem? This film explores these questions through survivors’ experiences as they trace the fates of their kits and re-engage in the criminal justice process. I AM EVIDENCE illuminates how the system has impeded justice while also highlighting those who are leading the charge to work through the backlog and pursue long-awaited justice in these cases. In this film, we seek to send a clear message to survivors that they matter, that we as a nation will do everything possible to bring them a path to healing and justice, and that their perpetrators will be held accountable for their crimes.

Tabling for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Support for Survivors, Movements and Movement Makers and Challenge the Culture
April 12-23, 2018
7 sessions
Description:
The Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect tabled for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Students could learn how to change the culture, support survivors and raise awareness. Tabling was connected to our social media campaign on movements and movement makers. Buttons highlight the connection of sexual violence to other forms of oppression. Students could share status updates to enter a raffle for Girl Scout cookies or pick up some great giveaways.

April 25, 2018
Mermaids and Massages: Self Care for Survivors and Activists
Description:
The WGC and Sexual Respect Education offered a self-care event centering survivors and students working to create change. Students could sign up for a 10-minute consensual chair massage, make stress-relieving mermaid goo or aromatherapy room sprays. Resources on Self Care for Activists, grounding techniques for survivors and sexual violence related resource were distributed.

April 26, 2018
Opening Ceremony: The Healing Fire Initiative for Survivors of Sexual Violence, their friends, families and allies.
Description:
Educators from Gedakina, Faculty, Staff and Students welcomed people to the fire. The Confidentiality of the space was discussed, resources were identified and a welcoming ceremony was performed.

April 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm until
April 27, 2018 at 1:00pm
The Healing Fire Initiative for Survivors of Sexual Violence, their friends, families and allies.
Description:
People who came to the healing fire were welcome to make offerings to the fire. Wooden shims and sharpies were provided and people were welcome to bring letters and pictures. Amherst College partnered with Gedakina Inc. in an effort to provide a space for healing with our campus community. In 2002 Gedakina cofounded the Healing Fire Initiative for Survivors of Sexual Violence. The purpose of the Healing Fire Initiative is to offer survivors of sexual violence a welcoming and comforting place to break the isolation they may feel, build community with other survivors, advocates, and supporters, and begin or continue their healing process. This program is now a regional initiative with organizations and colleges/universities across the United States adopting this award-winning program. The fire burned until 1:00pm on April 27th and was staffed by faculty, staff and the Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect throughout the 24-hour period. This was dedicated as a confidential space, which was indicated on signs at the event and a resource table was provided.

May 2, 2018
Carefest
Mental Health Education and Diversity Task Force organized event
Description:
Organized by Mental Health Education and the Diversity Task Force, the Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect hosted a table on self-care at this event. Peer Advocates handed out information on how to support survivors, kinetic sand and worry stones with hopeful words on them.

May 4, 2018
Make Your Own Sugar Scrubs
Description:
The Women’s and Gender Center and Sexual Respect Education provided opportunities for self-care for survivors and activists who want to make some aromatherapy sugar scrubs. This was a drop-in program.

June 13, 2018
Sexual Respect / Sexual Harassment at Amherst & You New Employee Welcome Event
Alumni House
Description:
Amherst & You is a new employee welcome event. Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann and Human Resources Training Specialist Stephen Butler presented on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Respect and Bystander Intervention. New Employees could voluntarily attend this event. Amherst College policies, definitions of various types of sexual violence, what constitutes sexual harassment and options for bystander intervention were all covered in this session. All new employees were invited, 16 attended. Stephen Butler took attendance.

Periodically throughout the semester
Poster Distribution
Description:
Posters distributed included:
Sexual Respect Is...We asked and Amherst Answered
What Consent Is
In My Relationships I Have the Right and Responsibility To
Breaking Up is Hard to Do
How to Support a Survivor
Self-Care Strategies
92 Ways to Love

August 14, 2018
Amherst and You
Alumni House
Description:
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August 22, 2018
Sexual Respect Education with Resident Counselors
Ford Hall
Description:
Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann facilitated a 60-minute session for Resident Counselors (RCs) on Sexual Respect. RCs explored rape culture, what it meant to have sexually respectful communities and how to create those communities. RCs were asked to generate ideas for concrete steps they could take to create a community that was based in respect. Resources were provided.

August 23, 2018
Bystander Intervention and Sexual Respect Education for Orientation Leaders
Firedmann Room
Description:
Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann led the Orientation Leader in a bystander Intervention Training. Students learned skills to recognize and respond to sexual violence. Students explored what it means to be an active, empowered bystander. This interactive training allowed students to explore realistic situations they might encounter as an orientation leader on a range of issues including sexual violence. Students developed and practiced a full range of options to create a respectful, caring culture at Amherst College.

August 24, 2018
Sexual Respect Education Introduction: A Framing of the Conversation for International Students
Cole Assembly
Description:
Sexual Respect Educator, Amanda Collings Vann facilitated a 45-minute conversation with International Orientation. The conversation was meant to provide some grounding of the conversation in the United States and prepare students for the Sexual Respect Session during Orientation.

August 27, 2018
Bystander Intervention for LEAP and CEOT Leaders
Fiedmann Room
Description:
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August 28, 2018
Parent and Family Resource Fair
First Year Quad
Description:
Sexual Respect Education hosted a table with Health Education at the resource fair to provide parents and families of incoming students with information about the works of the Department of Sexual Respect Education, Resources to access further information and upcoming programs and events to support students. Table was staffed by Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann.

August 28, 2018
PA Orientation Train the Trainer for Orientation
Health Education Conference Room
Description:
Train the Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect on their presentation for Orientation. Peer Advocates present information on Bystander Intervention and their role at Amherst during the Sexual Respect Session that is mandatory for all new students.

August 29, 2018
Sexual Respect at Amherst for New Students
Arms Music Hall
Mandatory sessions for all incoming students
2 Sessions
Description:
Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann facilitated a session exploring what it means to help create a campus culture that reflects sexual respect and nonviolence. Students were shown video clips,
led through interactive activities and walked through definitions of various types of sexual violence, explored the concept of bystander intervention and given information on what affirmative, enthusiastic consent looks like and how to ask for it. Included in this information was how to recognize predatory behavior, warning signs of dating violence and stalking behavior. Students were provided with private and confidential resources. Mandatory for all incoming students.

**August 29, 2017 to September 30, 2018**

**Bystander banners in all first-year halls**

**Description:**

Stand-Up banners were placed in each first-year residence hall and outside the Student Affairs Office in Converse Hall with information about our Bystander Intervention program, steps students could take to intervene and reminders for how to stay safe. Resource Information was also printed on banners.

**September 8, 2018**
**September 9, 2018 (2 sessions)**
**September 12, 2018**
**September 13, 2018**
**September 15, 2018**
**September 16, 2018 (2 sessions)**
**September 19, 2018**
**September 20, 2018**
**September 23, 2018 (3 sessions)**
**September 27, 2018**
**September 30, 2018 (2 sessions)**
**October 13, 2018 (2 sessions)**
**October 14, 2018 (2 sessions)**
**October 18, 2018 (2 sessions)**

**Bystander Intervention Trainings for First Year Students**

**Mandatory session for all incoming students**

**Description:**

Bystander Intervention workshops were conducted by the Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect. Bystander Intervention workshops were conducted by pairs of Peer Advocates. Workshops explored what it means to be an active, empowered bystander. This interactive workshop allowed students to explore realistic situations they might encounter at Amherst College on a range of issues including sexual violence. Students were asked to think about why people choose or choose not to intervene and honed their skills in safe and effective intervention. Developed and practiced a full range of options to create a respectful, caring culture at Amherst College. These 90-minute workshops were mandatory for all incoming Students.

**September 13, 2018**

**Safe Bars Pilot Program Training Program**

**Cadigan Center**

**Description:**
Safe Passage and Sexual Respect Education collaborated to provide a 2-hour training with Defend Yourself, a Washington D.C. based organization that trains “barstanders” in being active bystanders. The Safe Bars training is a bystander intervention program that provides training and skills to members of the service industry in the effort to stop sexual assault in bars and other nightlife establishments. Staff from local bars and Amherst College attended the training.

**September 14, 2018**

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**Cadigan Center**  
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**September 21, 2018**

**Health and Wellness Fair - sponsored by Mental Health Education**  
**Sexual Respect table and activity**  
**Description:**
The Wellness Fair provided an opportunity for students to participate in stress-relief activities, enjoy yummy snacks and get to know Amherst’s wellness resources and student groups. The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect, Sexual Respect Education and the Women’s and Gender Center hosted a table with information about self-care for survivors/activists and how to support a friend who is/has been experiencing sexual violence. Students were encouraged to plant a succulent to take home with them.

**September 24, 2018**

**Mini Meditations with Molly Kitchen**  
**Chapin Hall**  
**Description:**
In this workshop students were taught some simple yet profound skills to add to their healing toolkit. Yoga teacher Molly Kitchen offered a variety of body-based and contemplative techniques for finding calm presence and re-centering when students feel off balance. No experience with meditation was necessary. This program was part of the survivor support series.

**October 1, 2018**

**October 2, 2018**

**Survivor Support Tables**  
**Description:**
The Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect hosted interactive tables to help students build skills in self-care and supporting survivors in our community.

**October 5, 2018**
GC Talk Back: In Solidarity with Survivors
Women’s and Gender Center
Description:
Sponsored by the Women’s and Gender Center, Nayah Mullings, WGC Director and Amanda Collings Vann, Sexual Respect Educator facilitated a space in solidarity with the testimonies of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, Deborah Ramirez, Julie Swetnick, Anita Hill, and the countless other people who exist as survivors. Space was held to process, heal, and create strategies to care for each other.

October 11, 2018
October 16, 2018

Clothesline Project T-shirt Making Session and Self-Care session
Various Locations
Description:
The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect hosted a T-shirt making session for students. Supplies were provided to allow space for survivors and friends to create shirts based on their experiences as a survivor, support person or someone who lost someone due to sexual violence.

October 18, 2018
October 19, 2018

5-College Clothesline Project Display
Valentine Quad
Description:
As part of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month the college hosted a display of the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline gives people of all gender identities an opportunity to break the silence about sexual violence by creating shirts that give voice to their personal experience(s). The shirts are then hung shoulder-to-shoulder on a clothesline for public viewing. Resources will be provided at the resource table.

October 22, 2018
October 23, 2018
October 24, 2018

5 sessions
Valentine Dining Commons and Keefe Campus Center
Description:
Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect tabled to hand out resources on sexual violence and supporting survivors and recruiting for the Peer Advocates position openings. PAs answered questions and provided information to students on the recruitment process.

October 25, 2018

Meet and Greet with the Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect
McCaffrey Room
Description:
The Peer Advocates held a chocolate fondue event to share information with interested students on how to become a peer advocate of sexual respect. Applications were available at the event. The PAs talked about the hiring process, timeline for decisions and opportunities for involvement in the fight against sexual violence.

**October 30, 2018**
**Baewatch: Toxic Relationships**  
**Queer Resource Center**  
**Description:**  
The MRC, QRC, and WGC hosted a panel presentation on toxicity in relationships as part of their Baewatch series. Panelists answered questions on Healthy relationships, how to end and move on from toxic relationships and how to set boundaries. Panelists included Jxhn Martin, Director of the QRC; Lola Brown Therapist at the Counseling Center; Nayah Mullings, Director of the WGC; and Amanda Collings Vann, Sexual Respect Educator.

**November 15, 2018**
**Hooked on Crochet: Self Care Strategies for Survivors**  
**Chapin Hall**  
**Description:**  
Kaylee Brown from Book and Plow Farm taught students the basics of crochet. Crochet can be used as a method of grounding for anxiety or intrusive thoughts. This program was part of the Peer Advocates for Sexual Respect Survivor Support series.

**December 7, 2018**
**December 8, 2018**
**December 9, 2018**
**Healthy Relationship Tabling**  
**Description:**  
The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect hosted interactive tabling on healthy relationships. Students completed activities on setting boundaries and recognizing signs of a healthy relationship.

**December 11, 2018**
**Sexual Respect / Sexual Harassment at Amherst & You New Employee Welcome Event**  
**Alumni House**  
**Description:**  
Amherst & You is a new employee welcome event. Sexual Respect Educator Amanda Collings Vann and Human Resources Training Specialist Stephen Butler presented on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Respect and Bystander Intervention. New Employees could voluntarily attend this event. Amherst College policies, definitions of various types of sexual violence, what constitutes sexual harassment and options for bystander intervention were all covered in this session. All new employees were invited.

**December 12, 2018**
Survivor Support Series: Hooked on Self-Care Beyond Basics
Chapin Hall
Description:
The Peer Advocates of Sexual Respect hosted Kaylee Brown from Book and Plow Farm continued her program from this series on utilizing crochet as a self-care and grounding strategy.

December 15, 2018
Meet the new PAs
Keefe Health Center
Description:
Newly hired PAs and returning PAs meet to discuss their hopes and fears in the position and ideas for moving the group forward.

Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires colleges and universities to issue a statement advising the campus community where state law enforcement agency information concerning registered sex offender may be obtained. The act also requires registered sex offenders to provide to appropriate state officials notice of each institution of higher education in that state at which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student.

How to Inquire
Members of the Amherst College community may request information about sex offenders in Massachusetts at the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board, telephone (978) 740-6400 or https://www.mass.gov/orgs/sex-offender-registry-board or the Amherst Police Department 413-259-3000.

Penalties For Improper Use Of Sex Offender Registry Information
Information contained in the Sex Offender Registry shall not be used to commit a crime against an offender or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender. Any person who improperly uses Sex Offender Registry information shall be punished by not more than two and one-half years in the house of correction or by a fine of not more than $1,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.
Missing Persons

The following policies regarding Missing Persons are being provided according to requirements of the 2008 Amendments to the Higher Education Act.

Any person (student, staff or faculty) believed to be missing from the campus unexpectedly shall be immediately reported to the Amherst College Police Department.

It is the policy that the Amherst College Police will investigate any report of a missing person that is filed by someone with knowledge of that person being missing or otherwise not where they are expected to be. This report may be filed by a parent/guardian or other family member of the person, by a roommate, Student Affairs, or Residential Life staff member (including student staff), Health Services staff member, faculty member, employment supervisor, or anyone else with information that indicates the person is missing. The police will conduct an initial investigation to determine if the person appears to be missing, or has simply changed their routine unexpectedly, and whether or not there is reason to believe the person is endangered.

Police officers will check person’s access records, class schedules, interview fellow students and faculty, and use other methods to determine the status of a missing person. From this initial investigation, the scope will continue to expand to make attempts to determine the location of the person reported missing to assure they are safe.

Each student living in on campus housing at Amherst College can identify a confidential contact person that the College shall contact, within 24 hours, in the event that the student is determined to be missing by Amherst College PD or Amherst PD, by providing that contact data in advance to the College. Students may enter information about a confidential contact person via their AC DATA account.

Note that this contact information is confidential and is available only to authorized College administrators and law enforcement who would have responsibility for making connections with emergency contacts in the event of a determined emergency (such as Student Affairs, police staff, etc.) This information may not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation.

Should the police not be able to locate a person reported missing in a reasonable time period of the report, they would then notify your designated ‘missing person’ confidential contact. If the student has a designated contact person, Amherst College will notify that contact person within 24 hours.

- In the event that no separate emergency contact is identified, a parent or guardian as listed in college records will be contacted.
- Students should be sure that this contact knows how to reach the student in the case of an emergency, and have a general idea of the student’s general daily routine and any travel plans.
- This person should be someone you trust to aid officers in determining your whereabouts, or verifying that further investigation and/or entry into national missing person databases is warranted.

The police will also notify local law enforcement agencies within a 24 hour window, starting with the Amherst Police, as well as any other agencies where the missing student may be, regardless of whether the student has identified a contact person, is above the age of 18, or is an emancipated minor.
NOTE FOR STUDENTS UNDER AGE OF 18 AND NOT EMANCIPATED: For any student under the age of 18 who is not emancipated, the College must notify a custodial parent or guardian no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined to be missing. For any situation in which a missing person is believed to be endangered, this notification will be made as early as possible while officers are continuing to investigate.

NOTE FOR STUDENTS UNDER AGE OF 21: For students under 21, Suzanne’s Law requires that student to be entered into the national missing person database as soon as it is determined that student is missing. Should a student be determined to be missing for more than 24 hours, the following will occur:

- Police will notify Student Affairs
- Police will again contact the student’s confidential contact and/or parent or guardian to update them on information known at that time, efforts made to locate the person, and to get further information that may lead to the location of the missing person. (In the case of a student under 18, the parent or guardian must be contacted regardless of who is listed as the student’s emergency contact.)
All crimes should be reported to Amherst College Police.

Collection of Annual Crime Statistics

The Amherst College Police Department is the centralized reporting authority for Amherst College. The Police Department collects statistics from Student Affairs, Health Services, and the Counseling Center for the annual report. Statistical information for alcohol, drug, and weapons referrals is compiled through the Director of Community Standards and Amherst College Police records.

The Amherst College Police also collect statistical information from the Town of Amherst Police and the Massachusetts State Police for all publicly held properties adjacent or contiguous to the campus as defined by federal law.

Amherst College does not recognize any off campus student organizations and does not collect statistical data for private off campus student activities.

The Title IX Coordinator collects data from confidential reports of sexual assault and rape and forwards those statistics to the police. Amherst College Police report statistical information to the Title IX Coordinator to prevent counting incidents more than once.

Amherst College reports crimes using the definitions as described in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting program. Amherst College also reviews all crimes for manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victim’s actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, or disability. Statistics are reported for those reportable crimes that are also Hate Crimes.

Crime Statistics

Statistical Categories:
On Campus
Residence Halls
Non-Campus Buildings and Property
Public Property On and Immediately Adjacent to Campus
Hate Crimes
Clery Definitions
The Clery Act is provided to assist in the classification of crimes. Clery definitions are taken from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI’s) Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook (UCR) as required by the Clery Act regulations.

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. This includes death or injuries received in a fight, argument, quarrel, assault or commission of a crime.

Manslaughter by Negligence: The killing of another person through gross negligence. Any death caused by the gross negligence of another. In other words, it’s something that a reasonable and prudent person would not do.

Sexual Assault/Sex Offenses: Any sexual act directed against another person, without consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. This includes attempted sexual assaults, and does not include offenses outside the four types chosen by the Department of Education.

Rape: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. Massachusetts General Law 265 Section 22

Fondling: The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest: Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Consent: In Massachusetts, it is illegal to have sex with someone who is incapable of giving consent because they are intoxicated, unconscious, mentally incompetent, or underage. The consent must also be without coercion, threat, or force.

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: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is 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 to commit a felony or a theft. This includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; and safecracking.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

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

Larceny-theft: the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

Simple Assault: An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

Intimidation: To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
**Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property:** To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

**Dating Violence:** violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Note that this may be counted as Domestic Violence in Massachusetts.

**Domestic Violence:** A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, or with whom a child is shared, or with whom they cohabitate, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 209A Section 1 defines Domestic Violence as the occurrence of one or more of the following acts between family or household members:
(a) attempting to cause or causing physical harm;
(b) placing another in fear of imminent serious physical harm;
(c) causing another to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threat or duress.

“Family or household members”, persons who:
(a) are or were married to one another;
(b) are or were residing together in the same household;
(c) are or were related by blood or marriage;
(d) having a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together; or
(e) are or have been in a substantive dating or engagement relationship.

**Stalking:** engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety, or suffer substantial emotional distress and makes a threat with intent to make the person in imminent fear of death or bodily injury. (Massachusetts General Law 265 Section 43)

**Hate Crimes:** Offenses and crimes due to prejudice of race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, and/or disability.

**Arrest:** Persons processed by arrest, citation or summons. An arrest has occurred when a law enforcement officer detains an adult with the intention of seeking charges against the individual for the specific offense(s) and a record is made of the detention. A juvenile should be counted as “arrested” when the circumstances are such that if the individual were an adult, an arrest would have been counted.

**Referred for Disciplinary Action:** The referral of any person to any official who initiates a disciplinary action of which a record is kept and which may result in the imposition of a sanction.

**Illegal Weapons Possession:** The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature. This also includes the manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc., of silencers; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; illegal aliens possessing deadly weapons; and attempts to commit any of the above.

**Drug Law Violation:** The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation or any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium, or cocaine, and the derivatives (morphine,
heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics – manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

**Liquor Law Violation:** The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. This includes: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing, etc., of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on train or public conveyance; and attempts to commit any of the above.
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**Caveat for Liquor Law Arrests and Drug Law Arrests:** The Amherst Police Department engaged in a new approach to underage drinking and marijuana usage. This resulted in a significant decrease in the number of arrests for both the alcohol and drug arrest categories.

**Caveat for Drug Violations:** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts changed the laws regarding possession of marijuana. Possession of marijuana under 1 ounce is now a civil infraction, and referrals reflect that change in law.
Caveat for Stalking: An individual was stalking students through text messages. The individual was caught and dismissed from the campus once caught.

Hate Crimes

The following statistics are reported for crimes that have manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the victims actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identification, national origin, ethnicity, or disability.

Hate Crimes:

2016: No Hate Crimes were reported during this year.

2017: 1 Hate Crime occurred in Frost library. There was vandalism targeting sexual orientation.

2018: No Hate Crimes were reported during this year.

Unfounded Crimes

In accordance with the Clery Act, the Amherst College Clery Report reflects any “unfounded” reports, beginning with reports in 2015. Crimes can only be determined as unfounded by sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel, and only when the totality of available information specifically indicated that the report is found to be false or baseless.

Unfounded Crimes:

2016: One Domestic Violence was unfounded in 2016, when it was discovered no misdemeanor or felony crime was committed against the either party involved in the incident.

2017: One Sexual Assault was unfounded in 2017, when it was discovered the interaction was consensual.

2018: One Burglary was unfounded in 2017, when it was discovered the item reported missing was lost and found again.
Fire Safety Guidelines

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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GENERAL FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Amherst College is committed to providing a healthy and safe educational and working environment for our students, faculty, and staff. In order to meet this goal the College has developed a number of policies and procedures to protect the campus community. The success of the program depends on each one of us.
The following are the Fire Safety Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines for Amherst College. These rules and regulations comply with those of local, state, and federal regulatory agencies, including the State Building Code, the Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations, and the recognized fire safety standards such as the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

**Fire Reporting Procedures**

The following procedures should be followed if you discover a FIRE:

1. All faculty, staff, and students are required to evacuate the building during a fire alarm.

2. If a fire alarm sounds, close the door to your room. Proceed to the closest exit. If smoke hampers your means of egress, find an alternative route.

3. Do not use the elevator to evacuate the building, as smoke will rise into the elevator shaft, placing everyone inside at serious risk. Use the stairs in order to evacuate safely.

4. If you observe other people in the building who may be unfamiliar with the alarm, advise them of the fire alarm and suggest that they evacuate. **DO NOT** force them to leave or become confrontational.

5. Proceed to a pre-designated assembly area, away from the building. Do not stand in front of or near the entrances to the building since fire department access to the building should not be obstructed.

6. Do not re-enter the building until the fire alarm has been silenced and the Amherst College Police or the Amherst Fire Department has indicated that it is safe to re-occupy.

In the event of an active fire, call 413-542-2111. If a member of the Amherst College community finds evidence of a fire that has been extinguished, and the person is not sure whether Amherst College Police has already responded, the community member should immediately notify Amherst College Police to investigate and document the incident in the annual fire safety report.

**Fire Evacuation Procedures**

1. Before you open a door, feel the door with the back of your hand. If the door is hot, or you can see fire or smoke in the corridor, do not pass through. Stay in the room. Pack towels (preferably wet) under the door to prevent smoke entry. Telephone the police (413-542-2111) and report your location. If a telephone is not available, go to the window and wave a brightly colored cloth to draw attention to you. Open the window; do not break the window. If you break the window, smoke may enter from the floor below.
2. If the door is cool, open it slowly. If there is no smoke, proceed to the nearest exit. If the smoke is light, crawl low to the closest exit. If you encounter smoke along the way, choose an alternative escape route. Make sure the doors close behind you to prevent the spread of smoke.

3. Only use a fire extinguisher if you have been trained on proper procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation Procedures for Persons with Disabilities**

1. If the occupant, resident, or visitor is located on the ground floor of the building, exit through the closest appropriate means of egress.

2. If the occupant, resident, or visitor is located above or below the ground floor, do not use the elevator. Stay in your office or room, or see specific examples below.

3. Call the Amherst College Police (413-542 2111) and give the dispatcher your name, exact location, room number, and telephone number. Remain by the phone until contacted by the Amherst College Police. Firefighters will assist persons who are unable to evacuate.

4. Persons with hearing impairments can be assisted out of the building, provided that they are made aware of the activation of the fire alarm.

5. Persons with visual impairments can be safely helped out of the building, provided that a person is there to assist them, and that most of the other building occupants have already left the building. The evacuation of persons with disabilities at the same time as everyone else might increase the risk of accident or otherwise endanger all persons trying to vacate the building.

6. Persons with mobility impairments should most often remain in their rooms until assisted by the Fire Department. Untrained occupants should not attempt to carry people from the building. This could cause stairway restriction for other evacuees and may also result in serious injury.

**INFRACTIONS**

**Failure to Evacuate**

Except for emergency response agencies (i.e. Amherst Fire Department and the Amherst College Police), all occupants in the building will evacuate when a fire alarm has been activated. Individuals or groups failing to evacuate will be subject to judicial action, expulsion from college housing and / or criminal prosecution.

The Amherst College Police will perform floor and building sweeps for the health and safety of residents. Residents found in their rooms during a fire or fire alarm will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs for disciplinary action. Amherst College has adopted this approach to help prevent "false alarm" apathy.

**Fire Department Access**
Persons who intentionally block or otherwise hamper the duties of the Amherst Fire Department or the Amherst College Police during a fire or medical emergency will be subject to judicial action, expulsion from college housing and / or criminal prosecution.

**Fire Detection and Suppression Equipment Tampering**

Unauthorized modifications of or tampering with the fire detection and / or suppression system (including fire extinguishers) in any building or room will result in judicial action, expulsion from college housing and/or criminal prosecution.

**False Fire Alarms**

Any person who, without proper justification, turns in a false fire alarm by activating a fire alarm pull station or calling in a report of fire may be punished with judicial action, expulsion from college housing, and/or criminal prosecution.

**Malicious Burning of Building Component(s) or a Building**

Any person who knowingly sets fire to components of a building (i.e. doors, bulletin boards, and furniture) and/or the building itself will face judicial action, expulsion from college housing, and/or criminal prosecution.

**Smoke Bombs and Bomb Threats**

Any person who possesses and/or activates a smoke bomb in a building without the permission of Amherst College Police, or any person who initiates a bomb threat, will be subject to judicial action, expulsion from college housing and /or criminal prosecution.

- Calling in a bomb threat or planting a bomb or other incendiary device will result in criminal prosecution.

**Fire Hydrants and Fire Lanes**

No vehicle except for emergency response apparatus or cars shall park in designated fire lanes or in front of a fire hydrant. Amherst College shall not be responsible for any damage to a motor vehicle that obstructs the response of the Amherst Fire Department or other emergency response agency.

**Fire Hazards**

Motorcycles, automobiles, mopeds, gasoline, propane, flammable liquids and other similar items are not allowed in buildings other than those facilities specifically designed for that intended purpose and shall be removed at the owner's expense.
Fire Hazards such as those associated with poor housekeeping, electrical hazards, and improper use of cooking equipment are addressed in a later section.

Fireworks

Any person possessing and/or discharging fireworks on campus will face judicial action, expulsion from college housing, and/or criminal prosecution.

Fire Drills

Residence Hall Fire Drills at Amherst College will be conducted twice during the academic year. Fire Drills are performed to familiarize occupants in the building with the sound of the fire alarm, to verify that the system is working as required, and to test the evacuation systems for faculty, staff, and students.

Fire Alarm and Suppression Systems

All Residence Halls are equipped with smoke detectors, alarms, and sprinkler systems. The alarms are both audio and visual alarms.

Fire Safety Education and Training Programs

All Residential Life staff members are trained according to the emergency management plans established by the College. Residential Life staff are trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers, proper procedures during fire alarms, assembly sites/accountability areas, and proper emergency reporting procedures. Residential Life staff assist the police and Environmental Health and Safety in the residential hall fire drills.

Inspections

Most residence hall fires start in a student room. The cause of the fire could be careless disposal of smoking material, cooking equipment, candles, or improper lights and wiring. Residents often believe that a fire will not take place in their building because the residence hall is constructed of brick and/or concrete. While it is true that the exterior is fire resistant, the contents inside are not. Wastepaper baskets, sheets, futons, wall hangings, and furniture are fuel sources for a potential fire; if ignited, each will allow smoke and flame to spread throughout the room, floor, or building. Ignition sources include but are not limited to: candles, extension cords, halogen lamps, hot plates, incense, space heaters and smoke material.

For health and safety reasons Amherst College inspects all areas of the building, including individuals’ rooms at least twice annually, and individual room at least twice annually to maintain a healthy and safe living environment for all residents. In addition, if the College receives a complaint about an area or room within a residence hall relative to health and safety, the College can and will inspect and rectify the hazardous condition at the resident's expense. The Amherst College Police, Environmental Health
and Safety, and/or the Office of Student Affairs can inspect, correct, and if necessary, confiscate any item found within an area or room that poses a risk to the occupants of the area, room, or building.

Amherst College will inspect the following:

§ Improper Appliances

- Air Conditioners
- Coffee makers and pots without automatic shutoff
- Crock Pots
- Electric frying pans
- Gas appliances
- Grills
- Halogen lamps
- Hotplates
- Immersion heaters
- Microwave ovens
- Popcorn poppers with oil
- Power strips without built-in breakers or fuses
- Refrigerators larger than 4.5 cubic feet
- Space heaters
- Sun lamps
- Toaster ovens
- Waffle irons
- Woks

§ Improper Wiring

- Overloaded extension cords
- Overloaded electrical outlets
- Outdoor lights
- Decorative lights improperly installed

Appliances found in violation of these regulations will be confiscated and returned only at the end of the academic year. A $25 fee for handling and storage will be charged when the device is returned. The College will dispose of all unclaimed articles after a one-year holding period.

Bunk Beds and Lofts

Before constructing a bunk bed or loft, students must submit a hard copy of the plan to the Amherst College Police Chief (College Fire Marshal) for approval. Construction shall not take place until the plans have been approved and returned to the requester by the Fire Marshal.
After the bunk bed or loft has been completed, the Fire Marshall must be notified for the purpose of inspection. Provided the bunk or loft has been constructed according to plan, the Fire Marshal will grant the approval.

The occupant or Facilities personnel (at the owner's expense) will disassemble all bunks and lofts that were not approved by the Fire Marshal. If an unapproved, constructed loft is found during an inspection or complaint, the Fire Marshal can order removal of the furniture and prohibit the resident from being able to construct it in the future.

**Bunks and lofts must:**

- be in compliance with all state building and fire prevention regulations
- be free standing and not attached to the floor, wall, or ceiling
- have a sleeping surface at least 4 feet beneath the ceiling
- not have more than two sides enclosed by wall or partition
- be built using construction grade lumber
- not exceed 30% of floor square footage
- not block or obstruct windows, doors, smoke detectors, network outlets, or emergency exits
- not cause damage to the room or its contents (the owner will be financially responsible for any damage to College property)
- be removed by the last day of spring-semester classes. If not removed, the College will disassemble and remove the loft at the owner's expense; minimum charge for removal by Facilities is $50.

**Other Construction**

Students may not construct partitions, subdivide their rooms, construct additions that increase fire load, install or modify electrical wiring or plumbing, or alter "means of egress" (i.e. emergency exits). Each of these modifications increases the risk of fire or personal injury accidents.

**Fireplaces**

Amherst College Facilities inspects fireplaces in common areas. Only those fireplaces found to be in proper working order can be used. Fireplaces located within individual student rooms shall not be used. Fireplaces must have screens in place when they are being used. Affixed to the mantle or wall by each operational fireplace is a sign that indicates how the fireplace is to be used, the type and age of the firewood, the proper equipment to be kept on hand, and how the fire is to be extinguished. Fireplace usage training is MANDATORY before it may be used.

**Candles, Open Flame Devices, and Smoking**

Open flame devices (except for cigarette lighters and matches) are prohibited in residence halls. Candles for religious services and birthday parties must be approved in advance by the Amherst College Fire Marshal. Candles, incense, and similar items may not be burned or lit in any residence hall. If lit or previously burned candles or incense are found or reported they will be confiscated.
Smoking is prohibited in all academic buildings and residence halls. Smoking is not permitted in buildings or within 25 feet of a building entrance or air intake.

Do not dump smoking materials into plastic waste containers or dumpsters without properly extinguishing them with water.

**Holiday Decorations**

In accordance with the Massachusetts Fire Prevention Regulations, the following decorative items shall not be permitted in Amherst College buildings and residence halls:

- Candles (except those approved in advance by the Amherst College Fire Marshal)
- Christmas or other sawn trees (except UL or FM-approved artificial Christmas or decorative trees)
- Christmas or other decorative wreaths (except UL or FM-approved artificial Christmas or decorative wreath)
- Corn stalks or shucks
- Cotton or confetti
- Dry moss or leaves
- Hay or straw
- Paper streamers
- Sawdust or wood shavings
- Tree branches and leaves

Only UL or FM-approved lighting for indoor use can be used in academic and residential buildings. If used, the lights cannot be run over ceiling tiles or grids, or through walls or doorways. The lights must be hung below the ceiling using non-conductive material (i.e. string or tape). The lights also cannot be wrapped around any piping. The lights cannot restrict means of egress and can be removed by the College Fire Marshal or Environmental Health and Safety Director if a hazardous condition exists. Not more than three sets of lights can be attached to a single extension cord. Lights must be turned off when the area is unattended.

**Electrical and Extension Cords**

Electrical Cords (primary and extension) must not pass through walls, floors, or above suspended ceilings.

Electrical Cords (primary and extension) cannot be beneath carpets or across corridors or fire escapes. This type of placement could cause a fire or be responsible for a personal injury accident. If temporary wiring is required, the cord must be run along the wall, not across an aisle or overhead. It must be held up with a non-conductive material such as string or tape, and may not run above a concealed space such as a drop ceiling.

Electrical and mechanical closets and rooms are hazardous locations. They are not to be used for general storage and they must be kept clean at all times to reduce the risk of fire.
Electrical panels shall be properly maintained. In accordance with the Massachusetts Electrical Code, there must be at least three square feet of space around any and all electrical panels, boxes, disconnects, fuses, and other associated equipment.

Students having questions about electrical closets, disconnects, panels, rooms, or service should contact the Amherst College Facilities Service Desk (ext. 2254). For health and safety reasons, the Facilities Electric Shop shall have full and final control over their respective spaces.

**Fire Doors, Escapes, and Exits**

For health and safety reasons, all means of egress and their components must be properly maintained at all times in accordance with the requirements of the State Building and Fire Prevention Regulations. A means of egress shall include but is not limited to corridors, doorways, fire escapes, and stairwells. They incorporate an "exit access" (corridors and stairs that lead to an exit), an "exit" (the door itself), and the "exit discharge" (the exterior side of the door, which could include a fire escape, another building, or sidewalk).

Each corridor and stairwell in our residence halls have the following equipment: emergency lighting, exit signs, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and smoke detectors.

The corridors in the residence halls are required to be free of hazards and obstructions. Corridors, fire escapes, hallways, and stairwells cannot be used for the placement or storage of combustible material (i.e. boxes, cardboard and/or paper), bicycles or furniture, waste receptacles, or any other item or equipment that would hinder a safe means of egress or firefighting operations.

Corridors, fire escapes, hallways, and stairwells cannot be used as runways for extension cords, telephone wires, or television cables that could create a personal injury hazard.

- Fire escapes cannot be used for storage of grills, regardless of size or fuel.

Fire doors in corridors and stairwells cannot be chocked open (except smoke-activated fire doors that close when the fire alarm is activated).

**Bonfires**

The Amherst Fire Department can only issue one permit in any year for a ceremonial bonfire. Bonfires shall mark the observance of a significant municipal, state, or national event and such ceremonial bonfire shall be under the continuous supervision of the fire department. A permit for such ceremonial bonfires shall be issued only to a municipal department or a civic, fraternal, or veterans organization within the town of Amherst.
Fire Safety Training

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) provides numerous trainings throughout the year. Any student or employee may request one of these trainings through EHS.

Fireplace usage

EHS members will teach individuals interested in using a fireplace on campus how to safely and properly use the fireplace, start a fire in the fireplace, and what to do in case of emergency.

Fire Extinguisher Training

EHS members provide training to all Residential Life Staff members on proper usage of fire extinguishers. All new members of Student Security are provided with a training of proper fire extinguisher use. This training includes actual hands-on usage of a fire extinguisher on a controlled fire.

Employee Training

EHS members provide training to employees regarding fire safety and additional emergency preparedness for other hazards specific to their department.
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**Residential Facility Fire Caveats**

1 Coolidge, Crossett, Pond, and Stone were demolished the summer of 2016 to make way for new construction

2 Greenway A (Ford Hall), B, C, and D (Nichols Biondi) were newly constructed, and were first used in the Fall of 2016.

3 Lincoln and Rice House were used August 2016 through January 2017 as student residential facilities.

**2016 Fires – 3  2017 Fires – 4  2018 Fires - 10**

There were no deaths from fires during the reportable time period.

**2016 Charles Pratt fire:** A fire ignited some papers after a candle was left burning after the individual fell asleep. The individual received a minor burn to a finger after trying to extinguish the fire.

**2016 Morris Pratt fire:** A fire was set to a t-shirt by an unknown individual and it was located in the toilet of a bathroom. No known injuries or damage to property occurred during this fire.

**2016 Plimpton fire:** An individual’s phone began smoking and melting on its own. No injuries occurred as a result of the fire. Less than $100 worth of damage occurred during the incident.

**2017 Cohan fire:** An individual burned a letter in their room and extinguished it with water. No known injuries or damage to property occurred during this fire.

**2017 Greenway B fire:** An individual was burning the ends of strings on a shirt to prevent fraying. No known injuries or damage to property occurred during this fire.

**2017 James fire:** A lamp fell onto a bed and caused burning through the sheet, mattress pillow top, and some to the mattress itself without any flames. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2017 Marsh fire:** An individual used a plastic electric pot on a kitchen stove coil in an attempt to cook. The stove and pot were charred and plastic melted from the pot onto the stove. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Moore Fire:** An individual was burning a candle when a pizza box accidentally caught fire. They threw water on it and threw the contents in a trash can, which also caught fire. There was no additional damage to property. The items were extinguished and the individual received a minor burn injury from the fire.
**2018 North Firre:** A group of students used a lighter to set name tags on doors on fire. The students setting the fires were caught.

**2018 Charles Pratt Fire:** A group of students used a lighter to set name tags on doors on fire. The students setting the fires were caught.

**2018 Lipton Fire:** A pipe connected to a generator caught fire while the generator was being tested. The pipe and ceiling tiles were damaged and smoke filled the building. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Cohan Fire:** A student burnt food while cooking. There was damage to the stove after the student used a dry chemical fire extinguisher to put out the flame. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Morris Pratt Fire:** An individual was charging an electronic device when the device caught fire. The fire caused damage to the charger, vaping device, an area rug, the room carpet, and a seat cushion. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Mayo Smith Fire:** An individual cooked food in a microwave too long and caused it to catch fire. The microwave and a mug were damaged in the fire. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Morris Pratt Fire:** An individual cooked food in a toaster too long and caused it to catch fire. The toaster was damaged. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Morris Pratt Fire:** An individual was burning a candle when a card next to it caught fire. There was no damage to anything other than the card. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**2018 Valentine Fire:** An exhaust fan motor caught fire. The motor and attached wires were damaged by this. No known injuries occurred during this fire.

**Daily Fire Log**

The Fire Log is available 24 hours a day at the Amherst College Police station located at 6 East Drive. The Fire Log is combined with the Daily Crime Log.
Fire Safety Systems in On Campus Student Residential Facilities

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*Sprinklers installed summer of 2012

**Plans for Future Improvements to Fire Safety**

Amherst College and the Director of Environmental Health and Safety are continually looking for opportunities to improve fire safety on campus as well as to upgrade fire systems on campus.
The fire systems on campus are evaluated and upgraded as needed and/or required. Currently, the College has no plans identified for future improvements to fire safety.