TITLE: **CAMPUS SEX CRIMES PREVENTION ACT POLICY**

DATE(S) OF POLICY AND POLICY REVISION APPROVALS: **February 27, 2014**

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 ("CSCPA"), which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, requires institutions of higher education to issue
a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, convicted sex offenders must register with the Megan's Law registry maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police. In accordance with CSCPA, the Luzerne County Community College Safety and Security Department is providing a link to the Pennsylvania State Police Megan's Law Web site. In addition, the information regarding the enrollment or employment of convicted sex offenders provided to the College by the State is available at the Luzerne County Community College Safety and Security Office.

Pennsylvania's Megan's Law, 42 Pa.C.S § 9799.32(1), requires the Pennsylvania State Police to create and maintain a registry of persons who reside, or are transient, work/carry on a vocation, or attend school in the Commonwealth and who have either been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty to, or have been adjudicated delinquent of certain sexual offenses in Pennsylvania or another jurisdiction. Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 9799.28, the Pennsylvania State Police has established the Megan's Law Website to provide timely information to the public on registered sexual offenders who reside, or are transient, attend school, or are employed/carry on a vocation, within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's General
Assembly has determined that public safety will be enhanced by making information about registered sexual offenders available to the public through the internet. Public access to information about registered sexual offenders is intended solely as a means of public protection, and any other use is prohibited. Any person who uses the information contained in the Megan's Law Web site to threaten, intimidate, or harass a registrant or their family, or who otherwise misuses such information, may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

The Pennsylvania State Police is responsible for maintaining the Megan's Law Web site registry. The link below provides access the Megan's Law Website: http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us/entrypage.aspx.