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Crime decreases at City College

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After a nine-month wait, the Clery crime report was published showing 2009 crime statistics at City College.

According to the annual Clery Report, crimes at City College decreased in 2009 for all major areas except motor vehicle theft.

The Clery Report, published by the Los Rios Community College District, reported that six motor vehicle thefts occurred on campus in 2009 and that assault, robbery, burglary and sex offenses all decreased.

Because of the Clery Report data and vehicle thefts that have recently occurred, Sgt. Mike Olson of the Los Rios Police Department said his department has taken action. "We jumped on it. I brought in extra officers from other campuses, we kind of flooded the campus "

The LRPD also teamed up with the Sacramento Police Department's car theft task force who brought out " bait cars," according to Olson. Bait cars are alluring vehicles that are strategically placed to entice would-be burglars and car thieves.

Car thieves had been increasingly targeting City College and Cosumnes River College for the past month and a half and the operation yielded at least three arrests, according to the report

"At this point, suddenly the motor vehicle thefts have kind of dropped off the radar," said Olson.

The Clery report also lists hate crimes for the past three years. The only reported instance during that time period was one of racial intimidation that occurred at City College in 2009. The report also identifies lesser crimes, like drug law violations, on the rise at City College.

LRPD receives over 1,000 crime reports per year for all of the district, and City College accounts for about 35-40 percent of them, ac-

cording to Olson.

Crime statistics for 2010 have not yet been compiled, but students can review weekly logs online at http://crc.losrios.edu/police/locals/ clery_crimelogs.html, and the most recent logs can be viewed at the LRPD headquarters on campus.

Crimes, like bike thefts, are not listed on the Clery Report. Olson said the LRPD is "unhappy about bike thefts"

that occur frequently, and is trying to "educate the students about prevenmajority of tion." LRPD will also hit and runs engrave owner identification on bicycles and other valuable property so they the parking can quickly be identified through their database if structure." stolen. -Sergeant Mike

Recent crime logs also show vehicle hit and runs on campus. During Aug. 17-Sept. 28 the report showed 19 occur-

rences in a six-week period.

"The vast majority of hit and runs occur in the parking structure," said Olson. He also noted "hit and run is actually a crime, a misdemeanor."

LRPD has 39 recording cameras throughout City College, said Olson. But the parking garage only has them at the elevators and stairwells, none inside the structure.

"Witnesses are often needed for [a] hit and run, [so] third parties need to speak up," said Olson. "We're all responsible for our own safety, and by assisting each other and speaking up in all matters it helps bring the crime rate down."

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act was mandated by a federal law resulting from the efforts of parents whose children had been crime victims at colleges, most notably Jeanne Clery, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in a Pennsylvania campus dorm room in 1986, according to the LRPD website.

City College Crime Statistics Data

	2007	2008	2009
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses-Forcible	1	3	2
Sex offenses-Non-forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	2	5	1
Aggravated assault	2	2	0
Burglary	0	7	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	1	6
Arson	2	0	0
Illegal weapons possession	3	6	4
Drug law violations	8	10	13
Liquor law violations	3	2	2
Source: Los Rios Community College District			

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