

# WOULD YOU REALLY?

It's easy to say "YES" when you think of danger as a chance to be a hero, to do something courageous and be patted on the back or maybe get your name in the newspaper.

**WHAT IF** being a hero meant standing up to your friends?

**WHAT IF** it meant making the unpopular choice?

**WHAT IF** it meant making people angry?



**WOULD  
YOU STILL  
SAY  
"YES"?**

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Non-Emergency Dispatch:

540-463-9177

Fax: 540-464-7756

**Emergency: 911**

Anonymous Reporting:

[www.vmi.edu/silentwitness](http://www.vmi.edu/silentwitness)

Cadet Counseling: 540-464-7667

Rockbridge Sheriff's Office: 540-463-7328

Lexington Police Department: 540-462-3705

Project Horizon: 540-463-2594



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**IF YOU SAW  
SOMEONE IN  
DANGER...**



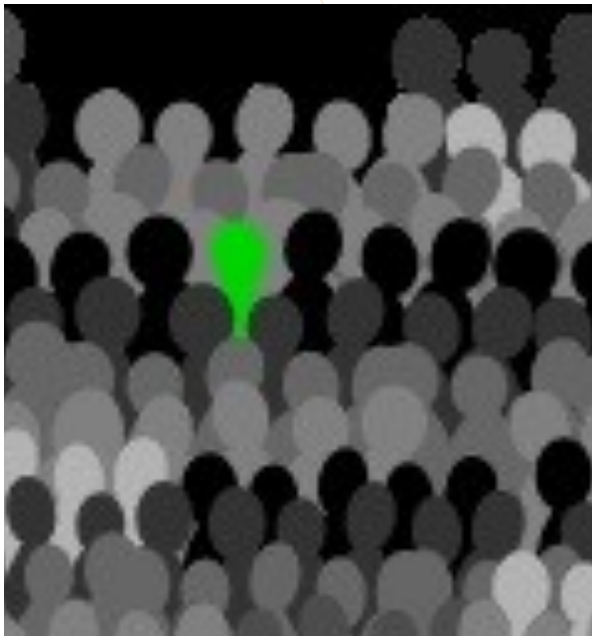
**Would you  
be a hero?**

VIRGINIA MILITARY  
INSTITUTE POLICE

## PART OF THE PROBLEM...

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A PHENOMENON IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS DO NOT OFFER ANY MEANS OF HELP TO A VICTIM WHEN OTHER PEOPLE ARE PRESENT. THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF BYSTANDERS, THE LESS LIKELY IT IS THAT ANY ONE OF THEM WILL HELP.



### QUICK STATISTICS

1 in 4 female college students will be the victim of a sexual assault, an estimated **1,765,452** women.

52% of college students, more than **7,526,419** people, know of at least one friend who is in an abusive relationship.

**599,000** college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are injured and **1,825** die from alcohol related injuries annually.

More than **110,000** college students are arrested each year for driving under the influence.

More than 22% of college students report that they have been bullied at their college. This equates to more than **3,184,254** students.

An average of **1,888** college students commit suicide each year.

THAT'S

**13,188,838**

MISSED CHANCES TO BE A

**HERO**

## BE THAT PERSON!!!!

1. Pay attention to what is going on around you. Be alert for signs of trouble
2. Intervene before there is a problem. Create a distraction. Make an excuse. Remove a potential victim or trouble maker before a situation develops.
3. Recruit others to assist you. Others may also be bothered by what is happening but lack the courage to act. Working together increases the odds of a successful resolution.
4. Approach everyone as a friend. Don't be antagonistic. Never meet violence with violence.
5. If there is time, develop a plan or strategy for how to intervene safely, with minimal drama.
6. Trust your instincts. If you know or feel something is wrong, don't allow others around you to minimize the situation or convince you that it's not your problem.
7. If a situation becomes violent or you feel that there is a chance of physical danger to yourself or others, call 911.
8. Educate yourself about resources that are available in the community.

... OR PART OF THE SOLUTION