



## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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# SAFETY & SECURITY INFORMATION

### *CAMPUS COMMUNITY*

The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) is located in the Point Breeze area of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The mission of the Seminary is to train pastors for the ministry of the Gospel and to train other disciples of Christ for effective Christian service.

RPTS trains approximately 125 students annually, with most of these being part-time students from the surrounding communities. The Seminary has a number of employees, including administrators, professors, and support staff.

RPTS offers a Doctor of Ministry degree, a Master of Divinity degree, and a Master of Theological Studies degree. We also have programs to earn a Ministry Diploma, a Missionary Training Certificate, a Servant of the Church Certificate, and a Biblical Counseling Certificate.

### *POLICY*

As a theological school, RPTS is committed to the belief that there must be a direct relationship between belief and behavior. The Bible establishes the ultimate guidelines for faith and conduct. While it is difficult to legislate many of these matters, the Seminary does have the responsibility to maintain standards which promote righteousness and which uphold the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Because the Seminary exists to train men and women for service in the Kingdom of Christ, we do not expect to have the same problems with crime and deviant behavior that many institutions have.

However, if a student is charged with or convicted of violations of civil or criminal law, he/ she may be subject to institutional disciplinary procedures and sanctions for the same offense, whether the incident occurred on or off campus, since the Seminary complies with the laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RPTS prohibits the possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages in the Willson Center and Rutherford Hall.

RPTS maintains its own policies and regulations for campus life. These policies and regulations are outlined in the *Academic Catalog*, the *Student Handbook*, and the *Faculty Handbook*.

### *STATISTICS*

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Criminal Incidents Reported	1	1	1

### *SECURITY MEASURES*

The Seminary seeks to maintain a secure and safe environment for all its students and has provided a number of items to assure their safety. First, the Seminary seeks to provide a well-lighted parking facility for its night students. Second, we have an electronic door system to assure that only authorized people are in the building. Third, we enlist the aid of our dorm residents to provide security around the grounds.

## *OTHER SECURITY ITEMS*

- ❖ RPTS currently serves approximately 125 enrolled graduate students and no under-graduate students.
- ❖ In a given school year, there are 13-17 graduate students living in student housing (the dormitory and Seminary-owned houses and apartments).
- ❖ The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for security on the campus.
- ❖ The seminary currently employs approximately ten non-student employees.
- ❖ The Seminary currently employs no full-time security personnel, but entrusts the campus security to the oversight of staff, administrators, dorm students, and faculty.
- ❖ The Chief Administrative Officer is the responsible authority to communicate with State and local police agencies.
- ❖ The Chief Administrative Officer reports incidents to the State and local police using approved forms (Pennsylvania Uniformed Crime Reporting System).
- ❖ Access to the institution is open to guests, prospective students, and others during business hours, with staff accompaniment, and limited to students, faculty, and staff after business hours.
- ❖ Students and others who wish to report criminal actions or other emergencies are urged to make such reports to the Seminary Office immediately; or when such action is not possible, to call 911 without delay.
- ❖ The Seminary, in consultation with an area architect and feedback from students and staff, regularly reviews matters of campus security as it relates to landscaping, grounds keeping, and outdoor lighting.
- ❖ The Seminary utilizes a weekly newsletter to keep students, faculty, staff, and administrators informed of security matters.
- ❖ The Seminary has implemented an electronic entry system for students to access the campus and makes use of an intercom system for other visitors to be greeted at the door by staff or administrators before entering the building. Residents are asked to inform the Seminary Office of guests who are expected.
- ❖ Students are reminded that they should never grant unknown individuals admittance to the building. Guests should contact their host to gain entrance to the facilities.
- ❖ All non-student guests on campus must register with the Seminary Office in advance of their stay.
- ❖ To increase security for students housed in the campus dorms, all housing facilities are located upon the third floor of the main building.
- ❖ The Seminary has two main buildings, Rutherford Hall, which includes a six-bed dormitory, and the Willson Center, which includes four apartments. Three housing units are located on Carnegie Place. Assignment of these housing facilities is made by the Admissions Office.

## *EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS*

Fire/Police/Ambulance	911
Seminary Office	412-731-6000
President	412-477-9200
Chief Administrative Officer	412-708-6846
Director of Student Services	412-407-3317