



## **Statement Addressing Voluntary Confidential Reporting Confidential Reporting Procedures**

WATC encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police (9-1-1). Because police reports are public records under state law, local law enforcement cannot hold reports of a crime in confidence. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made through other channels, as identified below. Confidential reports of crime may also be made to Wichita Crime Stoppers at 267-2111.

All reports of crime or misconduct will be investigated. 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. With your permission, the Safety and Security Coordinator can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. 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 dangers. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

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