

Ensuring the safety and security of the campus community is a critical priority for Denmark College (the "College"). In recognition of this fact, and in keeping with applicable federal requirements, the College, located at 8101 Polo Club Drive, Merrillville, Indiana, publishes each year this Annual Security Report (the "Report"). This Report discloses information concerning the College's safety and security policies and procedures, as well as statistics regarding certain types of crimes reported to the College and local law enforcement during the prior year. It is the College's intention that this Report inform the campus community of the College's safety and security policies, provide the community with key information regarding the security of the College and surrounding areas, and ultimately, create a safer more secure campus environment.

This Report is made available to the public on the College's website. Notice of the Report's availability is distributed to all prospective students and employees prior to enrollment or employment, as applicable. Notice of the Report's availability also is distributed annually to all current students and employees.

The Clery Act

The *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* (the "Clery Act") is the landmark federal law, originally known as the Campus Security Act that requires postsecondary institutions across the United States to disclose each year information regarding campus safety and security policies, crime, and related topics. The law is tied to an institution's participation in the federal student financial aid programs, and applies to most institutions of higher education (public and private). The Clery Act is enforced by the Clery Act Compliance Division of the United States Department of Education. The law has been amended on several occasions over the years. Most recently, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 amended the Clery Act to require institutions, among other things, to gather and report statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. In addition, the 2013 amendments direct institutions to develop and distribute policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents. New regulations issued by the Department of Education and related to the Clery Act became effective on July 1, 2015. The Clery Act is located in the United States Code at 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f), and the related regulations are located at 34 C.F.R. § 668.46.

I. POLICIES AND INFORMATION RELATING GENERALLY TO CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

The College is located at 8101 Polo Club Drive in Merrillville, Indiana. The campus is situated entirely within in a single building, however, the building is a multi-tenant building and other tenants have access to the common areas. The College does not operate, sponsor, or otherwise recognize any on-campus or off-campus student housing or student organizations, including fraternities or sororities.

Certain areas of the campus are "electronically patrolled," or monitored by use of Internet protocol (IP) cameras. In addition, the College is monitored remotely by a professional security agency. Typically, all doors to the building remain locked from 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. and only designated personnel have access to the building during those times. All visitors should enter through the main entrance. Enrolled students are required to enter and exit campus facilities through designated doors.

Campus Security Authorities

Though the College does not maintain a campus police or security department, select staff members at each campus are designated to serve as Campus Security Authorities (“CSAs”). These individuals are not police officers or security professionals. Campus Security Authorities do not possess the power to arrest. They do not attempt to apprehend perpetrators or to determine whether a crime took place. These tasks are the responsibility of law enforcement.

Campus Security Authorities are individuals who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, who monitor the security of institutional facilities and equipment, and who are designated by the College to receive reports of criminal offenses from students, employees, and members of the campus community. The College’s Campus Security Authorities have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have legitimate business at the College. Campus Security Authorities also may direct individual to leave College premises. The College’s Campus Security Authorities include the following senior staff members:

CSA Name	Title	Telephone Number
Dr. Tiffany Brack	Campus Director	219-736-9999
John McMillen	Registrar	219-736-9999

Relationship with Local Law Enforcement

Criminal incidents are referred to the local police who have jurisdiction over the campus. The College does not have any agreements with local law enforcement for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses. However, the Campus Security Authorities at the College maintain a highly professional working relationship with local law enforcement.

Reporting Crimes and Emergencies Occurring on Campus

Members of the College’s community, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors, are strongly encouraged to accurately and promptly report any crime, emergency, or other public safety concern to the College’s Campus Security Authorities and to local law enforcement, including when the victim of a crime may be unable to make such a report. In addition, any such crimes or concerns may be reported to the College’s senior staff. Prompt reporting will ensure that timely measures can be taken, to include assisting any victim, preserving evidence, issuing emergency and warning notifications, and calculating accurate, annual crime statistics.

Reports may be made to the College’s CSAs in person or via telephone using the numbers set out above. Emergencies may be reported to local law enforcement in person or via telephone at 911. Non-emergencies may be reported to local law enforcement in person or via telephone at 219-769-3722.

Individuals should report any alleged instances of unlawful discrimination, harassment, retaliation, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or suspected physical or sexual abuse of children in accordance with the instructions detailed in the sections below.

Confidential and Anonymous Reporting of Crime

The College recognizes that under certain circumstances victims of, or witnesses to, a crime may wish to make an anonymous report of the crime. There are two avenues for anonymous reporting.

First, victims or witnesses may report information to the Campus Director and request that their identity remain confidential. In this type of reporting the Campus Director may identify the reporting party only to College officials with a need to know, and who are also bound by the promise of confidentiality to the reporting party. It is important to know that since the identity of the reporting party is in fact known, and since no legal protection exists to shield the College or those of its employees who know the reporting party's identity from being compelled to disclose that information by court order, the identity of the victim or witness may be disclosed if such disclosure is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Further, in any situation where the College concludes that disclosure of the reporting party's identity is necessary to prevent imminent harm to that party or any other individual, the College may make such disclosure.

Second, an individual who wishes to make an anonymous report of a crime may do so by calling the campus phone number and reporting the crime anonymously to one of the CSAs.

College Response to Reports of Criminal Actions or Other Emergencies

The College's Campus Security Authorities will respond promptly to reports of any crime involving persons or property. The first priority subsequent to receiving any such report will be to ensure the safety of the victim and of the campus community. This may involve initiation of the emergency notification or timely warning protocols discussed below. In addition, the College will adhere to the policies and processes discussed below for assisting victims who report crimes involving sexual violence.

Once the safety of the victim and campus community are secured, the Campus Security Authorities will investigate the alleged criminal activity. If the investigation concludes that a violation of the state criminal code likely occurred, the matter will be referred to local law enforcement.

The College's Campus Security Authorities will fill out an incident report for any crime, emergency or other public safety concern brought to their attention and submit it to the campus director, taking care to indicate whether the reported incident was an alleged crime. In addition, all criminal offenses reported to any Campus Security Authority are reported to the national Incident-Based Reporting System, in accordance with federal mandates.

Programs and Information to Promote Safety and Security Awareness

An informed campus community can significantly reduce the occurrence of crime on campus. For this reason, information regarding campus security procedures and crime prevention is provided and discussed during new employee and new student orientation, respectively, and made available online throughout the academic year (educational programming specific to the prevention of substance abuse and sexual violence is discussed elsewhere in this Report).

With the help of local law enforcement, the College also provides periodic campus security and crime prevention educational programming throughout the year. Such programs are offered with the goal of helping members of the College community to understand and make responsible decisions concerning their safety and

well-being. Among the principles emphasized during such training are the precepts set out below relating to security awareness.

Security Awareness

The College strives to provide its students and employees a secure and safe environment in which to teach and learn, including through compliance with applicable federal, state, and local building codes and board of health and fire marshal regulations. This having been said, the College recognizes, and encourages others to be aware, that no environment is entirely free of risk. Each person must assume responsibility for his or her own safety both on-campus and off. With this in mind, the College encourages all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to take an active role in their own safety and security while on campus by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Walk in well-lighted and well-traveled areas after dark. Walk with a friend.
- Immediately report all suspicious persons, vehicles, or activities to a CSA.
- Immediately report all crimes, security problems, or hazardous conditions to a CSA.
- Never study alone in an isolated area of a campus building.
- Lock your car and secure valuables when at campus.
- Become familiar with emergency exits and the locations of fire alarm pull stations and extinguishers in your building.

Daily Crime Log

Pursuant to the Clery Act, institutions that maintain a campus police or security department are required to maintain a daily crime log. The log records criminal incidents and alleged criminal incidents that are reported to such personnel. Because the College does not maintain a campus police or security department, it does not maintain a daily crime log.

II. POLICIES AND INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The College is committed to protecting the safety, health, and well-being of its students, employees, and all people who come into contact with the College community. The abuse of alcoholic beverages, drugs, intoxicants, or other controlled substances (“substance abuse”) poses a direct and significant threat to this goal. Substance abuse can, among other things, impair thinking, reading, comprehension and verbal skills, produce mood swings, panic, and violent and bizarre behavior, and result in loss of physical control or death.

In an effort to create and maintain a campus environment free from such substance abuse, the College established its substance abuse prevention program. The program is consistent with the applicable sections of Federal Regulations 34 CFR Part 84 (Drug-Free Workplace) and Part 86 (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention), and is set forth for students and employees alike. It consists of two primary parts. First, the College developed its *Drug-Free Workplace Policy* (the “Substance Abuse Disclosure”), which includes detailed information on a wide range of topics relating to substance abuse, including standards of conduct, institutional and legal sanctions, health risks, prevention, and treatment options. Second, the College put into place a set of policies designed to ensure that the Substance Abuse Disclosure is widely distributed and discussed, and that the effectiveness of the disclosure and distribution protocols is subject to periodic evaluation.

Students and employees can obtain a copy of the College's complete Substance Abuse Disclosure (in electronic or hard copy format) by requesting a copy from the Campus Director. The College's *Substance Abuse Standards of Conduct* is as follows:

Substance Abuse Standards of Conduct

The College is dedicated to ensuring a learning and working environment free from substance abuse. Accordingly, and as a matter of policy, the College strictly prohibits students and employees from engaging in the following conduct.

- The unlawful use, possession, sale, conveyance, distribution, dispensing, purchase, storage, or manufacture of alcoholic beverages, drugs, intoxicants, or other controlled substances in any amount or in any manner:
 - on College premises (including in automobiles or any other vehicle parked on College property), as part of any College activity, or during work hours (including meal periods and breaks); or
 - off College premises, if doing so impairs their ability to perform their College-related duties in any way, presents a danger to the well-being and welfare of other students or employees, or compromises the reputation of the College.
- Reporting to the College (for any purpose) under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drugs, intoxicants, or other controlled substances.

Notwithstanding the Standards of Conduct detailed above, students and employees under the influence of over-the-counter or legally prescribed medication may continue to attend class or come to work, as long as they do not pose a threat to their own safety or the safety of others, or their performance is not adversely affected. Whether and to what extent performance is adversely affected will be determined by the College, in its sole discretion.

A student or employee with a medical condition that requires accommodation, including accommodation due to the effects of prescription medication, should request accommodation pursuant to the College's ADA Accommodation Policy. A student or employee under the influence of prescription medication may be required to take a leave of absence or comply with appropriate action as determined by the College.

III. POLICIES AND INFORMATION RELATING TO UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION

The College is committed to providing an environment for students and employees that is pleasant and free of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Accordingly, unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation by students, employees, co-workers, supervisors, managers, executives, directors, or any other member of the College community is strictly prohibited.

College employees have a duty and obligation to immediately report alleged instances of unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation to the Campus Director. Any student who feels that he or she has been subject to unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation also should immediately inform the Campus Director. In the event the employee or student feels the Campus Director is responsible for, or complicit in, the alleged misconduct, the individual may contact the President or Chief Executive Officer.

Upon receipt of a report of alleged unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, the College will investigate without delay. At times, it also may be necessary to undertake intermediate measures before completing an investigation to ensure that further unlawful conduct does not occur. The College's investigation will be conducted in an objective and impartial manner, and carried out in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the greatest extent possible. All pertinent facts will be carefully reviewed and the accused will be given a full opportunity to explain his or her conduct before any decision is reached. When the investigation is complete, the College will inform the person filing the complaint and the person alleged to have engaged in the unlawful conduct of the results of the investigation.

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has been committed by one of the College's employees, the College will take appropriate disciplinary action. Such action may range from counseling to immediate termination of employment. In the event the behavior in question does not lead to immediate termination of employment, but instead leads to some form of written warning, the disciplined employee will have an opportunity to defend his or her actions and rebut related allegations at the time the disciplinary action is issued.

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has been committed by one of the College's students, the College will take appropriate disciplinary action, consistent with the student disciplinary processes described in the *Campus Catalog*. Such action may range from suspension to termination. A student who has been suspended or terminated as a result of a disciplinary decision at the campus-level may appeal the determination pursuant to the appeal process set forth in the *Campus Catalog*.

Programs and Information to Prevent Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

When an accusation of discrimination or harassment is made, the College conducts mandatory web-based training for the employees involved relating to the prevention of unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation. Training also is conducted with all new employees as part of the new hire orientation process.

Primary prevention and awareness programs concerning unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation policy are conducted for all incoming students and new employees during their respective orientation processes, and ongoing prevention and awareness programs concerning unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation policy are conducted at least annually for all current students and employees. This includes the electronic distribution of the College's current *Campus Catalog* (which contains policies and information on the prohibition of unlawful harassment).

Additional information concerning the College's policies and procedures relating to the reporting, prevention, and management of unlawful harassment, discrimination, and retaliation are located in the *Campus Catalog*.

IV. POLICIES AND INFORMATION RELATING TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The College strictly prohibits sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking (collectively, "sexual violence") by employees and students, and will not tolerate any such conduct in any form. These offenses have the following meanings for purposes of the policies and procedures set out in this Report:

- *Sexual Assault* is defined as an offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

- *Domestic Violence* is defined as felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.
- *Dating Violence* is defined as violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- *Stalking* is defined as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

In addition, for purposes of this Report, the term *Consent* means expressed or implied assent. However, assent does *not* constitute consent if (1) it is given by a person who lacks the mental capacity to authorize the conduct and such mental incapacity is manifest or known to the actor, (2) it is given by a person who by reason of youth, mental disease or defect, or intoxication, is manifestly unable or known by the actor to be unable to make a reasonable judgment as to the nature or harmfulness of the conduct charged to constitute the offense, or (3) it is induced by force, duress or deception.

Reporting Incidents of Sexual Violence

If any individual (student or employee) is a victim of sexual violence, his or her first priority should be to locate a place of safety. He or she next should obtain any necessary medical treatment.

Victims are not required to report incidents of sexual violence. However, the College **strongly** advocates that subsequent to securing safety and medical care, any victim of sexual violence report the incident immediately to the College's Campus Security Authorities and to local law enforcement. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. Preserving evidence is very important, as it may be necessary to the proof of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, or in obtaining a protection order.

Reports may be made to the College's Campus Security Authorities in person or via telephone using the numbers set out above. Emergencies may be reported to local law enforcement in person or via telephone at 911. Non-emergencies may be reported to local law enforcement in person or via telephone at 219-769-3722. If any individual requires assistance notifying local law enforcement, the College's Campus Security Authorities can and will assist.

College employees who learn of an incident of sexual violence have a duty and an obligation to report any such incident to the College's Campus Director.

Individual who wish to make an anonymous report of an incident of sexual violence may do so using the procedures outlined above for anonymous reporting of crimes.

Rights, Services, and Accommodations for Victims in Matters Involving Allegations of Sexual Violence

Any student or employee who reports to the College that he or she has been a victim of sexual violence, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, shall be provided with a written explanation of his or her rights and options, services and accommodations available to victims, and an explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of alleged sexual violence. Information regarding the victim's rights and options, services, and accommodations, shall include:

- His or her options to (1) notify proper law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police; (2) be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement authorities if he or she so chooses; and (3) decline to notify such authorities.
- His or her rights and options for (and available assistance in) changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations if so requested and reasonably available, regardless of whether he or she chooses to report the crime to the authorities.
- His or her options for existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services, both within the College and in the campus community.

The College also will provide the victim with information concerning the range of available protective measures. Such protective measures may include escorts, special parking arrangements, providing a temporary cellphone, changing classroom location, work location or supervisors, or allowing a student to complete assignments from home.

Finally, where applicable, the College will inform the victim of his or her rights, and the College's responsibilities, regarding orders of protection, no contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court. The College complies with State law in recognizing orders of protection, and encourages any person who obtains an order from the State or any U.S. state to provide a copy to the College's Campus Security Authorities. Individuals may then meet with the College to develop a safety action plan, which is a plan for the College and the victim to reduce risk of harm while the individual is on campus or coming and going from campus.

Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings Involving Allegations of Sexual Violence

Any reported incident of sexual violence will be subject to a prompt, fair, and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result. This process will be conducted by the College's campus director. Such individual will receive training on the issues related to sexual violence and on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability. Though no specific timelines are prescribed for the completion of the investigation and hearing, the College anticipates completing these processes as quickly as possible, understanding that the quality and integrity of the processes cannot be compromised.

The investigation will include a period of fact gathering, a hearing, and a written determination. During the fact-gathering period, the College may conduct interviews and request documentation or other information from the accuser and the accused. Once the College has completed its fact gathering, it will schedule a hearing.

In connection with the proceedings, both the accuser and the accused will be provided with the definitions of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and consent in the applicable jurisdiction and as appropriate to the matter at hand.

The College will provide the accuser and the accused with the same opportunities to have others present, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice. Consistent with federal law, the College will not limit the choice of advisor or presence for either the accuser or the accused in any meeting or proceeding; however, the College has established the following restrictions regarding the extent to which the advisor may participate in the proceedings, which apply equally to both parties:

- Advisors may offer counsel and support to the party they represent, but they may not directly address the College's representatives, or any other party to the proceeding.
- Under no circumstances may they question, examine, or cross-examine any party to the proceeding.

A preponderance of the evidence standard will be utilized in the determination as to whether an incident of sexual violence has occurred. Both the accuser and the accused will be informed simultaneously in writing of the following:

- The outcome of any institutional disciplinary proceeding that arises from an allegation of sexual violence.
- The institution's procedures for the accused and the victim to appeal the results of the institutional disciplinary proceeding.
- Any change to the result that occurs prior to the time that such results become final.
- When such results become final.

Sanctions or protective measures that the College may impose following a final determination of an institutional disciplinary procedure regarding sexual violence may include, without limitation, suspension or expulsion from the College or termination of employment.

Confidentiality in Matters Involving Allegations of Sexual Violence

Throughout the investigative and disciplinary processes, the College will protect the accuser's identity by limiting the persons with knowledge of the matter to those directly involved in the proceedings, and by ensuring that all documentation relating to the proceedings is maintained by the College's Campus Director, apart from the standard student/employee filing systems. In this manner, the College will ensure that publically available record keeping may be accomplished without inclusion of identifying information about the accuser (to the extent permissible by law).

In addition, the College may change an accuser's academic situation in connection with any such investigation or proceeding, if the change is requested by the accuser and is reasonably available. The College will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the College to provide the accommodations or protective measures.

Programs and Information to Prevent Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking

The College provides educational programming to students and staff regarding the awareness of and prevention of sexual violence. Primary prevention and awareness programs concerning sexual violence are conducted for all incoming students and new employees during their respective orientation processes, and ongoing prevention and awareness programs concerning sexual violence are conducted at least annually for all current students and employees. These training programs include a review of the policies set out in this Report and, as appropriate, a review of the College's *Campus Catalog*.

In addition, as required under federal law, these programs specifically emphasize:

- That the College prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as those terms are defined in the Clery regulations (and set out in this Report).
- The definitions of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and consent (in reference to sexual activity) in the applicable jurisdiction.
- The information detailed in this Report regarding the (1) the rights, services, and processes available to the parties involved in a matter involving allegations of sexual violence; and (2) disciplinary proceedings involving allegations of sexual violence.
- Safe and positive options for bystander intervention that may be carried out by an individual to prevent harm or to intervene when there is a risk that another individual will experience domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- Information on risk reduction to recognize warning signs of abusive behavior and to avoid potential attacks.
- Information regarding existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, and other services available in the community.

Information Regarding Registered Sex Offenders

The State of Indiana sexual offender registration and monitoring laws are designed to protect the public from sexual or violent offenders by requiring offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction where they reside. Information about these offenders is then made available to the public. The State's registry provides an up-to-date listing of sexual and violent offenders who are required to register their whereabouts. The registry can be found online at the following link:

<http://www.icrimewatch.net/indiana.php>

Members of the campus community also may elect to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation's *National Sex Offender Public Website*, which provides law enforcement information provided by each state concerning registered sex offenders:

<http://www.fbi.gov/hq/cid/cac/registry.htm>

Reporting Suspected Physical or Sexual Abuse of Children

Any employee or student of the College who receives information related to suspected physical or sexual abuse of children *or* who reasonably suspects the physical or sexual abuse of a child should immediately report such information to his or her Campus Director. If there is reason to believe that immediate protection for the child is advisable, the individual also should report the suspected abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

V. TIMELY WARNING OF CERTAIN CRIMES

Should crimes or incidents occur, either on or off-campus, which, in the judgment of the College's Campus Director, do not pose an immediate threat but constitute an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued to the campus community in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences. This timely warning will be issued through the College e-mail system to students, faculty, and staff. Related information also will be posted in classrooms, in the learning resource center, on student bulletin boards, and in common areas, as appropriate. This timely warning will withhold the names and other identifying information of victims to ensure confidentiality.

VI. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The purpose of the College's emergency response and evacuation procedures is to establish policies, protocols, and an organizational structure ready to effectively respond to and manage on-campus emergency events. Accordingly, we outline below the administrative steps for response to, stabilization of, and recovery from an emergency incident, the specific procedures that the College will use to communicate with faculty, staff, students and the general public during an emergency, and the responsibilities of the campus staff tasked with executing emergency protocols.

General Emergency Evacuation and Notification Procedures

Should an event occur, either on or off-campus, which, in the judgment of the Campus Director, constitutes a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of the campus community, the Campus Director will verbally inform students and employees of the emergency or dangerous situation. As described in more detail below, the College will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of the Campus Director, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. If the Campus Director is unable to initiate the emergency notification, it will be carried out by one of the other Campus Security Authorities named above.

As noted above, emergency response notice is only for use upon the confirmation of an emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring at the campus. "Immediate" threat as used here encompasses an imminent or impending threat. "Confirmation" means that a Campus Security Authority has verified that a legitimate emergency or dangerous situation exists. Some examples of significant emergencies or dangerous situations are:

- Extreme weather (*e.g.*, tornado, flood)
- Earthquake
- Terrorist incident
- Armed person
- Bomb Threat
- Explosion

Examples of situations that would **not** necessitate an emergency response or alert include:

- Power outage
- Snow closure
- String of larcenies
- Minor altercation

As time permits, the Campus Director will determine whether, in his or her judgment, the information suggesting that an emergency has occurred is credible through consultation with other Campus Security Authorities and personal investigation of the reported emergency event. As noted above, the Campus Director also will consider whether issuing a notification or making an announcement would compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. Given the size and nature of the College campus, any emergency notification will be distributed to all members of the campus community (*i.e.*, the Campus Director will not limit the notification to select segments of the campus population).

In the event of an emergency, the Campus Director will craft a brief notification containing pertinent information about the nature of the emergency (*e.g.*, approaching tornado, gas leak) and include direction regarding the appropriate response (*e.g.*, take cover, evacuate). The Campus Director will determine the content of any such announcement, and once again, will modify the announcement, as needed, to ensure that it does not compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Evacuation Procedures

Should an emergency notification be made directing a general evacuation, all persons on campus should exit the building immediately by way of the nearest stairwell, marked with a lighted red exit sign, and follow the signs, exiting to the outside and quickly proceeding to the parking lot in back of the building. If the nearest stairwell is blocked, individuals should use another stairwell. Posted evacuation routes for each office or classroom space are located throughout the building, typically near the door. Persons should **not** use any elevator while evacuating. It is the responsibility of all able staff to assist any persons with disabilities in descending the stairwell quickly and safely.

Individuals who exit the building first must position themselves far enough away from the street to enable everyone to stand clear of emergency vehicles. The street must be kept clear at all times, so as not to hamper the movement of emergency vehicles into the area.

Once outside the building, the Campus Security Authorities will confirm that appropriate emergency personnel have been contacted, congregate all employees in the parking lot in front of the building, confirm that all employees and visitors are out of the building, and meet with emergency personnel at the front entrance to provide additional information. Staff members trained in CPR and rescue breathing should survey the individuals outside to determine if anyone is in need of first aid and provide such aid as required. Individuals should not re-enter the campus building for any reason until it is declared safe by the appropriate emergency personnel and the Campus Director has agreed to permit persons to re-enter.

Post-Emergency Measures

As soon as practicable following the occurrence of an emergency, the Campus Director will facilitate further response, support, and coordination efforts with and among external emergency response entities and the larger community (*e.g.*, local law enforcement authorities, fire department, emergency medical services,

disaster relief organizations). The goal of this assessment is to identify and avoid any remaining danger or risk to the safety or well-being of students, staff, and visitors to the College's location. Should the Campus Director determine that an ongoing or continuing threat to the campus community exists, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued in a manner consistent with the policies discussed above.

The Campus Security Authorities will work to maintain order and take necessary steps towards restoring general campus operations. Subsequent informational notifications will be communicated to students and staff via email, online notifications, and campus postings.

Preparation and Readiness

The College will conduct annual tests of emergency response system to ensure preparedness in the event of an actual emergency. Such tests may be announced or unannounced, and may include email or text message test alerts, scheduled drills or exercises, and appropriate follow-through activities designed for assessment and evaluation of emergency plans and capabilities. Documentation of any such test is maintained at the College, and includes a description of the exercise, the date and time at which it occurred, and whether it was announced or unannounced.

Through periodic emergency response training, fire and evacuation drills, the posting of this Report on the College's website, and the distribution of notices regarding this Report to new and current students and employees, the College publicizes emergency response and evacuation procedures to students and staff on an at least annual basis.

VII. CRIME STATISTICS

Preparation of the Annual Disclosure of Crime Statistics

As noted at the outset of this Report, a key feature of this document is the disclosure of statistics regarding certain types of crimes reported to the College or local law enforcement. Each year the College prepares these statistics with assistance from its Regulatory Affairs division, and in cooperation with the College's Campus Security Authorities and local law enforcement agencies. When compiling and preparing the statistics disclosed in this Report, the College solicits, collects, and examines (1) crime data received from local law enforcement, (2) incident reports filed by any member of the College or the College's Campus Security Authorities, (3) anonymous reports received through the College's anonymous reporting system, and (4) records of referrals for discipline. The College collects and examines data for crimes and incidents reported during the prior calendar year.

Clery Geography and Crime Location

Consistent with federal regulations, the College examines, collects, and reports statistics for crimes that are reported to local police agencies or to a Campus Security Authority during the prior calendar year, and that occurred on or within its "Clery geography." The law defines an institution's Clery geography to include:

- Buildings and property that are part of the College's campus;
- The institution's non-campus buildings and property; and
- Public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

When reporting crime statistics, the law requires an institution to specify in which of these three locations the reported crime occurred. In addition, institutions must identify, of the crimes that occurred on campus, the number that took place in dormitories or other residential facilities for students on campus.

The College collects and reports crimes consistent with these requirements. However, because the College does not own or operate any (1) non-campus buildings or property or (2) dormitories or other residential facilities for students, statistics are not reported for these categories of location.

Crime Classification and Reporting

Consistent with federal law, the College compiles and classifies crime information in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Statistics for murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, liquor law violations, drug law violations, and illegal weapons possession are compiled using the definitions of those crimes from the *Summary Reporting System (SRS) User Manual* from the FBI's UCR Program.
- Statistics for fondling, incest, and statutory rape are compiled using the definitions of those crimes from the *National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) User Manual* from the FBI's UCR Program.
- Statistics for the hate crimes of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction/damage/vandalism of property are compiled using the definitions provided in the *Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Manual* from the FBI's UCR Program.
- Statistics for dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking are compiled using the definitions set out earlier in this Report, which are taken from the federal regulations implementing the Clery Act.

Finally, in counting crimes when more than one offense was committed during a single incident, the College generally conforms to the requirements of the federal "Hierarchy Rule" located in the *Summary Reporting System (SRS) User Manual* (unless required to do otherwise under the law).

Though each year the College is only compiling crime statistics for crimes reported during the prior calendar year, the Report always includes the data for the three previous calendar years.

[See next page for Crime Statistics]

Merrillville, Indiana Campus						
CRIMINAL OFFENSES						
OFFENSE	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION					
	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	*	0	0	*	0	0
SEX OFFENSE/FORCIBLE	0	*	*	0	*	*
SEX OFFENSE/NON-FORCIBLE	0	*	*	0	*	*
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
* Data not reported in this category for this year, in accordance with federal laws.						
Note: Effective July 1, 2015, the Department of Education retired the "Sex Offenses/Forcible" and "Sex Offenses/Non-Forcible" reporting categories and replaced them with a single "Sex Offenses" category. Under the old reporting system, Sex Offenses/Forcible included (1) forcible rape, (2) forcible sodomy, (3) sexual assault with an object, and (4) forcible fondling; and Sex Offenses/Non-Forcible included (1) incest and (2) statutory rape. Under the new reporting system, the single category of Sex Offenses includes (1) rape, (2) fondling, (3) incest and (4) statutory rape.						
VAWA OFFENSES						
OFFENSE	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION					
	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
STALKING	0	0	0	0	0	0
HATE CRIMES						
There were no reported Hate Crimes for the years 2014, 2015 or 2016.						
ARRESTS AND DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS						
OFFENSE	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION					
	ON-CAMPUS PROPERTY			PUBLIC PROPERTY		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
ARRESTS:						
WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS:						
WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0