



Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Purpose

This policy requires the disclosure of specified crime and fire statistics by Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU) in accordance with the “Clery Act” and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

Persons Affected

This policy applies to all SFASU employees, faculty, students, visitors, volunteers, contractors, or vendors.

Policy

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, commonly referred to as the “Clery Act,” and/or the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, requires institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid to report specified crime and fire statistics on college campuses and to provide other safety and crime information to members of the campus community. Campuses must publish an Annual Fire and Safety Security Report detailing statistics regarding reported crimes committed on campus and at affiliated locations for the previous three calendar years, fires that occur in on-campus residence halls, and describing specified policies, procedures and programs regarding safety and security. This requirement of the Clery Act is intended to provide students and their families, as higher education consumers, with accurate, complete and timely information about the safety of the campus so that they can make informed decisions.

Federal law requires the collection and reporting of annual crime statistics reflecting reports of specified crimes that occur on and adjacent to a university campus and certain properties associated with the campus as well as fires that occur in on-campus residence halls. The statistical compilation must be broken down by specified types of crimes and campus disciplinary referrals, and must indicate if a specified crime is a hate crime. Campuses must also provide a geographic breakdown of the crime statistics according to the following defined geographic areas: “on campus” (including further breakdown of the number of crimes that occurred in campus student residential facilities), “in or on a non-campus building or property,” or “on public property.”

Procedures

Annual Fire and Safety Security Report

The Stephen F. Austin State University Police Department (UPD) prepares an Annual Fire and Safety Report (AFSSR) to comply with the Clery Act and the HEOA.

The summary of crime statistics is included as part of this report. The report is due on October 01 each year. The university’s AFSSR is available on the SFASU website at: <http://www.sfasu.edu/upd/>. Copies of the AFSSR may also be obtained at the SFA University



Police Department, located on East College Street, or by calling 936.468.2252.

Related Statutes or Regulations, Rules, Policies, or Standards

20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)

Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315 (8/14/08); 42 U.S.C. § 13925(a);

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Responsible Executive

Vice President for Finance and Administration
Executive Director/Chief of Police

Forms

None

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