

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the General Counsel

POLICY SUMMARY FORM

Policy Name: Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Policy Number: 13.3

Is this policy new, being reviewed/revised, or deleted? Review/Revise

Date of last revision, if applicable: 1/28/2020

Unit(s) Responsible for Policy Implementation: Vice President for Finance and Administration

Purpose of Policy (what does it do): This policy discloses specified crime and fire statistics in accordance with the "Clery Act," and/or the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

Reason for the addition, revision, or deletion (check all that apply):

Scheduled Review Change in law Response to audit finding

Internal Review Other, please explain:

Please complete the appropriate section:

Specific rationale for new policy: N/A

Specific rationale for each substantive revision: Minor edits

Specific rationale for deletion of policy: N/A

Additional Comments:

Reviewers:

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Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Original Implementation: October 30, 2007

Last Revision: January 30~~28~~, 2020~~33~~

Purpose

This policy requires the disclosures of specified crime and fire statistics in accordance with the “Clery Act,” and/or the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

General

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 (~~HEOA~~), 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 Security and Fire 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.

The 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” and “on public property.”

Annual ~~Fire Security and Fire Safety Security~~ Report

The Stephen F. Austin State University Police Department (UPD) prepares an Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (AFSSFSR) 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 *AFSSSR* is available on the SFA website at: <http://www.sfasu.edu/upd/>. Copies of the *AFSSSR* may also be obtained at the SFA University Police Department, located on East College Street, or by calling 936.468.2252.

Cross Reference: 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f); Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315 (8/14/08); 42 U.S.C. § 13925(a); Timely Warning (13.22)

Responsible for Implementation: Vice President for *Finance and Administration* University Affairs

Contact for Revision: *Executive Director* and Chief of Police

Forms: None

Board Committee Assignment: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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