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# Annual Security Report 2015



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## – PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE –

Alabama State University is a community of more than 7,000 people located in the heart of Montgomery, Ala. Living and working in an institution of higher learning sometimes causes us to forget that crime and other problems affect us just as in other communities. The purpose of this report is to give our constituents the information they need in order to stay safe while on and around campus. The Alabama State University Department of Public Safety (ASUDPS) works with the community to create a safe campus; however, crime prevention, risk identification and problem solving are everyone's responsibility. We ask that you join in these efforts by reading this report and referring to it for safety and security information. Our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment rely on collaborative relationships with the many communities that make up the University. We believe that through partnership and problem solving, we can ensure that Alabama State University remains a safe campus. We are committed to the philosophy of community policing and problem solving, and we especially rely heavily on community involvement. We hope you find this report informative and helpful and that your time at ASU will be both pleasant and safe. If you have any questions or would like further information about safety and security at ASU, please visit us at ASU Police HQ, located at 1452 Carter Hill Road, on the Web at [www.alasu.edu](http://www.alasu.edu) or call 334-229-4400.

Jim Graboys

Chief of Police

Alabama State University

## **ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Located at 1452 Carter Hill Road, the Department is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Department consists of a professional staff made up of sworn Police Officers, Public Safety Officers and an administrative staff, all of whom are dedicated to providing excellent customer service. Officers patrol the campus on foot, on bicycle and in vehicles. Several officers and a supervisor are on duty 24 hours a day. The communications center is staffed with dispatchers who answer calls for service, dispatch officers to incidents and monitor intrusion detection equipment. Student workers employed by the Department perform duties such as writing citations for parking violations and providing escort services for campus visitors.

## **THE CAMPUS SECURITY ACT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Alabama State University Department of Public Safety must publish an annual report every year by October 1 that contains three years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements. The report also discloses crime statistics for the campus public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus to include non-campus facilities and remote classrooms. The statistics must be gathered from ASUDPS police, local law enforcement and other University officials who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities;” provide “timely warning” notices of those crimes that have occurred and pose an ongoing threat to students and employees; and disclose in a public crime log “any crime that occurred on campus or within the patrol jurisdiction of the ASUDPS police or as reported to the Department of Public Safety.”

## **JEANNE CLERY ACT**

The Jeanne Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security policies. The Clery Act was originally enacted by the Congress and signed into law by President George Bush in 1990 as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. The name later was renamed in honor of Jeanne Clery, a student murdered in 1986 at Lehigh University. Schools have to publish an annual report every year by October 1st that contains 3 years’ worth of campus crime statistics and certain security policy statements including sexual assault policies which assure basic victims’ rights, the law enforcement authority of campus police and where students should go to report crimes. This report contains the most recent statistics for Alabama State University.

## **ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS**

The Chief of Police, has prepared and compiled the information in this report upon receiving statistical numbers and reports from Student Affairs (Student Affairs is also the umbrella covering both the Counseling and Student Health Centers), The campus Police Department, the campus VAW Program and the Montgomery Police Department to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be located on our web site at [www.alasu.edu](http://www.alasu.edu) . You will also be able to connect with our web site via the Alabama State University Home Page at [www.alasu.edu](http://www.alasu.edu) . This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus and alternate sites. Housing and Residence Life, Student Affairs and University Officers provide updated information on their educational efforts and programs to comply with the Act.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the Alabama State University Police Department, designated campus security officials (including but not limited to directors, deans, department heads, residence life staff, student affairs, advisors to students/ student organizations, athletic coaches), and local law enforcement agencies. These statistics may also include crimes that have occurred in private residences or businesses and is not required by law. The Counseling Center and VAW Program staff shall inform their clients of the procedures to report crime to the University Police on a voluntary or confidential basis, should they feel it is in the best interest of the client. A procedure is in place to anonymously capture crime statistics disclosed confidentially during such a session.

Each year, an e-mail notification will be made to all enrolled students, faculty and staff that provides for information to visit the web site to access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the University Police Department located at 1452 Carter Hill Road or may also be obtained in the Office of Student Affairs located in McGehee Hall.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF ASUDPS POLICE OFFICERS**

### **1. Section 16-50-4 § of The Code of Alabama**

(a) The President of Alabama State University, with the approval of the board of trustees, is hereby authorized to appoint and employ suitable persons to act as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass upon and damage to the property and grounds of the university. Such persons shall be charged with all the duties and vested with all the powers of police officers and may eject trespassers from the university buildings and grounds and may, without warrant, arrest any persons guilty of disorderly conduct or of trespass upon the property of the university, or for any public offense committed in their presence, and carry them before the nearest court or officer charged with the trial of such offenders, before whom, upon proper affidavit charging the offense, any person so arrested may be tried and convicted as in cases of persons brought before him on his warrant, and such officers shall have authority to summon a posse comitatus and may, with a warrant, arrest any persons found upon or near the premises of the university charged with any public offense and take them before the proper officer.

(b) The police officers provided for in this section shall cooperate with and when requested, furnish assistance to the regularly constituted authorities of the City of Montgomery; and their jurisdiction and authority shall be coextensive with the corporate limits of the municipality. All police officers must complete a 480-hour course approved by the Alabama Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission. This is reinforced with continuing education throughout the year. The Department works closely with municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies. The Montgomery Police Department regularly provides assistance as needed when circumstances warrant and a memorandum of understanding has been signed between our agency and MPD.

## **2. EXTENSION OF UNIVERSITY POLICE JURISDICTION**

The University Police Department’s jurisdiction extends to any University owned or leased property both on campus and in outlying areas. Some areas are patrolled jointly by both University and City Police. The jurisdiction for the police department is extended to other locations where University functions are being held or where University students may be residing. This is through a mutual agreement with the City Police Department.

Through coordination with local law enforcement agencies, any criminal activity engaged in by students at off-campus locations of student organizations, is monitored and recorded. This information is provided to the Office of Student Affairs for any action or follow-up that may be required.

## **3. CAMPUS LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Alabama State University Police Officers, Public Safety Officers, and appointed security officers have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at Alabama State University. University Police and Public Safety officers have the authority to issue parking tickets, which are billed to financial accounts of students, faculty, and staff. University Police Officers have full state sanctioned arrest powers. Public Safety and appointed security officers do not possess arrest powers. Criminal incidents are referred to the campus police or the local police who have jurisdiction based upon the location of the incident. All crime victims and witnesses are strongly encouraged to immediately report any crime to University Police and/or the appropriate police agency. Prompt reporting will assure timely warning notices on-campus when warranted and timely disclosure of crime statistics.

## **RESIDENCE HALLS**

The University relies on its close working relationships with local law enforcements agencies to receive information about incidents involving students on campus. The ASUDPS will actively investigate any criminal activity information it receives concerning or involving a member of the campus community. If there is a victim of a crime, the department may issue a Campus Safety Alert, detailing the incident and providing tips so that other community members may avoid similar incidents. All residence halls are staffed by residence hall directors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In residence halls that are not co-ed, members of the opposite gender are only allowed in the lobby area. Emergency exits are alarmed and secure at all times except when the fire alarms are activated. Residents must enter through the front entrance of all halls.

## **DAILY CRIME/FIRE REPORTS CLIPBOARD**

The Department maintains a Daily Reports log by posting all Incident/Offense reports on the daily clipboard. Incidents are recorded on the date the incident is reported and the report is posted to the public clip board maintained at 1452 Carter Hill Road for public viewing. All crimes, fires and other serious incidents that occur on campus or in a non-campus building or property, on public property connected to the campus, or within the department’s patrol jurisdiction are logged in this method. The Daily Reports clipboard is available for public inspections at the ASUDPS headquarters.

## **OPERATION IDENTIFICATION**

This nationally organized program encourages the engraving of personal identification numbers on valuable property such as televisions, computers, laptops and various other personal items. If an item is stolen and recovered, the number will assist in the return of the property to its owner.

## **CAMPUS ESCORT PROGRAM**

This program provides a safe and reliable way to travel throughout the campus. When an escort is needed, call ASUDPS, give your location and a member of the police staff and/or student workers will meet and escort you to your campus destination.

## Crime Statistics for Alabama State University (Dates Reported: January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014)

### Criminal Offenses - On campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses - Forcible	1	2	X
d. Rape	X	X	2
e. Fondling	X	X	0
f. Sex offenses - Non-forcible	0	0	X
g. Incest	0	0	0
h. Statutory rape	0	0	0
i. Robbery	1	17	5
j. Aggravated assault	8	10	7
k. Burglary	45	68	68
l. Motor vehicle theft (Do not include theft from a motor vehicle)	0	0	0
m. Arson	0	0	0

### Criminal Offenses - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2012	2013	2014
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses - Forcible	1	2	X
d. Rape	X	X	1
e. Fondling	X	X	0

f. Sex offenses - Non-forcible	0	0	X
g. Incest	0	0	0
h. Statutory rape	0	0	0
i. Robbery	0	0	0
j. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
k. Burglary	38	61	60
l. Motor vehicle theft (Do not include theft from a motor vehicle)	0	0	0
m. Arson	0	0	0

### Criminal Offenses – Non-campus

Total occurrences in or on Non-campus buildings or property Criminal offense

	2012	2013	2014
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses - Forcible	0	3	X
d. Rape	X	X	1
e. Fondling	X	X	0
f. Sex offenses - Non-Forcible	0	0	X
g. Incest	0	0	0
h. Statutory rape	0	0	0
i. Robbery	0	1	0
j. Aggravated assault	0	1	0
k. Burglary	0	2	0
l. Motor vehicle theft (Do not include theft from a motor vehicle)	0	1	0
m. Arson	0	0	0



### Criminal Offenses - Public Property

	2012	2013	2014
a. Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
b. Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
c. Sex offenses - Forcible	0	0	X
d. Rape	X	X	0
e. Fondling	X	X	0
f. Sex offenses - Non-forcible	0	0	X
g. Incest	0	0	0
h. Statutory rape	0	0	0
i. Robbery	0	0	0
j. Aggravated assault	0	0	0
k. Burglary	0	0	0
l. Motor vehicle theft (Do not include theft from a motor vehicle)	0	0	0
m. Arson	0	0	0

### VAWA Offenses - On Campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Domestic violence	X	X	3
b. Dating violence	X	X	0
c. Stalking	X	X	0

### VAWA Offenses - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2012	2013	2014
a. Domestic violence	X	X	0
b. Dating violence	X	X	0
c. Stalking	X	X	0

### VAWA Offenses – Non-campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Domestic violence	X	X	0
b. Dating violence	X	X	0
c. Stalking	X	X	0

### VAWA Offenses - Public Property

	2012	2013	2014
a. Domestic violence	X	X	0
b. Dating violence	X	X	0
c. Stalking	X	X	0

### Arrests - On campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	3	3
b. Drug abuse violations	28	20	35
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

### Arrests - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	6	0	1

c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0
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### Arrests – Non-campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

### Arrests - Public Property

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

### Disciplinary Actions - On Campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	1	0	2
b. Drug abuse violations	28	19	33
c. Liquor law violations	0	6	0

### Disciplinary Actions - On-campus Student Housing Facilities

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	7	0	0

c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0
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### Disciplinary Actions – Non-campus

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

### Disciplinary Actions - Public Property

	2012	2013	2014
a. Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.	0	0	0
b. Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
c. Liquor law violations	0	0	0

## CRIME STATISTICS: HATE/BIAS CRIMES

Hate Crime Statistics (ON CAMPUS)	2012	2013	2014
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses (forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)	0	0	0
Sex offenses			
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0

Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	1
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

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**Hate Crime Statistics (ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS)**

Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses(Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)	0	0	0
Sex offenses			
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

**Hate Crime Statistics(NON-CAMPUS)**

Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
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Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses (Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)	0	0	0
Sex offenses			
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

<b>Hate Crime Statistics (PUBLIC PROPERTY)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses(Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)	0	0	0
Sex offenses / Incest			
Statutory rape	0	0	0
	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0

Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

<b>BIAS CRIME CATEGORIES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
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**BIAS Hate Crime Statistics (based on gender identity)**

Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex offenses(Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)	0	0	0
Sex offenses			
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	0	0
Larceny-theft	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	0
Destruction/damage/vandalism of property	0	0	0

<b>BIAS CRIME CATEGORIES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
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**BIAS Hate Crime Statistics (based on ethnicity)**

<b>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Negligent manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex offenses(Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex offenses</b>			
<b>Incest</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Statutory rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Larceny-theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Intimidation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Destruction/damage/vandalism of property</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>BIAS CRIME CATEGORIES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
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**BIAS Hate Crime Statistics (based on national origin)**

<b>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Negligent manslaughter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex offenses(Forcible)(Rape)(Fondling)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



<b>Sex offenses</b>			
<b>Incest</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Statutory rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Arson</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Simple Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Larceny-theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Intimidation</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Destruction/damage/vandalism of property</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**UNFOUNDED REPORTS OF CRIMES:**

1. In rare instances when a report of a crime proves to be unfounded, that disposition will be recorded upon an standard Incident/offense report, listing the reasons and evidence that support the said disposition. An unfounded disposition will also be vetted and reviewed by the Chief of Police to ensure that such a disposition is in agreement with local, state, and federal statute. Evidence of an unfounded report will be maintained in records under the same standards related to reports that are found to be accurate. For purposes of the ASR, unfounded reports shall be counted and typed according to their original designation. At present, there are no unfounded reports to list for 2014.

**TIMELY WARNING:**

**1. TIMELY WARNING NOTICES**

To help prevent crimes or serious accidents, ASUDPS, in conjunction with other departments on campus, issues timely warnings through campus-wide e-mail and radio to advise community members about Clery Act crimes that are a possible imminent threat in and around our community. Members of the

community who know of the crime or other serious incidents should report that incident as soon as possible to ASUDPS so that an alert can be issued if warranted. If community members report crimes or serious incidents to campus security authorities or other University administrators, those individuals will notify ASUDPS. Representatives of these offices will promptly notify and collaborate with the ASUDPS to issue an alert if one is appropriate.

All students, employees and guests should promptly report criminal incidents, accidents and other emergencies to the ASUDPS either by phone or in person so that the Department can distribute an alert as soon as possible if warranted.

Timely warnings are to be made in various ways. Once the University determines that an alert should be issued, the Department then emails the announcement to faculty, staff and students. The Department will also post flyers on bulletin boards throughout campus and utilize campus media such as radio, phones and public speakers.

## **2. TIMELY WARNING PROCESS**

In the event that an murder, sex offenses including forcible or non forcible, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, manslaughter, or arson incident or situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the University President, the Chief of Staff, the Executive Director of Public Safety or the Chief of University Police, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide timely warning will be issued. The alert will be issued through the University media and e-mail systems to students, faculty, staff and all other university departments.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the police may also post a notice on ASUall, ASUinfo and ASUstudent e-mail groups, as well as notify WVAS for radio and website notifications. This provides the university community with a more immediate notification. In such instances, phone notice will also be made to each residence hall. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the University Police by contacting the office by phone at 334-229-4400 or in person at 1452 Carter Hill Road.

## **3. EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

In the event that an incident or situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the University President, the Chief of Staff, the Executive Director of Public Safety or the Chief of University Police, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide alert will be issued. The alert will be issued through the University notification and e-mail system to students, faculty, staff and all other university departments.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the police may also post a notice on ASUall, ASUinfo and ASUstudent e-mail groups, as well as notify WVAS for radio and website notifications. This provides the university community with a more immediate notification. In such instances, phone notice will also be made to each residence hall. Anyone with information warranting an emergency

notification should report the circumstances to the University Police by contacting the office by phone at 334-229-4400 or in person at 1452 Carter Hill Road.

#### **4. CAMPUS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The campus will utilize CSNotify, e-mail, media, phone and speaker systems as warranted for communicating with faculty, staff and students in case of a crisis situation. Through this system, the University can swiftly notify university constituents of a number of unexpected events including:

- a. Emergency Broadcasts
- b. Alerts
- c. Weather Advisories
- d. School Closing
- e. Class Cancellations
- f. Significant Maintenance Events

Only emergency messages are sent out over the CSNotify system. People may sign up for the CSNotify system by logging on to the [www.alasu.edu](http://www.alasu.edu) web page and clicking the link to subscribe.

### **CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS**

Preventing crime through collaboration and cooperation is our number one goal. Crime prevention is a top priority of the Department. Together with other campus offices, the Department provides programs to enhance personal safety, teach proactive crime reduction strategies and help community members develop self-esteem, which contributes to a healthy community. The campus crime prevention program rests on a multi-layered foundation of a proactive area patrol of the campus. Crime prevention education and training, building and area security surveys and property registration are essential to our efforts in ensuring a safe community environment. Members of the Department are available to assist any individual or group in planning, representing and coordinating programs of interest or concern.

#### **1. Further Addressing Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs**

During all campus orientations, new students are informed of services offered by the University Police Department. This takes place at the beginning of the Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters each year. This is done through oral presentation and the distribution of various publications to new students. Students are also told about crime on-campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. Similar information is presented to new employees during the recruitment process.

Safety Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs are offered on the Alabama State University campus at the beginning of each semester and additionally throughout the year on a per-request basis. The COP Officer for the Police Department also visits each residence hall at least once a semester to address students on the services available to them and on crime prevention. The programs offered are open to anyone within the University community. Presenters include the Chief of the University Police, Campus Safety Officer, City Police Department representatives, and individuals brought in to teach specific crime preventative and safety related subjects.

Crime Prevention Programs on personal safety and theft prevention are sponsored by the University Police Department's use of a COP Officer. The COP Officer contacts various campus organizations and residence halls throughout the year with useful information and crime prevention talks. In addition to these previously mentioned programs, police representatives also provide information and awareness training during orientation for Residence Life Resident Assistants and for faculty at the faculty conferences. Information includes strategies and tips on how to protect themselves and students from sexual assault, theft and other crimes.

Alabama State University offers a Violence Against Women (VAW) Program that provides a twenty four hour crisis line and office on campus to ensure that students, faculty and staff will have access to comprehensive information and services should they ever encounter domestic/ dating violence, sexual assault or stalking and need assistance. The VAW Program also offers an orientation course to all incoming students that is a comprehensive course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance as well as resource information on how to obtain assistance should sexually based offenses be encountered.

A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

When time is of the essence, information is released to the university community through security alerts through CS Notify, e-mail alerts through ASUinfo and radio alerts through WVAS.

## **2. Reporting a Crime or Emergency**

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the University Police in a timely manner.

To report a crime call 911 if it is an emergency or contact the Alabama State University Police Department at 334-229-4400

Dispatchers and/or personnel are available at these respective telephone numbers 24 hours a day to answer your call. In response to a call, University Police will take the required action of dispatching an officer or needed emergency medical workers. A victim can also respond to the University Police Department at 1452 Carter Hill Road to file an incident report.

University Police Department investigators will investigate a report when it is deemed appropriate. Additional information obtained via the investigation will also be utilized in determining future Police Department actions.

If assistance is required from the City Police Department or City Fire Department, University Police will contact the appropriate unit. If a sexual assault or rape should occur, staff on the scene, including University Police, will offer the victim any services available both on and off campus to sexual assault and rape victims. Alabama State University has VAW Program Counselors on call to assist a victim 24 hours a day. The contact number is 334-229-6767.

Again, crimes should be reported to the University Police Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

### 3. Reporting of Criminal Offenses

Contact University Police office at 334-229-4400 or dial 9-1-1 (emergency only) to report a criminal offense. Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around the Residence Halls should be reported to the police department. In addition you may report a crime to the following offices:

Student Affairs	McGehee Hall 334-229-5104
Human Resources	Councill Hall 334-229-4334
Athletic Department	Acadome 334-229-5214
University Provost	Councill Hall 334-229-4231
Residence Life	The Hardy Student Center 334-229-4647
Student Health Center	Simpson Hall 334-229-4438

For off campus options you should contact the City Police Department at 911 for an emergency or at 334-241-2651 (non-emergency) The University will assist the local Police in any way possible to assure for investigations, arrests, and prosecutions when warranted.

### 4. Confidential Reporting Procedures

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University Disciplinary System or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. With your permission, the University Police Department on campus can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents

involving students, determine where there is a pattern of crime with regard to a particular location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to a potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution.

Alabama State University encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the police. Because police reports are public records under state law, the University Police Department cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Confidential reports for purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to other ASU campus security authorities, as identified above. Confidential reports of crime may be made by calling your campus police or one of the other offices listed above to report criminal offenses.

### **5. Addressing Counselors (Confidential Reporting Procedures)**

As a result of the negotiated rulemaking process which followed the signing into law, the 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C Section 1092 (f), clarification was given to those considered to be campus security authorities. Campus “Pastoral Counselors” and Campus “Professional Counselors”, when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, they are encouraged; if and when they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary basis for inclusion into the annual crime statistics. The rulemaking committee defines counselors as:

#### **a. Pastoral Counselor**

An employee of an institution, who is associated with a religious order or denomination, recognized by that religious order or denomination as someone who provides confidential counseling and who is functioning within the scope of that recognition as a pastoral counselor.

#### **b. Professional Counselor**

An employee of an institution whose official responsibilities include providing psychological counseling to members of the institution’s community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

### **6. GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Listed below are certain special procedures and guidelines designed to ensure the safety and security of all students as members of the University community.

#### **ILLNESS**

Sick or injured students can report to the Health Center located in Simpson Hall before seeking services off campus. If the Center is closed, students who live in a residence hall should contact the Residence Hall Supervisor and/or Campus Police. Students who live off campus and have a condition that requires emergency medical attention, call 911 or report to Jackson Hospital and

request the University physician. Students should go to an emergency room in the city when there is a serious health emergency that can cause lasting injury or death.

## **POLICE AND SECURITY**

Campus Police are located in the Public Safety Building located at 1452 Carter Hill Road. It is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

**COP Officer** — This Community Oriented Policing Officer provides several services to the University community, such as safety talks, crime assessments, operation ID and crime prevention seminars.

**Investigation Unit** — This unit is staffed by officers who specialize in crime prevention duties and conducting investigations. Some of the programs available through this unit include sexual assault prevention presentations and drug and alcohol abuse prevention seminars. This unit covers all criminal investigations on campus.

**University Escort Service** — It is generally safer after hours of darkness for students to walk in groups and to carry their University IDs at all times. However, we also offer an escort service from dusk until dawn for those students who must walk alone on campus at night. This service is available only on campus. There is no off-campus escort service. Contact the Police Department or Student Affairs to make arrangements for this service.

**Access Gates** — One feature of our continuous efforts to keep the ASU Family safe and secure is through the use of gates for traffic control. These gates are at various locations and provide restricted entrance into the campus between 6 p.m. and 5 a.m. All faculty, staff and students entering the main entrance of the ASU campus during these hours must show a valid campus ID card. Anyone who isn't currently enrolled must get a visitor's pass from either the officers posted at the main entrance on Tullibody Drive or the Police Station located on Carter Hill Road. To get a visitor's pass, guests must present a photo ID. After visiting hours, or based upon safety concerns, access may be restricted by either the Chief of Police or the Director of Public Safety to only allowing access to current students, faculty, or staff who can produce valid University ID cards.

**Boot** — A boot is an immobilizing device that is attached to the wheel of un-registered, unauthorized vehicles parked on the ASU campus. It is also used on vehicles that are parked in "no-parking" and loading areas illegally. Parking in front of yellow curbs is prohibited and will result in either a boot or parking citation. To have the immobilizing device removed from your vehicle, you must pay \$75 at the Cashier's Window from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (located on the second floor of the Hardy Center).

**Housing Security** — Alabama State University maintains residence halls and apartments on campus that are supervised 24 hours per day by residence hall supervisors. The ASU Police Department and the Housing and Residential Life office are jointly responsible for developing procedures and programs to promote the safety and security of the halls. Campus police officers have police power in these facilities, as in any other building on campus.

**Off-Campus Students** — The ASU Police Department has police power over those off-campus facilities leased or owned by the University, but not over those facilities owned and controlled privately. Students living off campus in privately owned and controlled accommodations should contact the police department, if needed. The Montgomery Police Department can be reached by calling 241-2651 or 911.

**Drugs, Alcohol, and Weapons** — Alabama State University does not allow the possession, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages by students on its campus. The same policy applies to illegal drugs. Violation of this policy will lead to disciplinary and legal action up to and including dismissal from the University and/or arrest and imprisonment. ASU provides useful and informative prevention education programs throughout the year. A variety of departments sponsor workshops and lectures on alcohol-and-drug-related issues to support and encourage healthy, productive lifestyles. For more information, call the ASU Counseling Center at 229-4354/4380 or 4382. You may also contact the Student Health Services at 229-4436 or 229-4438.

**Weapons** — Weapons fall under the “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy. The University does not allow the discharge of firearms on its campus. Further, it does not allow the possession or use of firearms, look-alike firearms, weapons, explosives or devices commonly intended to be used as weapons. Violation of this policy will lead to disciplinary and legal action including dismissal from the University and/or arrest and imprisonment.

## 7. EVERY DAY Safety Tips

### Personal Safety Tips

- a) Walk to your vehicle in pairs or in a group.
- b) Follow a well-lit pathway or roadway.
- c) Be aware of your surroundings. Watch for suspicious people or activities.
- d) When you enter your vehicle, lock all doors and turn on your headlights. This will allow you to see anyone outside in the dark.
- e) Have your keys in your hand so that you don’t have to search for them when you reach your vehicle.
- f) When you know you will be returning to your vehicle later that night, try to park in a well-lit area of the parking lot.
- g) Before getting into your vehicle, visually inspect the interior for anything suspicious.
- h) Report any safety concerns to the University Police Department or the local police department.
- i) Do not offer rides to strangers.
- j) If you suspect that someone is following you, drive to the nearest open public place, to the University Police or local police department.

### Car Safety



- a) Always lock your vehicle no matter how long you will be gone.
- b) Don't play your radio loud before you park somewhere- it attracts attention, including thieves.
- c) Don't leave your car unattended in neutral gear. It can roll out of parking space and hit people or cars
- d) If you have an aftermarket CD player with a detachable face, remove it before parking. Keep CDs and other property out of sight

### **Apartment/ Residence Hall Safety**

- a) Never let a stranger enter the building, including people who say "parcel delivery", "I forgot my key", or "paper boy". Unless you know them personally, do not let them in the building.
- b) Never hold the outer door open for strangers when you come in or go out. Tell them to call the person they're visiting or the resident assistant/ property manager. If you're uncomfortable, "hang back" to avoid a confrontation.

### **Keep the Doors Locked**

- a) Make a habit of locking the door when you come into your apartment or room. A thief can steal your valuables in the time it takes to have a shower. Remember, even if you live above the first level, you could become a victim.
- b) Always lock your door, windows, and patio doors when you leave, even if you are just going to the laundry room or mailbox.
- c) Make sure all doors with locks have shut behind you after you come in or out.
- d) Never prop open the entrance doors and leave them unattended. If you're moving have someone posted at the doors.
- e) Report any burned out lights, non-functional locks or doors, or broken windows to the residential assistants or property managers.
- f) Report lost keys to the resident assistant or property manager immediately
- g) Never put your identification or address on your apartment key or car key rings.
- h) Never hide spare keys
- i) If your door doesn't have a deadbolt lock or peephole, it's a good idea to ask the resident assistant or property manager for permission to have them installed.
- j) Have your keys ready as you approach the door.
- k) Get to know your neighbors. Then you'll know if someone doesn't belong.

## **UNIVERSITY ACCESS:**

- a) **Access to the University**

During business hours, the University (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to all University facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via the University Police Department with written permission. In the case of periods of extended closing, the University will admit only those with prior written approval to all facilities.

Over extended breaks, only those students and staff approved to be in the residence halls will be given access. Some facilities may have individual hours. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility.

Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules. Areas that are revealed as problematic can have security surveys conducted of them. These surveys examine security issues such as landscaping, locks, alarms, lighting, and communications.

**b) Criminal Activity Off Campus**

When an Alabama State University student is involved in an off-campus offense, University Police officers may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state, or federal law enforcement. The City Police routinely work and communicate with campus officers on any serious incidents occurring off-campus or in the immediate neighborhood and business areas surrounding the campus. Many students live in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus of Alabama State University. While the City Police Department has primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, University Police officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur in close proximity to campus. Alabama State University Police officers have communications with the city police, fire department, and ambulance services through the ASU Public Safety 24 hour command center to facilitate rapid response in any emergency situation.

***For purposes of clarification, the following Clery Act definitions are included in this section.***

**ON CAMPUS:**

*Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls; and*

*Any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to paragraph (1) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor). On-campus definition citation 34 CFR 668.46(a)*

**PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

*All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities, that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.*

**ON CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING FACILITY:**

*On-campus student housing facility definition citation 34 CFR 668.41(a) For purposes of the Clery Act regulations (as well as HEA missing student notification and fire safety regulations which are discussed in Chapters 10 and 11–14, respectively), any student housing facility that is owned or controlled by the institution, or is located on property that is owned or controlled by the institution, and is within the reasonably contiguous geographic area that makes up the campus is considered an on-campus student housing facility.*

*This definition includes the following types of housing:*

- *Undergraduate, graduate and married student housing.*
- *Single family houses that are used for student housing.*

**c) STUDENT AND VISITOR IDENTIFICATION**

1. Each student in the University is furnished an identification (ID) card which must be carried at all times, presented upon request by University officials and reported immediately if lost or found to the Police Department. A replacement fee is charged if a duplicate identification card is issued.
2. An identification card is required for a student to check out books and materials from the Learning Resources Center; to visit residence halls; to obtain meals in the campus dining facility; to obtain medical services in the Health Center; and for access to other University functions.
3. Visiting hours in the residence halls are from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. During this period, all visitors and students who do not reside in the hall must deposit a current student pictured identification card or current pictured driver's license with the residence hall official on duty in order to gain access to the building. The identification items will be returned to the departing individuals upon their exit.

**d) MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATIONS**

1. Students who operate motor vehicles on the campus are required to register each vehicle with the Department of Public Safety. This can be done at the ID Station located on the second floor of the Hardy Center. Students are also expected to obey all parking and traffic regulations. Vehicles that are not registered with ASU will be ticketed, towed and/or immobilized at the owner's/operator's expense.
2. Principal parking and traffic flow regulations are described below:
  - a) Students must park in areas designated for students.
  - b) Restrictions pertaining to parking in "No Parking", Loading, Reserved and Handicapped areas will be strictly enforced.
  - c) Parking on

campus is prohibited except for registered vehicles of campus residents and patrons at University-approved events. However, motor vehicles may be parked for brief periods for loading and unloading passengers in designated areas. d) Entrance to and exit from the University will be through designated areas. e) All visitors who drive to the University campus and expect to park for any purposes must report to the Police Department and must be issued a visitor's permit. Accordingly, students expecting visitors who drive vehicles must advise such individuals to report to the Police Department to receive a parking permit.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE**

ZERO TOLERANCE means the University prohibits all illegal and unauthorized possession and/or use of weapons or drugs and/or fighting/assault and battery that directly contributes to the emotional or physical detriment of University personnel or enrolled students. The Zero Tolerance Policy is effective as it relates to on-campus activities and University sponsored off-campus activities. Any student found responsible for violating the Zero Tolerance Policy may receive the maximum sanction of suspension or expulsion from the University. Students who violate the Zero Tolerance Policy may be summarily (temporarily) suspended pending a hearing.

### **Drug-Free Workplace and Drug-Free School Act**

Drug and alcohol use and abuse are threats to American society. The use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol interferes with the rights of everyone to a safe and productive educational environment or workplace. Alabama State University has both a legal and moral obligation to maintain a drug-free school and drug-free workplace.

The unlawful possession, use, consumption, manufacture, distribution or dispensation of alcohol or controlled substances on Alabama State University property, in the workplace of any employee of the University, or as any part of any functions or activities by any student or employee of the University is prohibited. In any of the instances above, Alabama State University will act swiftly to prevent recurrence of such actions.

\*The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (PL 101-226) and The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (PL 100-690).

### **Alcoholic Beverages**

Alabama State University recognizes that the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol interfere with the rights of everyone to a safe and productive educational environment or workplace. The University has a legal obligation to maintain a drug-free school and drug-free workplace. Accordingly, Alabama State complies with and upholds all federal, state, and local laws that regulate or prohibit the usage of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs. The University follows a "ZERO TOLERANCE" policy.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC/ DATING VIOLENCE AND STALKING**

### **Comprehensive Statement:**

At Alabama State University, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking will not be tolerated and are prohibited from the ASU campus. In publishing this statement, the University does not intend to substitute or supersede related civil and criminal law. Students, faculty and staff are expected to comply with and abide by the University protocols and guidelines, as well as all federal, state, and local laws. It should be clearly understood that there is a fundamental difference between the nature and purpose of student discipline and criminal law. Victims are encouraged to use all of the services provided on campus (I.E. CAMPUS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM 334-229-6767/ 24 HOURS) or any off campus services that they shall choose such as the Family Justice Center. It is important that all criminal violations are immediately reported to appropriate authorities, including the law enforcement officials or agencies with jurisdiction in the location of the incident.

### **I. DEFINITIONS**

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behaviors by one or both partners in an intimate relationship such as marriage, dating, family, or cohabitation. Domestic violence has many forms, including, but not limited to; physical aggression, assault, restraining, slapping, criminal mischief, or threats. Other aspects can include; sexual abuse, emotional abuse, controlling or domineering behavior, intimidation, and economic deprivation. It often is made up of acts of endangerment, criminal coercion, kidnapping, trespassing, stalking, and unlawful imprisonment. Some definitions follow:

Physical Abuse: Hitting, slapping, shoving, grabbing, pinching, biting, hair pulling, etc. are types of physical abuse. This type of abuse includes denying a partner medical care or forcing alcohol and/or drug use upon him or her.

Sexual Assault/ Abuse: Coercing or attempting to coerce any sexual contact or behavior without consent. It includes, but is not limited to, rape, attacks on sexual parts of the body, forcing sex, or treating one in a sexually demeaning manner.

Psychological and Emotional Abuse: Elements include - but are not limited to - causing fear by intimidation; threatening physical harm to self, partner, children, partner's family, friends, or pets; and to destroy property; and forcing isolation from family, or friends. It can be name calling and an undermining of an individual's sense of self-worth and/or self-esteem.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. Domestic violence can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, or dating.

## **DATING VIOLENCE**

Dating violence is very similar to domestic violence in that the behaviors exhibited and defined as domestic violence are still present in the relationship. The main difference is the status designation of the type of relationship as a “dating relationship”

Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim is dating violence.

When a dating relationship is established, domestic violence laws and protections apply to any acts of violence or abuse between the parties in the relationship.

## **STALKING**

Stalking is a term commonly used to refer to patterns of unwanted and obsessive attention by an individual or group to another person. Stalking behaviors are related to harassment and intimidation and may include following the victim in person and/or monitoring them via the internet. Stalking is unwanted contact between two or more people that directly or indirectly communicate a threat or that place the victim in fear. In Alabama, Stalking is a Felony and can carry with it criminal penalties. Stalking can include:

1. Repeated, unwanted, intrusive, and frightening communications from the perpetrator by phone, mail, and/or email.
2. Repeatedly leaving or sending victim unwanted items, presents, or flowers.
3. Following or lying in wait for the victim at places such as home, school, work, or recreation.
4. Making direct or indirect threats to harm the victim, the victim's children, relatives, friends, or pets.
5. Damaging or threatening to damage the victim's property.
6. Harassing victim through the internet (I.E. cyber-stalking).

Cyber-stalking involves offensive, threatening communication through the Internet, via e-mail, chat rooms, or instant messaging or through other electronic means, such as cellular telephones or pagers. It is methodical, deliberate, and persistent. It disturbs and creates fear in the recipient. It needs to be treated seriously both by the victim and anyone that he or she reports it to.

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Sexual assault is any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient. It is any involuntary sexual act in which a person is threatened, coerced, or forced to engage in against their will. Falling under the definition of sexual assault are sexual activities such as forced sexual intercourse, forcible sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. In Alabama the criminal laws that would fall under this term would include; rape, sodomy, sexual misconduct, sexual torture, and sexual abuse.

Lack of consent can be construed from either the forcible compulsion involved in the assault or the lack of the victim's ability, due to age, competency, or consciousness, to give consent.

### **II. PROTOCOL STATEMENTS:**

1. Alabama State University will not tolerate domestic and dating violence, stalking and sexual assault, and will enlist all available resources in order to provide assistance, aid, and comfort to the victim, while pursuing all available avenues of criminal sanctions against the perpetrator.
2. The University strongly encourages victims to report all incidents and violations to law enforcement officials, the campus VAW Program and agencies with appropriate jurisdiction, Student Affairs, or any University Officials.
3. Acts of date rape, gang rape, acquaintance rape, marital rape, stranger rape and all sexually based offenses are punishable by Alabama Criminal Statutes and disciplined by the appropriate administrative authority. Both men and women can be victims and perpetrators of sexual assaults.
4. Victims of sexual assault are strongly encouraged to seek medical care, and if the assault occurred within the past 72 hours, victims are strongly encouraged to have a rape protocol exam as soon as possible.
5. Whether the victim chooses to immediately involve law enforcement officials or not, the victim is urged to contact the campus VAW Program, Student Affairs, the Family Justice Center or any faculty or staff for assistance with coordinating services, accessing resources, and other accommodations and to help the victim engage in safety planning.
6. All students should encourage victims to report and fully disclose incidents(s) of domestic or dating violence/ stalking/ sexual assault to the police. This will assist them in gaining the protections of the criminal justice system.
7. Students who have legal protection orders are encouraged to inform and provide a copy of such order to the Campus Police and Student Affairs.
8. The use of alcohol and other drugs, in conjunction with an incident of sexual assault, does not mitigate accountability for the commission of this crime or diminish the seriousness of the crime.

9. Healthy sexual activities involve mutually expressed consent. Consent is defined as follows:
  - a. Both individuals are legally and physically free and capable to act;
  - b. Both are clear about their intent to engage in sexual activities and their willingness to do so;
  - c. Silence may not in and of itself constitute consent;
  - d. Past consent of sexual activities does not imply ongoing future consent.

### **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**

The University educates the student community about sexual assaults and date rape through mandatory freshman orientations and through new student orientation classes. The University Police and the VAW Program offer sexual assault education and information programs to University students and employees upon request. Literature on date rape education, risk reduction, and University response is available through the Department of Public Safety and the VAW Program Office on campus.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The University Police/Security Departments strongly advocate that a victim of sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a University Police Officer and/or to a VAW Program representative. Filing a police report with a University Police Officer will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a report will

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothes prior to a medical/ legal exam)
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention

When a sexual assault victim contacts the Alabama State University Police Department, a representative from the VAW Program will also be notified. The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and the University Disciplinary system, or only the former or latter.

A victim also has the right to not contact Law Enforcement and to contact the VAW Program directly to ask for any or all services without involving police. The VAW Program can be reached directly through a 24 hour hotline 334-229-6767.

Based upon the victim's wishes, a University representative from the Police Department or the VAW Program will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decision. Various counseling, housing and safety options are available both on and off campus.



University disciplinary proceedings are detailed in the student handbook, *The Pilot*. Both the victim and accused will be informed of the outcome of the hearing. A student found guilty of violating the University sexual assault or harassment policy could be criminally prosecuted in the state courts and may be suspended or expelled from the University.

Since this offense falls under “Zero Tolerance”, a student accused of this violation may be summarily suspended from the campus until his or her hearing. Student victims have the option to change their academic and/or on-campus living situations after an alleged sexual assault.

Below is a check list for response to sexual assault.

- 1. Get to a safe place.
- 2. Contact Campus Police as soon as possible at 229-4400 or call 911 if danger is still immediate.
- 3. Contact a friend, family member or someone you trust to come and stay with you.
- 4. Seek medical attention if injured. Go to the closest emergency room for a full physical examination. If you suspect that you were given any drug, ask for a blood and urine test. If you were sexually assaulted, try to preserve collectible evidence. If you were physically assaulted, try to refrain from touching any possible evidence.
- 5. As soon as possible, write down as much as you can remember about the assault.
- 6. Make an appointment with a counselor.
- 7. You have multiple options to file charges.
- 8. Assess your need for a Protection Order.
- 9. If you choose, you may have civil remedies to pursue against the perpetrator along with criminal charges.

## **The Violence Against Women Program at Alabama State University**

The purpose of the Violence Against Women (VAW) Program is to create and foster a campus environment that is protective, compassionate and helpful to victims of Domestic/ Dating violence, Sexual Assault and stalking while promoting “zero-tolerance” towards the offenses and offenders. There is a 24 hour Crisis line available to anyone who may feel a need for assistance or information. The number is: 334-229-6767

### **HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE NEEDING SERVICES, ACCOMODATIONS OR INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO SEXUAL ASSAULT, STALKING, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND DATING VIOLENCE:**

#### **ON CAMPUS SERVICES:**

ASU VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM 334-229-6767 (24 hour hotline)

ASU Student Counseling Center 334-229-4382 After Hours Crisis Line 334-224-6592

ASU Department of Public Safety 334-229-4400

ASU Judicial Affairs Officer 334-229-5104

ASU University Health Services Center 334-229-4438 After Hours Emergency Line 334-318-9797

#### **OFF CAMPUS SERVICES:**

##### **EMERGENCY 911**

STAR sexual assault 24 hour Crisis Line 334-213-1227

Family Sunshine Center 24 hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line 1-800-650-6522/ 334-263-0212

Family Justice Center 334-262-7378

Montgomery Police Department 334-241-2651

Montgomery County District Attorney’s VAW Prosecution Unit 334-832-2550

## **MISSING STUDENT POLICY**

If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student residing in on-campus housing is missing, he or she should immediately notify ASUDPS at 334-229-4400. The Department will initiate an investigation and, if necessary, will seek assistance from local law enforcement in investigating each report. The ASU Investigative Unit will have primary responsibility for investigating reports of missing students residing in on-campus housing and will make an official determination as to whether a student is missing. Should the ASU Investigative Unit determine that the student is missing, Alabama State University will notify the student's emergency contact within 24 hours of such determination. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, Alabama State University will notify the student's parent or legal guardian within 24 hours of receiving notification from the Department of Public Safety that the student has been determined to be missing. Alabama State University will make reasonable efforts to assist with missing person investigations for all local ASU students, whether they reside on or off campus.

### **Missing Persons Process**

The purpose of this protocol is to establish procedures for the university's response to reports of missing University residential students, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. (Note: Missing University non-residential students are reported to the local law enforcement authorities.)

For purposes of this protocol, a University residential student may be considered to be a *"missing person"* if the person's absence is contrary to his/her usual pattern of behavior and unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances could include, but not be limited to, a report or suspicion that the missing person may be the victim of foul play, has expressed suicidal thoughts, is drug dependent, is in a life-threatening situation, or has been with persons who may endanger the student's welfare.

### **Procedures for designation of emergency contact information**

Residential students age 18 and above and emancipated minors:

- a) Students will be given the opportunity during each semester registration process to designate an individual or individuals to be contacted by the university no more than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below. A designation will remain in effect until changed or revoked by the student.
- b) Residential students under the age of 18 In the event a student who is not emancipated is determined to be missing pursuant to the procedures set forth below, the university is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian no more than 24 hours after the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

### **Official notification procedures for missing persons**

- a) Any individual on campus who has information that a residential student may be a missing person must notify University Police as soon as possible.

- b) University Police will gather all essential information about the residential student from the reporting person and from the student's acquaintances (description, clothes last worn, where student might be, who student might be with, vehicle description, information about the physical and mental well-being of the student, an up-to-date photograph, class schedule, etc.). Appropriate university staff will be notified to aid in the search for the student.
- c) If the above actions are unsuccessful in locating the student or it is apparent immediately that the student is a missing person (e.g., witnessed abduction), the University Police will contact the appropriate local law enforcement agency to report the student as a missing person and request assistance as needed.
- d) No later than 24 hours after determining that a residential student is missing, Student Affairs or the Police Department will notify the emergency contact (for students 18 and over) or the parent/guardian (for students under the age of 18) that the student is believed to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, Alabama State University will notify the student's parent or legal guardian within 24 hours of receiving notification from the Department of Public Safety that the student has been determined to be missing. Alabama State University will make reasonable efforts to assist with missing person investigations for all local ASU students, whether they reside on or off campus.

#### **University communications about missing students**

In cases involving missing persons, law enforcement personnel are best situated to provide information to the media that is designed to elicit public assistance in the search for a missing person. Therefore, all communications regarding missing students will be handled by law enforcement authorities. All inquiries to the university regarding missing students, or information provided to any individual at the university about a missing student, shall be referred to the Alabama State University Police.

## **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

In accordance to the “Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act” of 2000, 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, the Alabama State University Police Department is providing a link to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry.

This act 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 State of Alabama, convicted sex offenders must register with the Sex Offender Registry maintained by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation.

The Sex Offender Registry is available via Internet pursuant to Title 15 Article 2 Section 15-20-25, Adult criminal sex offender - Community notification procedures, of the Code of Alabama. Registry information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. The Alabama Bureau of Investigation is responsible for maintaining this registry. To access the Sex Offender Registry go to <http://dps.alabama.gov/> and it can be found under the Alabama Bureau of Investigation’s link.

## **ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE PROCEDURE**

Violent incidents can occur at or near public institutions, such as universities, with little or no warning. Such incidents may include acts of terrorism, an active shooter, assaults or other incidents of workplace violence. An active shooter is one who has not been contained and whose actions cause serious injury or death.

The Alabama State University Police Department (ASUPD) is adopting nationally accredited law enforcement response procedures to contain and terminate such threats as quickly as possible. The ASUPD works with local law enforcement agencies to keep campus police officers up-to date in terms of training. Officers are trained to use the appropriate force to engage threatening individuals and to contain or curtail escalation of threatening activity. The ASUPD also has developed a preliminary perimeter plan to ensure the security of areas in which campus events are held. Current plans involve the use of campus assets to prevent individuals with weapons from entering any event venue. Plans for upcoming events will always be reviewed so that sufficient on-scene resources are available to provide adequate security. The University’s communications assets will be used to call in additional law enforcement or EMS responders as needed. Traffic and perimeter plans and existing operational orders for events are designed to provide the best and most secure event coverage possible so that the safety of campus guests is assured.

## ACTIVE SHOOTER / CRITICAL INCIDENT PROCESS

### Active Shooter

Violent incidents, including but not limited to: acts of terrorism, an active shooter, assaults, or other incidents of workplace violence, can occur on the University grounds or in close proximity with little or no warning. An active shooter is considered to be a suspect or assailant whose actions are immediately causing serious injury or death and has not been contained.

The Alabama State University Police Department has adopted nationally accredited law enforcement response procedures to contain and terminate such threats as quickly as possible. The following information regarding law enforcement response will enable you to take appropriate protective actions for yourself. Try to remain calm as your actions will influence others. The following instructions are intended for incidents that are of an emergent nature (i.e. imminent, or in progress).

#### 1. Immediate Action

Secure the immediate area. Whether a classroom, residence hall room, office or restroom:

- a. Lock or barricade the door, if able. Block the door using whatever is available, such as desks, tables, file cabinets, other furniture, etc.
- b. After securing the door, stay behind solid objects away from the door as much as possible.
- c. If the assailant enters your room and leaves, lock or barricade the door behind them.
- d. If safe to do so, allow others to seek refuge with you.

#### 2. Protective Actions.

Take appropriate steps to reduce your vulnerability:

- a. Close blinds.
- b. Block windows.
- c. Turn off radios and computer monitors.
- d. Silence cell phones.
- e. Place signs in interior doors and windows, but remember the assailant can see these as well.
- f. Place signs in exterior windows to identify your location and the location of injured persons.
- g. Keep people calm and quiet.
- h. After securing the room, people should be positioned out of sight and behind items that might offer additional protection, such as walls, desks, file cabinets, bookshelves, etc.

#### 3. Open Areas.

If you find yourself in an open area, immediately seek protection:

- a. Put something between you and the assailant.
- b. Consider trying to escape, if you know where the assailant is and there appears to be an escape route immediately available to you.
- c. If in doubt, find the safest area available and secure it the best way that you can.

#### 4. Call 911.

Emergency situations should be reported to law enforcement by dialing 911. You may hear multiple rings but stay on the line until it is answered, do not hang up. Be prepared to provide the 911 operator with as much information as possible, such as the following:

- a. What is happening?
- b. Begin by saying, "I am at Alabama State". Next include the building name and room number.
- c. Number of people at your specific location.
- d. Injuries, if any, including the number of injured and types of injuries.
- e. Your name and other information as requested.
- f. Try to provide information in a calm, clear manner so that the 911 operator can quickly relay your information to responding law enforcement and emergency personnel.

#### 5. What to Report.

Try to note as much as possible about the assailant, including:

- a. Specific location and direction of the assailant(s).
- b. Number of assailant(s).
- c. Gender, race, and age of the assailant(s).
- d. Language or commands used by the assailant(s).
- e. Clothing color and style.
- f. Physical features, e.g., height, weight, facial hair, glasses.
- g. Type of weapons, e.g., handgun, rifle, shotgun, explosives.
- h. Description of any backpack or bag.
- i. Do you recognize the assailant(s)? Do you know their name?
- j. What exactly did you hear, e.g., explosions, gunshots, etc.

#### 6. Treat the Injured.

The 911 operator will notify law enforcement and other emergency service agencies. The fire and rescue departments will respond to the site, but they will not be able to enter the area until it is secured by law enforcement. You may have to treat the injured as best you can until the area is secure. Remember basic first aid:

- a. For bleeding apply pressure and elevate. Many items can be used for this purpose, e.g. clothing, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, newspapers, etc.
- b. Reassure those in the area that help will arrive and try to stay quiet and calm.

#### 7. When to Leave.

- a. The assailant may not stop until his objectives have been met or until engaged or neutralized by law enforcement.
- b. Always consider the risk of exposure by opening the door for any reason.
- c. Attempts to rescue people should only be made if it can be done without further endangering either yourself or the persons inside of the secured area.
- d. Be aware that the assailant may bang on the door, yell for help, or otherwise attempt to entice you to open the door of a secured area.

- e. If there is any doubt about the safety of the individuals inside the room, the area needs to remain secured.

## Law Enforcement Response

Alabama State University Police will immediately respond to the area, assisted by other local law enforcement agencies, if necessary. Remember:

1. **Help is on the way.** It is important for you to:
  - a. Remain inside the secure area, so long as it remains safe to do so.
  - b. Law enforcement will locate, contain, and stop the assailant.
  - c. The safest place for you to be is in a locked/barricaded room.
  - d. The assailant may not flee when law enforcement enters the building, but instead may target arriving officers.
  
2. **Injured Persons.** Initial responding officers will not treat the injured or begin evacuation until the threat is neutralized and the area is secure.
  - a. You may need to explain this to others to calm them.
  - b. Once the threat is neutralized, officers will assist EMS with treatment and evacuation of injured and other personnel.
  
3. **Evacuation.** Responding officers will establish safe corridors for persons to evacuate.
  - a. This may be time consuming.
  - b. Remain in secure areas until instructed otherwise.
  - c. You may be instructed to keep your hands on your head.
  - d. You may be searched.
  - e. You may be escorted out of the building by law enforcement personnel, simply follow their directions.
  - f. After evacuation you may be taken to a staging or holding area for medical care, interviewing, counseling, etc.
  - g. Once you have been evacuated you will not be permitted to retrieve items or access the area until law enforcement releases the crime scene.

## Decision Maker(s)

Assistance from local and state law enforcement fire and EMS agencies will be provided as needed. The decision to call in outside supporting agencies, or to close all or a portion of the grounds, will be made by law enforcement command staff on scene as needed. Information will be released to the University community as quickly as circumstances permit.

## Subsequent Procedures/Information

Following an active shooter incident look for directions from law enforcement, first responders, and information as released over CS Notify as to when it is safe to move about. If you were a witness to the incident, make yourself available to law enforcement officers to aid in the investigation. Support services, such as temporary shelter, medical care, and counseling, will be made available for anyone involved in or impacted by the incident.



## **Additional Resources**

[www.ready.gov/campus](http://www.ready.gov/campus)

IS-907 Active Shooter online course at [www.training.fema.gov](http://www.training.fema.gov).

(Enter the subject that you wish to receive more information about into the search tool located at each web site)

## **Service Numbers**

### **Emergency**

(334) 229-4400 or 911

### **Non-Emergency**

(334) 229-4717

## **ADDENDUMS CAMPUS VAW PROGRAM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULT (INSTRUCTIONS TO FIRST RESPONDERS)**

NOTE: The following is provided for informational purposes so that individuals reading this report will be informed of the process of initial response by ASU campus authorities to these incidents

SUBJECT: Standing Protocol for VAW Crisis Calls and on Scene Response

Please use the following guidelines when providing on-call VAW Crisis Services.

Policy: It is the policy of the VAW office to provide assistance to survivors of Sexual Assaults, Domestic and Dating Violence and/or Stalking incidents by offering support and information to them during a crisis situation.

Overall Procedure: VAW Support Staff may/will offer as indicated:

To accompany a survivor during a police interview

To independently talk with a survivor about an assault or a concern

To provide survivors of VAW issues with general information regarding their legal rights as well as their rights as an ASU student

To provide survivors/callers with information on available VAW referral services (see checklist for rights and services)

To complete and submit a 24 hr. Crisis Line Weekly Report to the VAW office

To provide survivors with Survivor Packets

VAW Support Staff will explain their role:

To offer immediate support

To inform contact of their rights,

To inform contact of the available services

To help contact make informed decisions about what he/she may want to do

VAW will:

Complete the checklist with each survivor as indicated

Send out a Group Notification Text to the following areas: Counseling and Health Services and to Law Enforcement (LE) if they are not already aware when a VAW Crisis situation presents.

On the Phone Procedure:

When answering say: VAW Crisis Line; how may I assist you?

1. If Caller is a victim of a Sexual Assault, Caller is asked:

- A. Are you safe, (if no, explain the need to dispatch LE immediately). If caller says yes they are safe but, appears to be under duress, dispatch LE to assess situation
- B. Do you need emergency medical attention, (If yes, dispatch emergency medical services)
- C. Do you want LE at this time (reporting does not mean you will or have to prosecute or give a detailed interview if you are not ready)

- D. Ask do you want to have a forensic Sexual Assault Examination (if yes, advise not to change, wash, shower, brush, drink, potty, or disturb scene).

If victim is 18 or above, explain the option to have a Jane Doe exam and forego involving LE. Have survivor call or assist them with a call to STAR's SART/SANE program @334-213-1227.

An appointment must be made ASAP to get victim to SART-SANE (STAR Program) 334-213-1227, 530 S. Lawrence Street in the One Place Family Justice Center to set up appointment (appointments are usually scheduled 45 minutes from the time the call is made).

2. If caller wants to report other crisis issues such as (DV, Stalking or Dating Violence), listen then offer/inform of referral services. Offer to do follow-up and assistance with appointments etc. for other services.  
(Stalking Kits are available in the VAW office, Emergency Shelter is available for DV at the Family Sunshine Center, or through the Housing Office as appropriate; On or Off Counseling Services are available for any of these issues.

Let them know that you are kindly offering support and information and your encounter is not a substitute for counseling.

#### On the scene

Follow D & E as noted previously,

1. If SA matter, assist with transportation arrangements to the SART-SANE office.
2. Assure that victim has transportation to destination of choice after SART-SANE service.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIRST RESPONDERS

##### SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY PROCEDURE FOR INITIAL RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ASSAULTS

1. Whenever a sexual assault is reported to Departmental Personnel, the following immediate steps need to be taken by Department of Public Safety first responding Personnel.

##### On the Phone

2. Caller is Asked:
  - A. Are you safe, (if no, dispatch LE immediately) (ask location of caller)
  - B. Do you need medical attention, (if yes, dispatch emergency medical services)
  - C. Suspect information for a look out will be asked, for immediate radio and notification look outs
  - D. Would you like to talk with ASU 24hr VAW Staff who will offer you immediate support, and explain to your rights, what services are available so you can make informed decisions about what you may want to do
  - E. Do you want to have a forensic SAE (if yes, advise not to change, wash, shower, brush, drink, potty, or disturb scene).

##### On the scene

3. Assess Safety of Victim.

If medically stable, move to a safe room within the facility if possible or to the nearest safe room/area.

4. Establish victims' need for medical assistance; ask about injuries etc. ask if assailant attempted to strangle. (Recommend medical evaluation)
5. Preliminary questioning to determine what happened, suspect information.
6. Offer opportunity to speak with VAW Support Staff to services requested by victim.
7. If victim requests services, contact should be made immediately with the VAW on-call person 334-229-6767.
8. If VAW not available or victim wants a SAE, call SART/SANE @334-213-1227.

An appointment must be made ASAP to get victim to:

SART-SANE (STAR Program) 334-213-1227, 530 S. Lawrence Street to set up appointment (appointments are usually 45 minutes from the time the call is made).

9. Assist with transportation arrangements or transport victim to the SART-SANE office. Provide victim transport to destination of choice after SART-SANE service.
10. Contact must be made with University Investigators to respond to start investigation of the offense.
11. Evidence/ and scene must be secured for processing.
12. Suspect lookout and emergency notifications, actions to secure campus. Command Center, 334-229-4400 must be notified so that CS Notify messages will be sent out ASAP. Command Center will notify MPD ASAP to obtain patrol units responding to campus area to assist in locating the suspect. Residence Halls will be notified and secured, this includes Halls being called and units responding to search and ensure residence halls are secure. The Montgomery Police Department and any additional surrounding agencies will be notified, to respond to area and given an updated lookout

The above listed process will run until initial responders are relieved of these duties by supervision or investigators, as the Investigatory process begins. The Campus Title IX Officer will be notified of the offense within four days of the report to Police.

## **FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

### **A Report of the Three Most Recent Years' Fire Statistics in On-Campus Student Housing Facilities**

In accordance with the federal regulations of the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act and the Department of Education regulations, Alabama State University publishes both fire statistics for the three most recent calendar years and ASU fire-related protocols and procedures. This information is distributed each year to enrolled students and current employees and is also made available to prospective employees and students. The fire statistics published in this report by facility name illustrate the reporting of fires in on-campus student housing facilities. See the Daily Report clipboard for more details related to any fire that takes place on campus. Any reports related to fires will be placed upon the Daily Report clipboard and includes information like the location and date the fire was reported, the time of the fire and a brief explanation of each fire.

Also, in compliance with the above regulations, a description of each on-campus student housing facility's fire safety system is included in this document along with the number of regular mandated supervised fire drills that occur yearly at each facility. Procedures for evacuation and certain practices (e.g., smoking, candles, and open flames) are included along with potential plans for improvements in fire safety.

### **Reporting On-Campus Fires and Other Emergencies**

To maximize safety on campus, the University Department of Public Safety strongly encourages anyone with knowledge about any fire or unsafe action or condition on-campus to immediately report to the University Police by telephone or in person. Reporting fires and unsafe actions or conditions help University officials keep the community informed about fires on-campus and address the unsafe actions or conditions.

To make a report by telephone, call The Alabama State Police Department (ASUPD) at 334-229-4400 and describe the situation to the Police Communications Operator. In emergency situations, including fires, call ASUPD 334-229-4400 or 911 once you have evacuated the location. All 911 calls made from campus phones go directly to the ASU Police Department; all cell phone 911 calls are routed to ASUPD through the local 911 center.

### **ASU Response to On-Campus Fires**

When you report a fire emergency to the ASU Police Department, the Montgomery Fire

Department will be dispatched, as well as other Public Safety representatives from the ASU Police Department and/or governmental Environmental Health & Safety officials as warranted. The Public Safety representatives will meet with you, listen to what happened and if necessary make a preliminary report. A Public Safety representative will review the report and conduct a follow-up interview if necessary. During cases of arson, State Fire Marshalls will be notified and investigators will review the scene and conduct a follow-up investigation. If occupants or residents must be relocated following a fire,

information regarding the relocation or the emergency at hand will be provided through to Housing and Residential Communities through the ASU Office of Media Relations.

The Alabama State University Department of Public Safety encourages you to report fires on campus. The Department of Public Safety is responsible for preparing the University's Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report and for compiling the fire statistics included in the report. We would like to keep the community as informed as possible. The information you report may require the ASUPD to issue a "CS Notify" alert in the case of Arson or if it is determined that the circumstances warrant such action.

### **Reporting Off-Campus Fires and Other Emergencies**

Witnesses to fires and other emergencies occurring off-campus should contact the agency that has jurisdiction:

- 911 for Emergency Situations
- Montgomery Police Department 334-241-2656
- Montgomery Fire Department 334-241-2651 (NON-EMERGENCY, DIAL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES)

### **No Smoking Policy (Smoking Violations)**

Smoking is prohibited in all buildings on campus.

"No Smoking" signs have been posted in all University Facilities. Smoking in a campus building could warrant a range of disciplinary sanctions up to and including dismissal.

### **Fire Safety Violations**

Alabama State University prohibits under the Code of Student Conduct, the entering false fire alarms or bomb threats, tampering with fire extinguishers, alarms or other safety equipment and this behavior is treated by the student disciplinary process as misconduct as it disrupts order and exhibits a disregard of health & safety. Any student found to have violated the Code can be sanctioned with a warning, probation, loss of privileges, fines, restitution, discretionary sanctions, resident hall suspension, resident hall expulsion, university suspension or university expulsion.

### **Community Living Standards (Fire Safety Violations)**

Residential Life and Housing outline the responsibilities of the students living in on-campus housing facilities in the University housing contracts that each student is expected to sign and comply with as a condition of residing in a Residence Hall or any designated University housing. Students are expected to uphold these standards while living in campus housing as they promote a safe and secure community. The campus disciplinary system as administered by Student Affairs holds students liable for any violations that compromise the safety and security of residents and these violations may result in appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including or up to contract termination from on-campus housing. All residents must adhere to the fire safety guidelines, they must evacuate during a fire drill or alarm, they must not interfere with the emergency evacuation procedures of the residence hall, they must never falsely report a fire emergency by activating the fire alarm system or contacting police, fire or staff

members and they must never tamper with fire safety or life safety equipment. The No Smoking policy at ASU also prohibits occupants from smoking in any residence hall or on campus.

Occupants of Residence Halls are prohibited from using or storing items that pose a fire hazard, such as open flame sources (including, but not limited to, hookah lamps, candles, incense, etc.), flammable liquids, trees, branches, halogen lamps and bulbs, ammunition, explosives, fireworks and open coil or high heat appliances. Violations of these prohibitions or of the University Housing Contract which compromise the safety and security of occupants or others, may result in relocation, contract termination, and other appropriate disciplinary sanctions. Included in these violations are tampering, alarming, discharging, disconnecting, or dismantling the fire safety equipment and starting fires in the residence halls.

### **Housing & Residential Halls What to Bring...And What Not to Bring for On-Campus Housing (Portable Electrical Violations)**

For the safety and well-being of all occupants at Residence Halls and Housing Facilities; appliances with an exposed heating element or exposed heating coil are not approved for use. Examples of other non-approved appliances in residence hall rooms include, but are not limited to, personal space heaters, personal air conditioners, halogen lamps, deep fat fryers, electric griddles, electric grills, electric waffle irons, electric woks, hot oil popcorn poppers, hot plates, indoor grills, indoor broilers, toaster ovens or any cooking tool that doesn't have automatic shut off.

### **Fire Safety, Procedures & Guidelines and Evacuation information**

Open lights and flames are not allowed on campus without prior approval by the Department of Public Safety/ State or local Fire Marshalls, as it is unlawful for any person to light, build, make or deposit ashes or embers which could cause fire in any building or on the campus grounds without this approval.

Basic principles of evacuation exist. If a fire is noticed, leave the hazard area. Do not risk a life by remaining in the unsafe building. If operating a heat source or flame, extinguish it before exiting the building, if possible. On the way out of the building, pull a fire alarm system pull station. It may be necessary to break the glass or raise the pull station cover in order to pull the alarm. Some common locations of pull stations are at stairwell doors and exits.

By sounding the alarm, occupants of the building are notified of a fire hazard and should evacuate the building. However, most importantly, the ASU Police Department, and the Montgomery Fire Department are notified immediately of the hazard. When the fire alarm sounds, everyone must proceed with their emergency evacuation plan or evacuate the building immediately, even if another individual tells you that the fire alarm is being tested. Do not assume it is just a drill.

When evacuating, turn off any appliance or equipment you might be operating. Isolate your area by closing doors and windows and leave the building. Only use a portable fire extinguisher to control a small fire or assist yourself or someone else to evacuate the area. Remember, not all fire extinguishers are effective on all types of fires; so do not try to extinguish the fire unless you have been properly trained. Do not fight the fire if it is already beginning to spread beyond the location where it started, if you can't fight the fire with your back to an exit, or if the fire can block your only exit.

Walk; do not run when evacuating the building. Assist those individuals with disabilities or those unable to evacuate by telling authorities their locations within the building. To avoid smoke, stay low to the ground and cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth, if possible, to help you breathe. Never use the elevators to evacuate. When evacuating, travel horizontally, moving away from the fire until you reach a safe distance away from the hazard or an exit or stairwell door. Then travel vertically down the stairwell until you reach an exit leading to the outside. If you must open corridor doors, hallway doors, bedroom doors, or office doors, feel them first by using the back of your hand (never the palm). If they are cool, open them and continue to follow the emergency evacuation plan and move towards an exit or stairwell if conditions allow.

If the building is on fire and the occupant is trapped inside the building which is burning and cannot evacuate, then remain in the room. Close the door and position towels or articles of clothing (dampened if possible) around the bottom edge of the door. Call 911 and tell the dispatcher your name, where you are located and the reason you could not evacuate. The dispatcher will contact the ASU Police Officers on the scene who will notify the Fire Department. If you have a window that can be opened, open the window and hang a sheet, piece of clothing or another similar object out the window and wave it so it can be seen. This open window will allow fresh air to circulate into the room. If the window cannot be opened, create a sign to display at the window indicating that you need help. If you feel as though you can no longer breathe, break the window out using a chair and get the attention of those below. Remain calm and wait for the Fire Department to assist you in evacuating the area.

Although Alabama State University requires all occupants of a building to evacuate when the fire alarm is activated, individuals with disabilities may need assistance or special procedures to evacuate effectively. For this reason, they should inform other individuals, especially Residence Hall Directors or Residential Advisors that they may need assistance in a fire alarm during the emergency evacuation-planning phase.

One tip that may prove useful during a fire alarm evacuation is to utilize the buddy system. During the first few days at a new job or at classes, discuss with others your need for a "buddy" if the fire alarm goes off. Obtain several buddies in different locations where you may be during an alarm and discuss your evacuation plan with your buddies (especially Residence Hall Directors or Residential Advisors). Explain what type of assistance you would need during a fire alarm. Plan and practice your procedure or evacuation during a fire alarm. If possible, your buddy should assure your location, capabilities and need for assistance during a fire alarm (however, do not risk life). Your buddy should inform ASU Police or the Montgomery Fire Department of your need for assistance, plan, and location during a fire alarm.

During the evacuation phase, persons utilizing wheelchairs should be taken to an area of rescue assistance (usually stairwell landings) or stay where they are located. This still requires their buddy to notify ASU Police or the Montgomery Fire Department of their location once they reach the assembly location outside. If the mobility-impaired individual is alone, he/she should dial 911 and inform the dispatcher of his/her location, inability to evacuate and/or area of rescue assistance where they are located. Persons with mobility impairments but without the need of a wheelchair will need to attempt to evacuate the building, allowing traffic to pass, when needed, in areas like stairwells. These individuals may decide to remain in place and contact 911 with their location if there is no sign of imminent hazard, and due to their impairment, they would not be able to evacuate the building at this time without



assistance. Individuals who are visually impaired may need a buddy to assist him/her through the evacuation route. If the visually impaired individual is unable to evacuate alone, he/she should dial 911 and inform the dispatcher of his/her location, inability to evacuate and/or the area of rescue assistance where they are located.

Once occupants have successfully evacuated the building and are outside, occupants should move away from the building to a pre-designated location where a headcount should be initiated by the building representative, Residential Advisor, or another designated individual. Occupants should also notify ASU Police of anyone needing assistance exiting the building. The building representative or some other supervisory personnel should notify ASU Police of anyone unaccounted for during the evacuation. Occupants should remain outside and away from the building until you are given further instructions from Montgomery Fire Department, ASU Police or an appropriately designated University Representative.

### **Future Improvements in Fire Safety**

Alabama State University is dedicated to improving fire safety and fire safety systems. Older fire alarm systems are replaced and buildings are retrofitted with sprinkler systems as renovations occur. All new housing facilities are equipped with sprinkler systems. ASU did institute a Fire Drill Calendar to ensure recurring Fire Drills and Fire Safety Training each semester beginning with the Fall Semester of 2014.

### **Additional safety information:**

The following information is provided as general fire safety information in addition to that previously recommended and is sourced directly from the Montgomery Fire Department.

Fires in the home take a great toll on life and property each year. During the five-year-period from 2005-2009, NFPA estimates that U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 373,900 reported home structure fires per year. These fires caused an estimated average of 2,650 civilian deaths, 12,890 civilian injuries, and \$7.1 billion in direct property damage per year. Smoking materials remain the leading cause of home fire deaths, while cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.

Installing systems such as smoke alarms and residential fire sprinklers, as well as identifying potential hazards, can reduce the risk of home fires and property loss, injury, or death due to fire. Nearly two-thirds of home structure fire deaths occur in homes where there was no smoke alarm, or where smoke alarms were present but failed to operate.

### **Escape Planning**

- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- Draw a plan of your home, locating all possible exits.
- Keep all exits free of obstacles.
- Have the ways out of each room, but develop a primary escape route, which should be the fastest and easiest way out of your home.

- Choose a meeting place for your family and make sure you practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

### **Smoke Alarms**

- For maintenance of your smoke alarms, vacuum or blow dust from the alarms once a month and press the test button.
- Change the batteries on your smoke alarms twice a year, when you change the clocks.
- Replace your smoke alarms with new ones every 10 years

### **Cooking**

- In the event of a grease fire on your stovetop, place a lid on the pan to smother and put out the fire. Never move a burning pan and never use water or a fire extinguisher on a grease fire.
- Never leave your food, grease, or oil cooking unattended.
- Wear short or tight fitting clothes when cooking.
- If your clothing catch fire, STOP, DROP and ROLL to put out the flames.
- Keep children and pets away from the stove when cooking

### **Smoking Materials (REMEMBER SMOKING IS PROHIBITED AT ASU)**

- Quitting is the best way to prevent fire from smoking materials.
- Use a deep, wide ashtray on a sturdy table and make sure the cigarette is completely out, every time.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never smoke when tired.
- Never smoke when oxygen is used.

### **FIRE REPORT, YEARLY NUMBERS:**

The log for the current year is available at the Alabama State University Police Department.

01 Fire and evacuation Drill was held fall semester in each residence hall during the calendar year of 2014.

The use of hot plates and other cooking appliances is strictly prohibited in residential halls.

Students are required to evacuate housing immediately in case of fire. Fire Safety information has been included in this report.

Plans for future improvements in fire safety, have been listed in this report and take place at the discretion of the University.

Below is the Three Year Description of each campus student housing facility/fire safety system/number of fires:

<b>2012</b>	<b>Fire Alarm</b>	<b>Sprinkler System</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
G.N. Card Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Dunn Towers	Yes	Yes	0
Bibb Graves	Yes	Yes	0
Simpson Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Abercrombie Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Martin L. King Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Bessie Benson Hall	Yes	Yes	0
McGinty Apt.	Yes	No	0
Girard Apt.	Yes	No	0
Peyton Finley Apt.	Yes	No	0
William Benson Hall	Yes	No	0
Bessie Estelle Hall	Yes	Yes	0
New Facility 1	Yes	Yes	0
New Facility 2	Yes	Yes	0

<b>2013</b>	<b>Fire Alarm</b>	<b>Sprinkler System</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
G.N. Card Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Dunn Towers	Yes	Yes	0
Bibb Graves	Yes	Yes	0
Simpson Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Abercrombie Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Martin L. King Hall	Yes	Yes	0
Bessie Benson Hall	Yes	Yes	0
McGinty Apt.	Yes	No	0

<b>Girard Apt.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Peyton Finley Apt.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>William Benson Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bessie Estelle Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>New Facility 1</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>New Facility 2</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>2014</b>	<b>Fire Alarm</b>	<b>Sprinkler System</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
<b>G.N. Card Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dunn Towers</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bibb Graves</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Simpson Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abercrombie Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Martin L. King Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bessie Benson Hall</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>New Facility 1</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>New Facility 2</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0</b>

## **Additional Emergency Procedures:**

### **Evacuation Drills**

Students living in the residence halls at Alabama State University participate in semiannual evacuation procedures and drills, which are held during the fall and spring academic semesters. The evacuation and emergency/fire drills are designed to inform students of emergency exits and emergency planning for the residence halls. The Department of Compliance, Alabama State University Department of Public Safety (ASUDPS) and Housing and Residential Life are responsible for the coordination of these drills. Residents of the halls will be notified of the drills by the Residential Housing staff.

### **Shelter-in-Place Procedures**

There are times when procedures other than evacuation will be warranted. If an incident occurs and the building or areas around you become unstable, or if the air outdoors becomes dangerous due to toxic or irritating substances, it is usually safer to stay indoors, because leaving the area may expose you to that danger. “Shelter-in-place” means to make a shelter of the building that you are in, and with a few adjustments this location can be made even safer and more comfortable until it is safe to go outside.

#### **Basic “Shelter-in-Place” Guidance**

If an incident occurs and the building you are in is not damaged, stay inside in an interior room until you are told it is safe to come out. If your building is damaged, take your personal belongings, (purse, wallet, ASU ID card, etc) and follow the evacuation procedures for your building (close your door, proceed to the nearest exit, and use the stairs instead of the elevator). Once you have evacuated, seek shelter in the nearest University building quickly. If first responders are on the scene, follow their directions.

#### **How You Will Know to “Shelter-in-Place”**

A shelter-in-place notification will come from ASUDPS, or other authorized officials on campus. Alerts either by email or outdoor notification will be the primary means of disseminating the notification; however, other means of communication may also be employed.

#### **How to “Shelter-in-Place”**

No matter where you are, the basic steps of shelter-in-place will generally remain the same. Should the need arise; follow these steps unless instructed otherwise by emergency personnel:

1. If you are inside, stay where you are. Collect any emergency shelter-in-place supplies and a telephone to be used in case of an emergency. If you are outdoors, proceed into the closest University building quickly or follow instructions from emergency personnel on the scene.
2. Locate a room to shelter inside. It should be:
  - a. An interior room
  - b. Above ground level

- c. Without windows or with the least number of windows. If there is a large group of people inside a building, several rooms may be necessary.
3. Shut and lock all windows (tighter seal) and close exterior doors.
4. Turn off air conditioners, heaters, and fans.
5. Close vents to ventilation systems as you are able. (University employees will turn of ventilation system as quickly as possible.)
6. Make a list of people and ask someone to call campus police or 911 so they will know where you are sheltering.
7. Turn on a radio or TV and listen for further instructions.
8. Make yourself comfortable.

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