In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f), 34 CFR 668.46)
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Dear Community Member:

I am pleased to offer this introduction to the 2018 Campus Safety Report for the 2017 calendar year for Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

Not only does this report comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, it is part of our continuous effort to inform our campus community of the safety programs and services available and the steps you can take to maintain your safety and the security of others.

The safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors is our paramount concern. The best protections against campus crime are a strong law enforcement presence; an informed, aware, and alert campus community; and a commitment to reporting suspicious activities and using common sense when carrying out daily activities.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is dedicated to reducing risk and the potential for crime. However, safety and security is a shared responsibility. We invite our current and prospective community members to contribute to the safety and security of our campus, and we welcome your suggestions and recommendations.

If you have any questions concerning this safety report, please contact the University Police Department at (903) 334-6611.

Sincerely,

Emily F. Cutrer
Ph.D.
President

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana University Police Department (UPD) prepares this report on an annual basis to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. This report is prepared with the cooperation of the local police department, Office of Student Life, Office of Residence Life, Office of Admissions, Human Resources Office, and the Judicial Affairs Officer.

Campus crime arrest and referral statistics include those reported to local police where crimes occur on the street in front of our campus, designated campus officials, and campus security authorities. This would include Deans, Judicial Affairs Officer, Residence Life Coordinator, Resident Advisors, Faculty advisors to student groups, coaches, Human Resource Officers, and Office of Student Life staff.

Annual Security Report Notifications

Each year, an e-mail notification is sent to all enrolled students that provides the link to this report. Faculty and staff also receive an e-mail notification. The Admissions Office homepage on the Texas
A&M University-Texarkana website gives the website address for this report. Copies of this report can be obtained at the University Police Department at the Central Plant Building, 7101 University Ave., Texarkana, Texas, 75503. Prospective employees are given this information in job application packets.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana is committed to putting the health and safety of our students, employees, and visitors above all other priorities. There is nothing more important than a human life. This report is designed to inform students and employees of various policies, procedures, and prevention methods employed by the University. This report also informs students and staff of the type and amount of crime that has occurred on the campus over the past three years.

**Campus Law Enforcement Policies**

**Police Department Overview**
The TAMUT University Police Department (UPD) reports to the Vice President for Finance and Administration. TAMUT UPD works closely with all departments in preparing the Annual Security Report to ensure a clear and accurate report is available to all the University’s students, faculty, and staff.

**Jurisdiction**
TAMUT UPD has seven (7) licensed, commissioned Police Officers and two (2) Security Officers. These officers will readily assist students, staff, and faculty in any way possible. Our Police Officers are certified Texas Peace Officers as defined in Article 2.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, pursuant to section 51.203 of the Texas Education Code. The primary jurisdiction of TAMUT UPD officers includes all counties in which property is owned, leased, rented or otherwise under the control of Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

**Arrest Authority**
As peace officers, the TAMUT UPD have the same authority as municipal, county and state peace officers and are authorized to carry firearms and make arrests when needed.

**Enforcement Authority**
TAMUT UPD is staffed by the Chief of Police, one Sergeant, one Corporal, 4 commissioned Peace Officers, and 2 Security Officers. The UPD is linked to city, state, and federal criminal justice agencies, which provide access to criminal records, wanted persons, stolen property, and vehicle information. All crimes reported to TAMUT UPD are investigated and are referred for prosecution through the Offices of the County Attorney and District Attorney when appropriate. Criminal matters involving university students may also be referred to university administration for disciplinary action.

**Working Relationships and Agreements**
A close working relationship has been maintained with the Texarkana Texas Police Department, as well as other State and Federal Agencies. A Mutual Aid agreement is in place with the Texarkana Texas Police Department.

**Campus Law Enforcement Telephone Directory**
Website: [University Police](#)

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### Incident Reporting and Response

Any on-campus emergency, whether a criminal offense or suspected criminal activity, should be reported immediately. Students are encouraged to report this information to the UPD by calling 6611 from any campus phone or 903-334-6611 from a cell phone. Blue Boy emergency phones in the main parking lot and the Bringle Lake Village parking lot are another way to contact UPD. Students can also call the Texarkana Texas Police Department by dialing 911.

If a crime is not reported promptly, evidence may be destroyed, leads could be missed, and the potential to apprehend a suspect could be lost. Reporting crimes promptly allows campus officials to know what is really happening in the community so that proper steps can be taken to help solve, reduce or prevent crimes. Crimes that are not reported to authorities could give the campus community a false sense of safety, so we encourage reports for any and all violations.

### Reporting Criminal Offenses to University Officials: Campus Security Authorities

The UPD encourages anyone who is a victim or witness to any crime to report the incident to the police accurately and promptly. As an option, criminal offenses may also be reported to designated Campus Security Authorities (CSA) including, but not limited to, Director of Student Life, Deans, Human Resource Officers, Director of Residence Life, Coordinator of Student Activities, Director of Recreation and Wellness, Resident Advisors, and Advisors to student organizations. If a crime is reported to a CSA, they must, in turn, notify UPD officers with this information. Even if the reporting person does not want a police investigation, the CSA must still report the information to the UPD, and that crime will be reported in the Annual Security Report. Staff counselors are also encouraged to advise victims of crimes to report them to police, even if anonymously, so the crime will be included in the crime statistics. The UPD, Student Services Offices, and other Campus Security Authorities will accept confidential and anonymous reports of crime for inclusion in the annual statistical report.

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Confidential and Anonymous Reporting of Crimes
If you are a victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the University System or the Criminal Justice System, you may still file a confidential report. You can contact the UPD or any of the Campus Security Authorities and report a crime without revealing your identity. The University can then keep an accurate record of the number of crimes, reveal crime patterns, and be able to alert the campus community to potential dangers. Felony Crimes on-campus can also be reported anonymously by calling the local Crime Stoppers number: 903-793-7867.

Missing Students
The TAMUT Missing Student Notification Policy contains procedures for missing students who reside in on-campus housing. The purpose of this policy is to promote the safety and welfare of students.

If a member of the Texas A&M University-Texarkana campus community has reason to believe that a student who resides on-campus is missing, he or she should notify the campus Police Department (UPD) at 903-334-6611 and the Residence Life Coordinator at 903-223-1355 so they can investigate whether the student is actually missing.

If UPD determines that the student is missing and has been for more than 24-hours, the UPD will notify the student’s emergency contact no later than 24-hours after the student is determined to be missing. If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated (independent legal status) individual, UPD will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately after the student has been determined to be missing for more than 24-hours. UPD will also notify the Texarkana Texas Police Department once it has been determined that a student has been missing for more than 24-hours.

On their admissions application, students have the option to identify an “emergency contact”, an individual confidentially to be contacted in the event the student is determined to be missing for more than 24-hours to the UPD. Students can change their emergency contact at any time by contacting the Registrar’s Office in writing. If a student has identified such an individual, UPD will notify that individual no later than 24-hours after the student is determined to be missing.

Timely Warning Policy
The TAMUT UPD Chief of Police or a designee will develop Timely Warning notices for the University Community to notify members of the community about serious crimes against people that occur on-campus or contiguous to campus, where it is determined that the incident may pose a serious or continuing threat to members of the TAMUT community. These warnings will be distributed if the incident is reported either to UPD directly or to UPD indirectly through a campus security authority or any local police agency. The Chief will determine if the release of the Crime Alert would compromise law enforcement efforts and determine the appropriate time for the release to be made.

The Department issues/posts Crime Alerts for incidents of criminal homicide, aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, arson, and other crimes as determined necessary by the Chief of Police, or his or her designee in his or her absence.

A Timely Warning notice will typically include the following unless issuing any of this information would risk compromising law enforcement efforts:

- Date and time or timeframe of the incident
- A brief description of the incident
If you hear a fire alarm:

- Leave the building immediately, closing all doors behind you.
- Follow the main evacuation routes which are primarily the staircases located throughout the buildings, and then proceed to the South parking lot.
- If you must evacuate through smoke, get low to the floor and crawl.
- If you must open doors while evacuating, test the door before opening. Use the back of your hand to touch the door, the doorknob, and door frame. If they are hot, do not open the door.
- Use stairways, never an elevator.
- Once outside, assemble at the South parking lot located next to the STEM building and do not return to the building until the Fire Department or University Police Department have indicated the building is safe to re-enter.
- If you are trapped, try to stay as calm as possible. Try to get to a room with an outside window and a telephone. Call 911 and give them your exact location. If there is no phone, wave an object out the window to signal for help. Keep all doors between you and the fire closed. Cover all vents and seal cracks around the door to keep out smoke. Be as calm and patient as possible. Rescue personnel will arrive to assist you.

If there is a tornado:

- Move in an orderly manner to the designated location within the building for shelter.
  - Science & Technology Building: the interior stairwell on the first floor; first floor restrooms or the west hallway where there is no glass.
  - University Center: restrooms, hallways on the southeast and southwest ends of the building, kitchen area, men’s and women’s locker areas in the fitness center.

UPD will draft the alert and an e-mail containing the proposed Crime Alert, and forward it to the President’s Office, Vice President for Finance and Administration (VPFA), and the Director of Communications. After review or revision, the Director of Communications will transmit the e-mail containing the Crime Alert to the University community as a blast e-mail. Updates to the TAMUT community about any particular case resulting in a crime alert also may be distributed electronically via blast e-mail or posted on the University’s Website.

Crime Alerts may also be posted in campus buildings when deemed necessary. When a Crime Alert is posted in campus buildings, it shall be printed on orange paper and be posted in the lobby/entrance area of the affected building(s) for seven (7) days. Crime Alerts are filed in the case jacket with the corresponding incident report.

Emergency Response and Evacuation Policy

Texas A&M University-Texarkana updated its Emergency Management Plan in the summer of 2017. The plan was developed using the “all-hazards” approach to emergency management. The University will conduct an exercise annually to test the effectiveness of the plan. This may consist of a table-top exercise or an actual drill that would test some aspect of the plan. Fire and evacuation drills will be held each semester.

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If there is an evacuation emergency (Toxic Chemical Spill, Bomb Threat, Flooding):

- UPD officers will advise the campus community through the SchoolMessenger system and/or the public address systems in each building.
- Take only essentials with you.
- Turn off lights and computers and close doors as you go.
- Familiarize yourself with the Evacuation Route maps that are in all of the offices/classrooms of all buildings, including the BLV Dorm.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Do not use the elevators! Take the stairs.
- If the whole campus needs to evacuate and you are in your vehicle, protect against hazardous materials by keeping windows closed and outside air conditioning systems turned off until well out of the danger area.
- Go to the Building Evacuation Assembly Areas discussed during orientation.
- SchoolMessenger will provide updates.

Emergency Response Team
The University has developed a volunteer Emergency Response Team that will assist in fires, evacuations, and other emergency situations. This team has received training in light search and rescue, first aid and CPR, AED’s (Automatic External Defibrillator), and fire extinguisher training.

Emergency Notification System
In the event of an actual emergency on campus, the University has several systems in place for communicating information quickly to the campus community. Texas A&M University-Texarkana uses the SchoolMessenger Emergency Notification System. This is an emergency notification system that gives the University the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via phone, e-mail, and text messages. The Director of Communications and IT Department notify the community via web pages and electronic signage. Each building is also equipped with a PA system that will be utilized during emergencies.

Texas A&M University-Texarkana will, without delay, notify the University community of any immediate threat to the health and/or safety of students or employees occurring on-campus. The Communications Manager (with the Director of IT as backup) will then activate the Emergency Notification System, unless the notification shall in some way compromise the efforts to assist victims or contain, respond to or mitigate the emergency. If the group determines the surrounding community should also be notified, the Communications Manager shall contact local radio, television and news services.

The types of incidents that may cause an immediate threat to the TAMUT community could include but are not limited to emergencies such as: an active shooter on-campus, hostage/barricade situation, a riot, suspicious package with confirmation of a device, a tornado, a fire/explosion, suspicious death, structural damage to a TAMUT owned or controlled facility, biological threat (anthrax, etc.), significant flooding, a gas leak, hazardous materials spill, etc. The notification will be distributed if the incident is reported either to UPD directly or to UPD indirectly through a Campus Security Authority (CSA), any local police agency or other appropriate agency. UPD has a responsibility to respond to such incidents to determine if the situation does, in fact, pose an immediate threat to the community.
The UPD supervisor on duty or senior officer is responsible for immediately notifying the UPD Chief of Police or designee of any situation that poses an immediate threat to the community. The Chief of Police or designee will notify the TAMUT Director of Communications or President’s Office, depending on the type of emergency, of the need for an emergency notification. The Director of Communications will notify the President and appropriate senior administrators.

The Chief or designee 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 judgment of the first responders including, but not limited to: UPD, Texarkana Texas Police Department, Texarkana Texas Fire Department, Bowie County Sheriff’s Office, compromise the efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

An Emergency Management Plan is in place to direct students and staff in exact procedures to follow in any given emergency. The plan was updated in 2017 and can be found on the University website here: http://www.tamut.edu/about/Administration/university-police/emp-9-16.pdf

**Registering for Emergency Notifications**
As of the Fall of 2011, the Texas Legislature passed a law requiring all universities to automatically enroll students, staff, and faculty into our emergency alert system. All students, staff and faculty are now automatically enrolled in the SchoolMessenger System and have the option of opting out of the system if they so desire. If anyone would like to opt-out or change preferences, go to https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/tamut/subscriber/ to do so.

**The Daily Crime Log**
TAMUT UPD maintains a Daily Crime Log which is updated each business day and contains all crimes reported to UPD. This log contains every reported crime on-campus, not merely Clery Reportable Crimes. It identifies the nature of the crime, location, date and time occurred, date the crime was reported to the TAMUT UPD, and disposition. The Daily Crime Log is located in the Central Plant in the UPD main office and is available for review upon request.

**Security of and Access to Campus Facilities**

**General Provisions**
Texas A&M University-Texarkana is a public and open campus. For that reason, no effort is made to restrict the general public from entering the campus. However, the University Police Department reserves the right to ban individuals from the campus if they are considered a threat to the well-being of the campus community.

Providing a secure campus is of the utmost importance to the University. The University, through various crime prevention programs, has made every attempt to provide a safe, secure environment for students and staff. Students and staff must also assist the University, by being responsible for their own safety and the safety of others.

**Residence Halls**
The Bringle Lake Village dormitory opened in August of 2011 allowing students to live on-campus all year long, and their safety is paramount. Campus safety is promoted through regular maintenance of buildings and grounds, including the prompt replacement of non-operating lights and the trimming of bushes and hedges from building entrances and walkways.
The Bringle Lake Village dormitory is locked 24-hours a day and entry can only be gained by residents with a key card. Security cameras are located throughout the BLV dormitory and its parking lot, as well as all other buildings and parking lots throughout the campus. The campus is inspected by UPD Officers for safety hazards on a daily basis and the Environmental Health & Safety Officer monthly.

The Bringle Lake campus has numerous security features. All buildings at the Bringle Lake campus are equipped with video cameras inside and outside the buildings. There are now eight emergency phones (Blue Boys) on the walkways, and in the main parking lots. The BLV dormitory has one phone in each of its parking lots. These phones have a blue light at the top of the device and are easily seen in the parking lot. To use a Blue Boy phone, simply push the call button, and you will be connected to a police/security officer on-campus.

Fire alarm/evacuation drills are conducted every semester. Fire alarm drills are conducted at least once a semester at the BLV dormitory. A police/security officer is on duty 24-hours a day and will assist any student or staff in getting to their vehicle safely. UPD personnel will also assist in opening locked car doors and providing jump-starts when needed. The UPD has an I.D. Program to help protect property from theft by engraving driver’s license numbers on personal property. Engravers are available for check out at the UPD which is located in the Central Plant Building.

**Parking Facilities**
Campus Parking lots are patrolled by TAMUT UPD 24-hours a day. All lots are illuminated and have clear parking signage. Blue Boy emergency phones are located in the main parking lots and on the walkways. All vehicles parked on campus are required to have a current TAMUT parking tag properly displayed on the vehicle. All visitors are required to park in visitor parking, or request a temporary parking pass from the UPD in the Central Plant.

**Academic and Administrative Buildings**
Academic and Administrative Buildings are open to the public Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Outside of normal business hours, these buildings are locked, and can only be accessed with an assigned swipe card or building key. All buildings are surveilled by cameras and monitored by the UPD in the Central Plant. TAMUT UPD patrol the buildings on a regular basis.

**Maintenance of Campus Facilities**
TAMUT contracts with SSC Services for Education for Custodial, Grounds Management, and Plant Operations/Maintenance. Faculty and staff are encouraged to report maintenance problems on the Maintenance Connection website: [www.maintenanceconnection.com/website/](http://www.maintenanceconnection.com/website/).

**Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Drugs, and Weapons**

**Alcohol and Drug Policy**
All members of the campus community are expected to abide by state and federal laws regarding controlled substances, illegal drugs, and alcoholic beverages. The possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs (as defined by the Texas Penal Code) on-campus is strictly prohibited and is a violation of state law. Violations can result in both University disciplinary action and criminal prosecution.

TAMUT provides drug and/or substance abuse prevention information and referral counseling services to any A&M-Texarkana officer, employee, or student. Employees can contact the Human Resources Department for more information at 903-223-1360. Students can contact the Office of Student Life on
Health Risks of Drugs and Alcohol

Health hazards associated with excessive use of alcohol dependency include dramatic behavioral changes, retardation of motor skills, and impairment of reasoning and rational thinking. These factors result in higher incidence of accidents and accidental death for such persons than for nonusers of alcohol.

People who consume large amounts of alcohol over a short period of time can reach very high blood alcohol levels before they pass out. This can lead to decreased breathing and death. Vomiting associated with high levels of alcohol may also cause choking and death. If you need help with an intoxicated friend:

- Keep calm and get lots of help. Individuals with high alcohol-blood levels can be unpredictable and violent.
- Speak in a firm, clear, reassuring manner.
- Stay with a person who is vomiting. If the victim is lying down, turn them on their side, keep the tongue from falling back into the throat and protect them from choking.
- Monitor the person. If they become unconscious or appear to have problems breathing, seek medical help immediately by calling 911.
- Don’t try to walk, run or exercise the person, and don’t try to keep them awake.
- Don’t try to restrain them without a lot of sober assistance.
- Don’t force anything orally—food, liquids, or drugs—in an attempt to sober them up.
- Don’t try to give them a cold shower—this can be very dangerous.

Nutrition also suffers, and vitamins and mineral deficiencies are frequent. Prolonged alcohol abuse causes bleeding from the intestinal tract, damage to nerves and the brain, liver damage, psychotic behavior and loss of memory and coordination. Other risks include impotence, inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to bone marrow, the heart, testes, ovaries, and muscles. Damage to nerves and organs can be irreversible.

Use of illicit drugs may lead to physiological and mental changes similar to those caused by alcohol, although changes are usually more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is also more frequent. Illicit drugs are commonly classified in seven categories: cocaine, amphetamines, heroin and other opiates, hallucinogens, solvent inhalants, steroids, and marijuana. In addition to adverse effects associated with use of a particular drug, intravenous-drug users who use unsterilized needles or who share needles with others can develop AIDS, hepatitis, and other harmful diseases.

Weapons Policy

Texas Senate Bill 11 allows people with a handgun license to carry concealed handguns in permitted areas on campus. The President is allowed to designate certain areas on campus where the carrying of concealed handguns by license holders is prohibited, subject to System and legislative review. The handguns must remain concealed. The open carrying of a handgun on campus is prohibited. Licensed peace officers are authorized by law to carry firearms at all times.
When in the residence hall, any resident of campus housing who is a handgun license holder must store their handgun when not carried on or about their person in a safe that is provided and installed by A&M-Texarkana.

A license holder cannot carry a concealed handgun in the following areas:

- Student Counseling Center
- Psychology Laboratory
- Premises where Programs for Minors are held
- Premises on which interscholastic events are hosted by A&M-Texarkana and where minors are the primary participants/audience
- Specific premises in which formal hearings are being conducted pursuant to university rules or procedures for faculty and staff disciplinary matters, student conduct proceedings, and academic grievances
- Testing Center
- Laboratories that have in their bounds flammable organic solvents, flammable liquids, or unstable (reactive chemicals)
- Fitness Center
- Any premises where the university, as directed or approved by the president as necessary for campus safety, gives effective notice on a temporary basis
- Any portion of the campus leased by the university to a third party, if the third party determines to prohibit the concealed carry of handguns on the premises and provides effective notice
- Assigned offices, as approved by the president, for which the employee has demonstrated that the carrying of a concealed handgun by a license holder in the office presents a significant risk of substantial harm due to a negligent discharge

**Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking**

It is the policy of Texas A&M University-Texarkana that the University will not tolerate physical abuse, threats of violence, physical assault, or any form of sexual assault or abuse including, but not limited to, acquaintance or date rape, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking. In addition, all such acts of sexual violence are considered forms of Sexual Harassment covered under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972. A&M-Texarkana considers it essential to provide Sexual Assault Awareness Programs for students and employees, aimed at the prevention of such crimes. The UPD and the Student and Academic Support Service Office offer brochures and other literature aimed at promoting awareness of rape, date rape, dating violence of any kind, domestic violence, stalking and other sex offenses. The Office of Student Life shows a training video on Sexual Assault awareness to all new students each semester. Speakers from various agencies are invited to the campus to present programs on sexual assault awareness, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. This same information is presented to all new employees at new employee orientations.

**Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual misconduct is a violation of University standards of conduct for students, faculty, staff, and the University community, as well as a violation of the law.

Sexual misconduct includes, but is not limited to, forcing, threatening to force, coercing, or deceiving another to engage in sexual activity, or engaging in sexual activity with another knowing that the activity
is offensive or unwanted by that person or that person is unable to assess the nature of or control the conduct. Sexual misconduct also includes engaging in sexual activity with another when that person has impaired judgment or control due to alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants. Engaging in sexual conduct without consent is a serious offense; furthermore, such consent, whether verbal or non-verbal may be withdrawn at any time, without regard to activity preceding the withdrawal of consent.

The University will not tolerate such offenses that may cause not only physical harm but also emotional harm. The University is committed to treating victims with dignity and respect. Hearing proceedings will strive to accommodate the needs of individuals while collecting information and hearing from any potential witnesses. Violators of this policy may also be subject to criminal prosecution. All members of the University community are asked to report violations of this policy to appropriate authorities by calling the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Office at 903-223-3062, the University Police at 903-334-6611, Texarkana Texas Police at 911 or by filling out an incident report form on the Student Life Website here.

It is the desire of the University to maintain an academic and work environment free of sexual violence for students, faculty, and staff. Sexual harassment violates the University’s long-standing policy against discrimination on the basis of sex and is also illegal. It is prohibited in the employment context by Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and in the education context by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. A complaint under this policy may be brought by a student based on the conduct of any University community member.

Sexual Misconduct offenses include, but are not limited to Sexual Harassment, Non-Consensual Sexual Contact (or attempts to commit same), Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse (or attempts to commit same), and Sexual Exploitation.

**Sexual Harassment:** Sexual Harassment is unwelcome, gender-based verbal or physical conduct that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of unreasonably interfering with, denying or limiting someone’s ability to participate in or benefit from the University’s educational program or activities, and is based on power differentials (quid pro quo), the creation of a hostile environment, or retaliation.

**Non-Consensual Sexual Contact:** any intentional sexual touching, however slight, with any object, by a man or a woman upon a man or a woman that is without consent and/or by force; intentional contact with the breasts, buttock, groin, or genitals, or touching another with any of these body parts, or making another touch you or themselves with or on any of these body parts; any intentional bodily contact in a sexual manner, though not involving contact with/of/by breasts, buttocks, groin, genitals, mouth or other orifice.

**Non-Consensual Sexual Intercourse:** any sexual intercourse, however slight, by any person upon another person that is without consent and/or by force.

**Sexual Exploitation:** an act or acts committed through non-consensual abuse or exploitation of another person’s sexuality for the purpose of sexual gratification, financial gain, personal benefit or advantage, or any other non-legitimate purpose.
Procedures for Reporting Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking

If any crime of sexual assault, stalking, domestic violence and dating violence does occur, the victim is encouraged to report the incident to the UPD and/or the Texarkana Texas Police Department. If any of these crimes are reported to any A&M-Texarkana employee, that employee will assist the subject in notifying University Police at 903-334-6611 and/or the city Police Department by calling 911. Texas A&M University-Texarkana has a staff counselor who will respond to the hospital and liaison with the victim. The counselor will also provide aftercare counseling at no cost to the student.

Victims of domestic violence, sexual assaults, dating violence or stalking crimes must decide whether to call the police and press charges in these cases. Many of these suspects in these type cases are repeat offenders, and your report may prevent future acts from occurring. Even if the police are not notified the University will conduct a Title IX investigation into the incident. On-campus disciplinary action in cases of alleged sexual assault, domestic abuse, dating violence and stalking will be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Both the accuser and the accused have the same opportunity to have witnesses present during a campus disciplinary proceeding. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceeding brought at the same time. If the accused is a student at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, the Vice President for Student Engagement and Success shall appoint a Hearing Committee who shall hear the facts of the case. If the Hearing Committee determines the student’s behavior violates acceptable University conduct, the VPSES may suspend or expel the student from the University. Victims of sexual assault will be notified of various options for changing academic schedules and living situations upon their request.

The policies in this section also apply to other forms of Sexual Harassment.

Sexual harassment can be a very serious matter having far-reaching effects on the lives and careers of individuals. Intentionally false accusations can have a similar impact. The charge of sexual harassment is not to be taken lightly by a charging party, an accused party, or any member of the University community. A person who knowingly and intentionally files a false complaint under this policy is subject to disciplinary action. The employment and educational environment throughout Texas A&M University-Texarkana shall be free from all forms of sexual discrimination and sexual harassment. Conduct constituting sexual harassment is specifically prohibited and will result in appropriate sanctions. Sexual Harassment, as defined in Section 39.03 of the Texas Penal Code, is a Class A misdemeanor and a violation of State and Federal statutes.

Further definition and clarification is found in System Policy 08.01.01 Civil Rights Compliance. This policy may be viewed here or may be obtained through the Human Resource/Civil Rights Protection Officer or the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs. A student having a complaint of sexual harassment may be directed to the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

In some cases, an informal resolution process will be used in sexual misconduct cases. An informal complaint is intended to result in the resolution of the complaint and an immediate halt of the unwelcome behavior. If the offending behavior does not cease, a formal complaint may be filed in writing with the Human Resource/Civil Rights Protection Officer or the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.

Any student found responsible for violating the policy on Non-Consensual or Forced Sexual Contact (where no intercourse has occurred) will likely receive a sanction ranging from probation to expulsion, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous campus conduct code violations.

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1 The informal process can never be used in cases of sexual assault.
Any student found responsible for violating the policy on Non-Consensual or Forced Sexual Intercourse will likely face a recommended sanction of suspension or expulsion.

Any student found responsible for violating the policy on sexual exploitation, or sexual harassment will likely receive a recommended sanction ranging from a warning to expulsion, depending on the severity of the incident, and taking into account any previous campus conduct code violations.

The University reserves the right to take whatever measures it deems necessary in response to an allegation of sexual misconduct in order to protect students’ rights and personal safety. Such measures include, but are not limited to, modification of living arrangements, interim suspension from campus pending a hearing, and reporting the matter to the local police. Not all forms of sexual misconduct will be deemed to be equally serious offenses, and the University reserves the right to impose different sanctions, ranging from verbal warning to expulsion, depending on the severity of the offense. The University will consider the concerns and rights of both the complainant and the person accused of sexual misconduct.

**Guidelines or Suggestions to Follow After an Incident of Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Stalking**

If a student or an acquaintance is a victim of an act of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, the following may serve as a resource for receiving and connecting to services:

- **Get to a Safe Place** – the victim should seek a safe location such as apartment/home, residence hall, or the residence of a trusted friend or relative.
- **Contact the University Police or 911** - In addition, the victim may choose to file a report with the UPD or the local Texarkana Texas Police Department.
- **Get Medical Attention as Soon as Possible.**
- **Try to Preserve all Physical Evidence.** Place clothing in a paper, not plastic bag. Save text messages, social networking pages, e-mails, pictures, or other documents that might be useful to police or investigators.
- **Write it Down** - You should try to write down as much information about the circumstance of the incident including a description of the suspect.

The TAMUT Police Department is located at the Central Plant Building or can be reached by calling 903-334-6611. Any member of the University staff or faculty can help direct the victim to call the University Police or the local police department. The police may conduct an investigation based on potential criminal activity related to the situation reported, but please be aware that a police investigation is not the same as an investigation through the Office of Student Affairs. You may file complaints simultaneously with the Police and the University’s Office of Student Affairs. The victim also has the right to decline calling the University Police or local police.

**Medical Treatment**

Get medical treatment as soon as possible. The victim’s health and safety is the most important factor. A doctor or nurse can check for injuries that may not be visible and can treat for possible sexually transmitted diseases. Hospital staff may also perform a sexual assault exam to collect evidence. This exam can be completed even if the victim chooses not to involve the police and file a report. This exam will help preserve evidence in case the victim decides to file a police report on a later date. The victim may also elect to go to their own family care physician for medical assessment and treatment. Medical professionals are

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2 The University reserves the right to broaden or lessen any range of recommended sanctions in the case of serious mitigating circumstances or egregiously offensive behavior.
not required to call law enforcement because an adult patient they are treating has been sexually assaulted (if the victim is a minor they will have to call the police). Victims of domestic violence and dating violence should also see a doctor for treatment and documentation of injuries received.

If the victim thinks they might want to have a sexual assault examination, they should do their best to preserve evidence. Do not shower, bathe, eat, drink, wash hands, or brush teeth until after the exam. If the victim believes he or she was drugged, he or she should wait to urinate until arriving at the hospital. However, if the victim cannot wait to collect his or her first urine at a local medical facility, the victim should collect urine in a clean container with a lid and take it to the emergency room or police station. Both CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital Emergency Room and Wadley Regional Medical Center Emergency Room have Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners who can provide a forensic examination. Their addresses are listed below:

CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital Wadley Regional Medical Center
2600 St. Michael Drive 1000 Pine Street
Texarkana, TX 75503 Texarkana, TX 75501

**Confidentiality/Privacy**
The University will weigh the request for privacy and respond:

1. If a victim discloses an incident to a “responsible employee” but wishes to maintain privacy or request that no investigation into a particular incident is conducted or disciplinary action taken, the University will weigh the request against the University’s obligation to provide a safe, non-discriminatory environment for all students, including the victim.
2. If the University honors the request for privacy, a victim must understand that the University’s ability to meaningfully investigate the incident and pursue disciplinary action against the alleged respondent(s) may be limited.
3. There are times when the University may not be able to honor a victim’s request in order to provide a safe, nondiscriminatory environment for all students.
4. The University has designated the following individual(s) to evaluate requests for privacy once a “responsible employee” is on notice of alleged sexual assault: a) Title IX Coordinator b) Two Title IX Deputy Coordinators.
5. When weighing a victim’s request for privacy or that no investigation or discipline be pursued, such individuals will consider a range of factors, including the following:

   a) The increased risk that the alleged respondent(s) will commit additional acts of sexual abuse or other violations.
   b) Whether there have been other sexual violence complaints about the same alleged respondent.
   c) Whether the alleged respondent(s) has a history of arrests or records from a prior school indicating a history of violence.
   d) Whether the alleged respondent(s) threatened further sexual violence or other violence against the victim or others.
   e) Whether multiple respondent(s) committed the sexual violence.
   f) Whether the sexual violence was perpetrated with a weapon.
   g) Whether the victim is a minor.
   h) Whether the University possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence of the sexual violence (e.g., security cameras or personnel, physical evidence, University Police Department reports).
i) Whether the victim’s report reveals a pattern of behavior (e.g., via illicit use of drugs or alcohol) at a given location or by a particular group.

6. The presence of one or more of these factors will lead the University to investigate and, if appropriate, pursue disciplinary action. If none of these factors are present, the University will likely respect the victim’s request for privacy.

7. If it is determined that the victim’s privacy cannot be maintained, the victim will be notified in writing prior to starting an investigation and will, to the extent possible, only share information with staff responsible for coordinating or conducting the investigation.

8. The University will remain ever mindful of the victim’s well-being and will provide information on how the victim can take steps to prevent retaliation or harm.

Written Request
The University will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary hearing conducted by the University against the student who is the alleged perpetrator of the crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, the institution will provide the results of the disciplinary hearing to the victim’s next of kin, if requested in writing.

Resources, Rights, and Options for Victims
In addition to the option of pressing criminal charges against a respondent, the victim may apply for a legal order of protection from a court. A protective order protects victims of dating violence and domestic violence by ordering the respondent not to commit further acts of violence against the victim; not to harass, threaten, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment, or embarrass the victim; not to communicate with the victim in a threatening or harassing manner; and to stay away from the victim’s residence, work, or school. An application for a protective order is free. If the victim is 18 years old or older, the victim can seek a protective order for himself or herself. If the victim is under 18, the victim can have any adult apply for one on their behalf. To apply for a protective order for dating violence, the respondent must be someone s/he are dating, or someone s/he used to date and s/he must have physically harmed the victim or attempted or threatened to harm the victim physically. The application for a protective order must be filed in the county in which the victim or the respondent lives. The court will grant a protective order once the victim proves that dating violence has occurred and that it is likely to occur again. Should the victim choose to seek out a protective order, the victim may apply for one through the Domestic Violence Unit at the Bowie County District Attorney at 903-735-4800.

The victim may also wish to consult the local social services contained below:

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<td>TAMUT UPD</td>
<td>903-334-6611</td>
<td>Central Plant, 7101 University Avenue, Texarkana, TX 75503</td>
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<td>Texarkana Texas Police Department</td>
<td>903-798-3116</td>
<td>100 N. State Line Ave. #16, Texarkana, TX 75501</td>
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<td>Texarkana Arkansas Police Department</td>
<td>903-798-3130</td>
<td>100 N. State Line Ave. #17, Texarkana, TX 75501</td>
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<td>TAMUT Employee Assistance Program (Deer Oaks)</td>
<td>1-888-993-7650</td>
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<td>TAMUT Student Counseling Office</td>
<td>903-223-3186</td>
<td>University Center Room 427</td>
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<td>Southwest Arkansas Counseling &amp; Mental Health Center, Inc.</td>
<td>870-773-4655</td>
<td>2904 Arkansas Blvd., Texarkana, AR 71854</td>
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<td>CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System</td>
<td>903-614-1000</td>
<td>2600 St. Michael Drive, Texarkana, TX 75503</td>
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<td>Wadley Regional Medical Center</td>
<td>903-798-8000</td>
<td>1000 Pine St., Texarkana, TX 75501</td>
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<td>Rape Crisis Center</td>
<td>903-793-4357</td>
<td>424 Spruce Street, Texarkana, TX 75501</td>
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<td><strong>Sexual Assault Legal Hotline</strong></td>
<td>1-888-296-SAFE</td>
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<td><strong>Texas Department of Family and Protective Services</strong></td>
<td>1-800-252-5400</td>
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<td>903-334-6752</td>
<td>University Center 414R</td>
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<td>Texas Workforce Commission</td>
<td>903-794-4163</td>
<td>1702 Hampton Rd., Texarkana, TX 75503</td>
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<td>TAMUT Veterans Services</td>
<td>903-334-6602</td>
<td>University Center 258</td>
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<td>Federal Student Aid Call Center</td>
<td>1-800-433-3243</td>
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**Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings for Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking**

The victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system, the campus disciplinary system or both.
The UPD, with the victim’s consent, will immediately conduct a criminal investigation of these types of incidents. Completed investigations will be forwarded to the District Attorney’s office for review and possible prosecution. The University will change a victim's academic and living situations after an alleged offense by making special accommodations such as distant learning options if those changes are requested by the victim and are reasonably available. If the victim needs additional support during this time in the form of counseling support, alternative on-campus housing options, or academic accommodations, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 903-223-3062 so a staff member may work with the victim in a timely way to provide assistance.

Individuals may also report a sex offense to the University’s Title IX Coordinator. This individual is responsible for coordinating the University’s compliance with Title IX. The Title IX Coordinator’s office is located in the University Center Building, room 126D, which is located at 7101 University Ave., Texarkana, Texas, 75503. The Title IX Coordinator can be reached at 903-223-3062.

University disciplinary action may be imposed on individual students, recognized student organizations and/or University faculty and staff found in violation of the University sexual misconduct policy. In addition to any criminal prosecution, students may be placed on probation, suspended or expelled, for committing violent or criminal acts on-campus or at campus-related events. University disciplinary proceedings are detailed in the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Student Handbook. In accordance with the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 57, victims may use a pseudonym to protect their identity. A pseudonym is a fictitious name or set of initials chosen by the victim to be used in all public files and records concerning the sexual assault.

**What Happens When the Police are Called?**
Police units will respond immediately. An ambulance or a police officer will transport the victim to the emergency room of the local hospital. The police will properly gather all evidence. A physical examination is necessary to take care of obvious and/or hidden physical injuries and document this evidence for possible criminal prosecution. If a sexual assault occurred, this will provide the opportunity for the victim to discuss with a physician potential pregnancy or communicable disease concerns. The Texas A&M University-Texarkana counselor will respond and can provide support and education to the victim.

A criminal investigator will interview the victim. The victim has the option of requesting a concealed identity or pseudonym during the investigation. In all cases, the victim will be treated with compassion, consideration, understanding, and patience during the interview. The officer will make every attempt to maintain the confidentiality of the victim.

**Additional Law Enforcement Information**
In Texas, sexual assault (rape) is an offense that ranges from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony punishable by a sentence ranging from two to ninety-nine years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

**University Disciplinary Process**

**Prohibited Conduct**
The following misconduct is subject to disciplinary action. If a student, faculty member, or staff member has knowledge of a person(s) violating The Code or University Rules, he/she should submit knowledge of this alleged action in writing by completing an Incident Report form, which is available online [here](#), or at the Office of Student Life, UC Room 126.
Offenses against persons include, but are not limited to:

1. Intentionally or recklessly causing physical or emotional harm to any person, including self, on University property or at University-sponsored activities off campus, and includes intentionally or recklessly causing reasonable apprehension of such harm.

2. Harassing another person, attempting or threatening to subject another person to violent physical contact, or engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts that threaten, or create reasonable apprehension for another person.

3. Stalking is a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to have fear. Course of conduct is defined as “as a pattern composed of more than one act over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of conduct.”

4. Engaging in sexual misconduct, as defined and outlined in the Sexual Misconduct Policy.

5. Taking any action or creating any situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health of self or others, or involves the forced consumption of liquor or drugs from self or others for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization or group.

6. Intentionally exposing genitals, buttocks, or breasts in a public place on-campus.

**Disciplinary Procedures**

1. **Administration:** Under the direction of the President and the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success, the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs has primary authority and responsibility for the administration of student discipline. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs may make further delegation of this authority to residence life staff, the PanHellenic Council, Residence Hall Association or other Judicial Officers as needed. All of the officials presiding over these cases have been thoroughly trained in Title IX investigations.

2. **Misconduct Complaint:** Any member of the University community, including visitors, parents, or alumni may file a complaint alleging student misconduct. Complaints are filed by completing an Incident Report form, which is available [here](#), or at the Office of Student Life, room 126 University Center.

3. **Misconduct Notice:** When, as a result of a complaint by a member of the University community or as a result of a disciplinary investigation, there is reason to believe a student/student organization has violated conduct rules and procedures, the student/student organization will be so notified in writing by United States Postal Service or via official university email account (Ace mail). The student/student organization must respond as required by the notice.

4. **Informal Hearings:** Cases not involving the sanctions of dismissal or suspension from the University may be heard informally, as specified by University procedures, with notice and the opportunity to be heard afforded students/student organizations. An adjudication officer, appointed by the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, will discuss the charges with the student/student organizations and afford the student/student
organization an informal hearing. Should the adjudication officer find justification, an appropriate disciplinary sanction will be issued. Should the student or student organization deny the charges or the adjudication officer find that the charges require further examination, or should the alleged misconduct merit consideration of suspension or dismissal, the matter will be referred for a formal hearing.

5. **Formal Hearings:** Formal hearings will be held for serious violations of University Policy and/or serious crimes. This would include all cases of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and other serious crimes. The University’s procedure for formal hearings shall provide accused students/student organizations with the following procedure guarantees:

   a. Advanced written notice of charges containing a description of the alleged acts of misconduct, including time, date, and place of occurrence; and the rules of conduct allegedly violated by the student/student organization;
   b. Advanced written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing, unless such right is waived in writing by the student/student organization;
   c. A sufficient interval between the date of notification of charges and the date of the hearing, to allow the student/student organization to prepare a defense;
   d. An opportunity for submission of written, physical and testimonial evidence, and for questioning of witnesses by both parties;
   e. An impartial hearing which may consist of a panel or individual appointed by the University;
   f. Maintenance of a written summary or audio record of the hearing at University expense, though students/student organizations may be required to pay the cost of copies of requested records;
   g. A decision based upon presented evidence sufficient to make a reasonable person believe that a fact sought to be proved is more likely than not;
   h. A written decision shall be issued within ten (10) business days after the close of the proceedings. In cases of alleged sexual assault, the accuser shall be informed of the outcome of the hearing; and
   i. The student may identify an advisor, counsel, or parent to be present at the hearing. The advisor, counsel, or parent may only consult and interact privately with the student, but he/she will not be allowed to address the hearing board. In cases of alleged sexual assault, the accuser is entitled to have an advisor, council or parent present at the hearing.

6. **Conduct of Hearings:**

   a. The conduct of hearings shall be committed to the University which may make all rules reasonable and necessary for the orderly and efficient disposition of cases.
   b. Conduct hearings are closed to the public, and only those directly involved with the hearing may attend.
   c. The conduct of hearings shall ensure that the accused student/student organization has a fair and reasonable opportunity to answer, explain, and defend against the charges.
   d. The University shall have the burden of proof in all cases.

7. **Waivers:** A student, through a written statement, may waive his or her rights to a hearing.

8. **Appeal Procedures:** Students and student organizations have a right to appeal sanctions pursuant to the procedures set forth in The Code. In order for any appeal to be considered,
the student must submit all necessary documentation, including written arguments when appropriate, to the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs’ Office within ten (10) business days of receipt of notice of sanctions. An appeal is not simply a rehearing of the original case, but a review of the official record and the written statement of appeal provided by the student.

9. **Grounds for appeals:** An appeal must meet one or more of the following grounds to be considered:
   
a. An administrative meeting was not afforded, including notice of the alleged violation, and an opportunity to present evidence and other information;
   
b. A sanction was not appropriate to the violation, and/or the sanctions were grossly disproportionate;
   
c. A finding was not supported by evidence, and/or
   
d. Significant information is shown on appeal that was not available at the time of the administrative meeting, could not have been obtained for the presentation during the meeting by the student’s exercise of reasonable diligence, and materially affects the finding of a violation or the impression of consequences.

10. **Appeals for cases that do not involve suspension or expulsion:** A judicial appeal will be delivered to the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs within (10) ten days of receipt of notice of sanctions. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs will decide whether to hear the case or send it to an Appeal Panel. Should the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs hear the case, he/she will review the file and determine whether to approve, reject, or modify an earlier decision or the consequences recommended or imposed within ten (10) business days of receipt of the appeal unless extenuating circumstances apply.

11. **Appeals for cases of suspension or expulsion:** The appeal will be forwarded by the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs to the Office of the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success. The Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success will decide whether to hear the case or send it to an Appeal Panel. Should the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success hear the case, he/she will review the file and determine whether to approve, reject, or modify an earlier decision or the consequences recommended or imposed within ten (10) business days of receipt of the appeal unless extenuating circumstances apply. Should the Appeal Officer decide to send the case to an Appeal Panel, the following procedures will apply:
   
a. The Appeal Panel shall consist of three members of the University: one faculty member, one staff member, and one student member.
   
b. Panel members shall be appointed by the Appeal Officer. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs will provide training to the panel.
   
c. An Appeal Panel will normally be convened within twenty (20) business days following notification from the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs.
   
d. The Panel shall review the file and recommend to the Appeal Officer whether to approve, reject, or modify an earlier decision or the consequences recommended or imposed. A majority vote will be required in all decisions.
   
e. The Appeal Officer will inform the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs of the decision in writing, and provide these findings and sanctions to the student/student organization in writing within ten (10) business days.
f. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs shall implement the decision of the Appeal Officer. The decision of the Appeal Officer will be final and the sanction(s) imposed will stand.

12. **Interim Action/Interim Suspension:** Except in cases where the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement, and Success, or Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs gives an interim action, the status of students should not be altered, nor their right to be present on-campus and to attend classes suspended prior to a disciplinary meeting. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs may order that a student be immediately excluded from classes, University facilities (including University Housing), or denied privileges and ability to participate in activities when the student’s continued presence may constitute a significant danger to the physical or emotional safety and/or well-being of the student, other students, faculty, staff, or University property. If the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement, and Success, or Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs imposes an interim action, the student will receive written notice stating the reasons for the interim action and be informed of an opportunity to request a meeting regarding the merit of the interim action. If the student requests a meeting, the University shall show probable cause why interim action is warranted, and the student shall have the opportunity to respond. If it appears that the student’s behavior warrants a medical withdrawal, the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement, and Success, or Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs may initiate the appropriate measures.

13. **The University May Take the Following Interim Actions:**

   a. Place a hold on the accused student’s registration, transcripts, new awards of financial aid and/or other University records until the case is adjudicated when the following circumstances occur:

      i. The student has failed to respond promptly to requests for information from the University;
      ii. The student has failed to appear for the hearing; or
      iii. The alleged conduct is such that, if true, may pose a threat of harm to the University community or property.

   b. When a student has pre-registered for a term after the one in which the hold is placed, the University may also revoke the registration of the student.

   c. If there are allegations of misconduct relating to the qualifications of a student to graduate, such as allegations of academic fraud or serious allegations of misconduct, the University may delay graduation until the charges are determined.

   d. The decision to place a hold on registration, to revoke registration, or to delay graduation may be appealed to the Vice President for Student Enrollment, Engagement and Success. The University may impose reasonable conditions on release of the hold.

In addition to the actions described above, the following actions may also be taken:

   a. Order that student/student organization be immediately denied University privileges and be excluded from activities on the campus when the student/student organization’s continued activity on the campus may constitute a danger to the safety, property, or welfare of the campus.
b. Issue a No Contact Order in cases involving allegation of assault, injury, harassment, or where there is reason to believe continued contact between the accused student or organization members and other specific persons, including complainants and witnesses, may interfere with those persons’ security, safety or ability to participate effectively in work or studies. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, the Residence Life Coordinator, or Chief of the University Police Department may order that the accused student/student organization members not have contact with specific persons. The student/student organization will receive written notice of the “No Contact Order.”

c. Impose an interim suspension from specific locations on-campus or from the entire campus if it is believed that continued presence on the campus, or in certain areas of the campus, may interfere with the University community’s safety, or the ability to participate effectively in work or studies.

Sanction Guidelines

If a student or student organization is found responsible for a violation of The Code, the Judicial Officer will determine the sanction(s) to be imposed. The following sanction guidelines are intended to be a recommended format:

a. **Disciplinary Warning:** An official written notification that the student or student organization’s behavior is in violation of University rules and procedures or standards, and clarifies expected behavior for the future. Further misconduct may result in more serious sanctions.

b. **Disciplinary Probation:** This probationary condition is in effect for a specified period of time and may involve the loss of specified privileges. Further violation of University rules during the probationary period will be viewed not only as a violation based upon the act itself, but also as a violation of the probation, which shall result in further action up to and including suspension or dismissal.

c. **Suspension:** Suspension terminates the student's enrollment at the University for a specified period of time. Satisfactory completion of specified stipulations may be required for readmission at the end of the suspension period.

d. **Suspension in Abeyance:** Although the behavior may warrant suspension or expulsion from the University, due to extenuating circumstances, the Judicial Officer may choose to hold the student or student organization’s suspension in abeyance for a specified period of time. When a suspension is held in abeyance, the student or organization may remain at the University provided they observe the conduct rules and procedures at all times and complies with all educational sanctions. Any further violation of The Code may result in immediate Suspension or Expulsion.

e. **Suspension of an organization from the University for a specified period of time:** The organization will lose its privileges as a registered student organization and can no longer be an active participant in the University for the entire duration of the suspension.

f. **Expulsion:** Expulsion permanently separates a student from the University without the opportunity to re-enroll in the future. Expulsion of a student organization entails a permanent separation from the University. The imposition of this sanction is a bar to the student organization’s registration and privileges.

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3 Suspension and Expulsion shall be noted on the respondent’s transcript during the period the sanction is alive.
g. **Other sanctions:** Other appropriate sanctions may be imposed singularly or in combination with any of the above-listed sanctions. Examples include, but are not limited to, fines, making restitution for property damage or misappropriation of University property or services, or the property of any person. University Housing contract termination or reassignment to another room, restriction of access to specified campus facilities and/or property, research assignments, criminal trespass, campus service projects, special workshop participation, no contact order, and/or mandatory meeting with counseling personnel.

### Crime Prevention and Security Awareness

The University Police Department in conjunction with Student Life, Athletics, SSC and the Environmental, Health & Safety Office provide the following services to promote crime prevention and security awareness on campus:

- National Night Out event in October
- Crime prevention tips to staff and students via Facebook and Office of Communications
- Daily reports on inoperable exterior and interior lights, overgrown shrubbery, unsecured or inoperable doors and locks
- Blue Boys for emergency calls on campus
- 911 lines connecting every phone to police
- Responding to calls for service (3,503 in 2017)
- Police patrols 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Dorm staff and University Police Department make nightly rounds of residence hall
- Safety programs offered throughout the year
- Daily Crime and Fire Log

### Crime Prevention Programs

Providing a secure campus is of the utmost importance to the university. The university, through various crime prevention programs, has made every attempt to provide a safe, secure environment for students and staff. Students and staff must also assist the university, being responsible for their own safety and the safety of others.

**Current programs:**

- UPD Facebook Page (started June 2018)
  Lists crime prevention tips.

- UPD Engraver
  Students can mark their property in case of theft.

- Step Up Bystander Intervention Training (March 23, Marcy 28, April 9, 2018)
  Aims to educate and re-shape attitudes and behaviors toward social interactions. This program wants to counteract the bystander effect on the campus and train and teach students on how to do so.

### Security Awareness Programs

It is our goal to provide a safe and crime-free campus so that students, faculty, and staff can focus on education and overall quality of life. The UPD provides several security awareness programs and provides students with safety tips and instructions on how to report a crime. The UPD also conducts
several Q&A sessions with parents, staff, and faculty regarding campus life, reporting crimes, and general safety tips.

**Current Programs:**
- **Coffee With A Cop (February 20-22, 2018)**  
  Ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers on our campus.  
  This program is offered once a quarter.

- **UPD Facebook Page (started June 2018)**  
  Daily posts regarding the monthly focus (Security Awareness, Campus Crime Prevention, VAWA, National Campus Safety, Domestic Violence, Alcohol Awareness, Bystander Intervention).

- **National Night Out Event (October 2018)**  
  In partnership with the City of Texarkana, promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in an effort to prevent crime. Includes a meet and greet networking social, dinner, and police/fire vehicles on display.

- **CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter) Training**  
  This training will be offered to all students starting in the Fall of 2018. This course covers the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy to help survive an active shooter event.

- **UPD Introduction to Parents and Students (each Fall and Spring)**  
  This covers UPD’s general job description, services offered such as flat assist, battery boosts, and lock picking. Drugs and alcohol are discussed with the consequences of being caught on campus explained to both students and parents.

**Substance Abuse Awareness Programs**
Texas A&M University-Texarkana is committed to a drug-free environment and protecting the safety, health and well-being of all employees and students. The University will act to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal laws and System policies dealing with controlled substances, illicit drugs, and use of alcohol.

**Current Programs:**
- **Tobacco Impact on Athletic Performance (January 27, 2016 – June 30, 2025)**  
  Online training for Student Athletes

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- **Alcohol Impact to Athletic Performance (January 27, 2016 – June 30, 2025)**  
  Online training for Student Athletes

- **Drug Prevention (January 27, 2016 – June 30, 2025)**  
  Online training for Student Athletes
Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Programs

It is the policy of Texas A&M University-Texarkana that the University will not tolerate physical abuse, threats of violence, physical assault, or any form of sexual assault or abuse including, but not limited to, acquaintance or date rape, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking.

Current Programs:
Sex Signals (September 18, 2017)
Required for all dorm residents, freshmen, student athletes and members of Greek Life. Sex Signals is a humor-facilitated approach to examine culture, sex, and prevention strategies like bystander intervention.

NACHO Typical Sex Talk (March 5, 2018)
A hilarious, honest, no-holds-barred approach to sexuality education that uses puppets, props, interactive activities and audience participation to address misinformation head-on while enhancing sexual awareness.

Sexual Awareness Week (April 23-April 27th 2018)
Take the True Eagle Pledge
TAMUT Student Life hands out awareness buttons and invites the campus community to take the True Eagle Pledge: I pledge to “only engage in consensual sexual activities,” be and “effective bystander” in preventing situations that could lead to violence and “support survivors of sexual assault.”

The Hunting Ground Screening and Discussion
The Hunting Ground is a documentary film about the incidence of sexual assault on college campuses in the United States and what its creators say is a failure of college administrators to deal with it adequately. The discussion will be facilitated by Student Life Director.

Psychology of Trauma Honors Colloquium
The colloquium is presented by Dr. Angie Sikorski over how the brain responds to trauma or traumatic events. It will provide a unique insight as to why trauma response looks so different to so many people.

#MeToo Discussion with Lunch
This event explores the #MeToo movement and sexual harassment.

Bystander Intervention and Risk Reduction
Bystander Intervention is defined as the willingness to take action and help someone in a time of need. Safe and positive options for Bystander Intervention will be in place for an individual who intervenes to prevent harm when there is a risk of sexual assault, domestic and dating violence and stalking against another person. Education programs for sexual assault, domestic and dating violence and stalking will also include ways to become an active bystander. We want to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm.

Education programs for sexual assault, domestic and dating violence and stalking will also include ways for risk reduction. With no intent to victim blame and recognizing that only rapists are responsible for rape, the following are some strategies to reduce one’s risk of sexual assault or harassment.
1. Be aware of your surroundings. Knowing where you are and who is around you may help you to find a way to get out of a bad situation.

2. Stay away from isolated areas as it’s more difficult to find help if no one is around.

3. Walk with a purpose. Even if you don’t know where you’re going, act like you do.

4. Trust your instincts. If a situation or location feels unsafe or uncomfortable, it probably isn’t the best place to be.

5. Try not to load yourself down with packages or bags as this can make you appear more vulnerable.

6. Avoid putting headphones in both ears so you can hear what’s going on around you.

7. When you go to a social gathering, go with friends. Arrive together, check in with each other throughout the evening and leave together. Always keep an eye on your drink and never leave it unattended. Don’t accept drinks from people you don’t know.

8. Watch out for your friends and vice versa. If a friend seems out of it or intoxicated, get them to a safe place immediately.

9. The old adage of “better safe than sorry” is tried and true. Anytime you feel like you’re in an uncomfortable situation, leave with a friend or call for help before things can escalate.

**Sex Offender Registry**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to advise the campus community where law enforcement agency information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained.

In the State of Texas, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the statewide source of information on sex offenders required by law to register. The DPS Sex Offender Registration open record information may be obtained at this website: [https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffenderRegistry](https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffenderRegistry). In addition, the Texas DPS is required to notify Texas A&M University-Texarkana if a registered sex offender is enrolled, employed or carrying on some type of vocation at the University.

In the event that a registered offender(s) is working or enrolled in classes at Texas A&M University-Texarkana, a list of that person(s) name may be obtained at the UPD office in the Central Plant Building or the Office of the Director of Student Life in the University Center.

**Definitions of Clery Act Offenses**

**Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter:** The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Manslaughter by Negligence:** The killing of another person through gross negligence.
Sexual Assault: Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Rape: The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Fondling: Touching the private parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

Incest: Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Statutory Rape: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Consent: Consent is a clear and voluntary agreement to engage in a specific sexual activity. A person who was asleep or mentally or physically incapacitated, either through the effect of drugs or alcohol or for any other reason, or whose agreement was made under duress or by threat, coercion, or force, cannot give consent. Consent is not given if it results from the use of force, threats, intimidation or coercion. Consent is established when a reasonable person would consider the words of the parties to have manifested an agreement between them to do the same thing, in the same way, at the same time, with one another. Consent is not given if it results from the use of force, threats, intimidation or coercion.

A person who does not want to consent to sex is not required to resist. Consent to some forms of sexual activity does not automatically imply consent to other forms of sexual activity. Silence, previous sexual relationships, or the existence of a current relationship do not imply consent. Consent cannot be implied by attire or inferred from the giving or acceptance of gifts, money or other items. Consent to sexual activity may be withdrawn at any time, as long as the withdrawal is communicated clearly.

Withdrawal of consent can be done in numerous ways and need not be a verbal withdrawal of consent. A student's intentional use of alcohol/drugs will not function as a defense to a possible violation of this rule.

Without Consent, in regards to sexual assault is defined in the Texas Penal Code as:

1. The actor compels the other person to submit by the use of violence;
2. The actor compels the other person to submit by threatening to use violence against the victim or against any other person;
3. The other person has not consented, and the actor knows the other person is unconscious or physically unable to resist;
4. The actor knows that as a result of a mental disease the other person is, at the time of the sexual assault, incapable of appraising the nature of the act;
5. The other person has not consented, and the actor knows the other person is unaware that the sexual assault is occurring
6. The actor has intentionally impaired the other person’s power to appraise or control the other person’s conduct by administering any substance without the other person’s knowledge. (Texas Penal Code Sec. 22.011)

Additionally, there is a difference between seduction and coercion. Coercing someone into sexual activity violates this policy in the same way as physically forcing someone into sex. Coercion happens when someone is pressured unreasonably for sex.
Because alcohol or other drug use can place the capacity to consent in question, sober sex is less likely to raise such questions. When alcohol or other drugs are being used, a person will be considered unable to give valid consent if they cannot fully understand the details of a sexual interaction (who, what, when, where, why, or how) because they lack the capacity to reasonably understand the situation. Individuals who consent to sex must be able to understand what they are doing. Under this policy, “No” always means “No,” and “Yes” may not always mean “Yes.” Anything but a clear, knowing and voluntary consent to any sexual activity is equivalent to a “No.”

**Dating Violence:** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:

1. the length of the relationship;
2. the type of relationship;
3. the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

An act with the above qualifications that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury or sexual assault, or that is a threat that reasonably places the victim in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or sexual assault is considered Dating Violence. (Texas Family Code 71.0021)

**Domestic Violence:** A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by:

1. a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
2. a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
3. a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
4. 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.

**Family Violence:** (domestic violence) an act, other than a defensive measure to protect oneself, by a member of a family against another member of a family that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury or sexual assault, or that is a threat that reasonably places the family member in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or sexual assault. (Texas Family Code 71.004)

**Stalking:** 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 suffer substantial emotional distress.

The Texas Penal Code Sec. 42.072 Defines Stalking this way: when a person commits an offense on more than one occasion and pursuant to the same course of conduct directed specifically at another person, knowingly engages in conduct that:

1. The actor knows or reasonably believes the victim will regard as threatening bodily injury or death for the other person; bodily injury or death for a member of the other person’s family or for an individual with whom the person has a dating relationship; or that an offense will be committed against the other person’s property.

2. Causes the other person, a member of the other person’s family, or an individual with whom the other person has a dating relationship to be placed in fear of bodily injury or death or fear that an offense will be committed against the other person’s property. Further, it would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury or death for themselves; bodily injury or death for a member of the person’s family or for an individual with whom
the person has a dating relationship; or that an offense will be committed against the person’s property.

**Robbery:** The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault:** An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary for an injury to result when a gun, knife or other weapon is used in the commission of the crime.

**Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes, this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony, breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny, housebreaking, safecracking, and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

**Motor Vehicle Theft:** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned-including joyriding.)

**Arson:** Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

**Hate Crimes:** A criminal offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator’s bias against the victim. Possible bias categories under the Clery Act: Race, Gender, Gender Identity, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Ethnicity, National Origin, and Disability. Hate crimes include any of the following offenses that are motivated by bias: Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, sexual assault (rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, or destruction/damage/vandalism of property. Following are the bias categories:

- **Race:** A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics, e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc., genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind, e.g., Asians, blacks or African Americans, whites.

- **Gender:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender, e.g., male or female.

- **Gender Identity:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity, e.g., bias against transgender or gender non-conforming individuals. Gender non-conforming describes a person who does not conform to the gender-based expectations of society, e.g., a woman dressed in traditionally male clothing or a man wearing makeup. A gender non-conforming person may or may not be a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender person but may be perceived as such.

- **Religion:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being, e.g., Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists.

- **Sexual Orientation:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation. Sexual Orientation is the term for a person’s physical,
Additional Hate Crime Definitions:

**Ethnicity:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry. The concept of ethnicity differs from the closely related term “race” in that “race” refers to a grouping based mostly upon biological criteria, while “ethnicity” also encompasses additional cultural factors.

**National Origin:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on their actual or perceived country of birth. This bias may be against people that have a name or accent associated with a national origin group, or because they are married to or associate with people of a certain national origin.

**Disability:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

**Larceny-Theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

**Simple Assault:** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

**Intimidation:** Unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

**Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property:** To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

**Arrests & Referrals for Disciplinary Action:** Under the Clery Act institutions must also report arrests and referrals for disciplinary action for liquor law violations, drug law violations, and weapons law violations.

**Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.:** The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

**Drug Law Violation:** The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives.
(morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics—manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

**Liquor Law Violation:** The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

### Definitions of Clery Act Geography

**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 the area identified in paragraph (i) 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 Student Housing Facility**

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.

**Public Property**

All public property including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that are within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. This includes the sidewalk across the street from our campus but does not include public property beyond the sidewalk.

**Non-campus Buildings or Property**

Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

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For information about non-Clerk reportable crimes, the Texas A&M University-Texarkana Police Department will provide a copy of the Crime Log utilized to complete the 2017 Safety Report upon request. Call 903-334-6611 for more information.

## Hate Crimes

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Non-Campus Properties

Northeast Texas Community College

Texas A&M University-Texarkana staff and faculty teach classes off-campus at the Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) located at 2886 FM, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455. A total of seven classes and four full-time staff are located on-site, and therefore NTCC crime stats for the classrooms utilized by Texas A&M University-Texarkana are incorporated with this report. Classrooms reported are 107, 108, 109, and 110 at the Health and Science Building.

George Dobson Field

Texas A&M University-Texarkana and the City of Texarkana Texas have entered into an agreement for the use of George Dobson Field located in Spring Lake Park, 4303 North Park Road, Texarkana, TX
75503. The reporting area is located within the marked white border of the baseball field. The field is used by our baseball team as their home field during baseball season. Crimes reported are only during the times the field is in use by the Texas A&M University-Texarkana baseball team.

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Bringle Lake Village Residence Hall
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Fire Safety Report
2018

I. Introduction

In August of 2011, Texas A&M University-Texarkana opened its first student housing building at the Bringle Lake campus. The Bringle Lake Village (BLV) dormitory is a modern brick and wood structure that will house over 290 students.

II. Fire Safety System

The Texas A&M University-Texarkana campus has an integrated fire alarm system. As additional buildings are built, they'll be tied into the existing buildings through one main panel at the University's Central Plant building. Each building has its own fire alarm panel.

All buildings, including the BLV dorm, are equipped with smoke detectors in each dorm room, hallways, stairwells and common areas. Fire extinguishers are located on each floor of the building. Evacuation maps that show evacuation routes, fire pull stations, and fire extinguishers are on the inside main door of all dorm rooms.

The fire alarm system is monitored 24-hours a day by Siemen's Fire Protection service. Should the alarm go off, Siemen's monitoring will notify the local fire department and then the UPD.
All Texas A&M University-Texarkana buildings are protected by a fire sprinkler system. Should a fire ever occur in the BLV dorm, the sprinkler system will go off and should put out any fire in the building.

III. Emergency Fire Evacuation Procedures

- When you hear a fire alarm – LEAVE the building immediately closing all doors behind you. Follow the main evacuation route but be prepared to use an alternate route.
- If you must evacuate through smoke, get low to the floor and crawl. Heat and deadly smoke rise and cleaner air will be 12-24 inches above the floor. If you must open doors while evacuating, test the door before opening. Use the back of your hand to touch the door, the doorknob, and door frame. If they are hot, do not open the door. If they are cool, brace yourself against the door and slowly open it. If smoke and heat are present, close the door and use an alternate route.
- Use stairways, never an elevator. In a fire, elevator shafts may fill with smoke or the power may go out leaving you trapped.
- Once outside, assemble at your designated area and do not return to the building until the Fire Department has indicated the building is safe to re-enter.
- If you are trapped, try to stay as calm as possible. Try to get to a room with an outside window and a telephone. Call 911 and give them your exact location. If there is no phone, wave an object out the window to signal for help. Keep all doors between you and the fire closed. Cover all vents and seal cracks around the door to keep out smoke. Be as calm and patient as possible. Rescue personnel will arrive to assist you.

Evacuation Assistance
Any person who cannot walk down stairs will be directed to the east or west stairwells in the BLV dorm. The BLV resident assistants will serve as floor monitors in the dorm and provide this assistance for dorm students and/or visitors. Once in the interior stairwell the RA will call or radio the University Police Department and give their location and how many persons are in the stairwell with them. They will stay there until emergency responders arrive and assist them out of the building. The interior stairwells have sprinklers and should be safe until emergency assistance arrives.

IV. Dormitory Rules

Appliances
Electrical appliances not allowed include, but are not limited to: Air conditioning units, room water coolers, camping stoves, ceiling fans, electric skillets or woks, griddles, halogen touchier lamps, potpourri pots, hot oil popcorn poppers, hot plates, oven broilers, power tools, any appliance with an open coil, space heaters, toasters, or toaster ovens. The hall staff will confiscate unauthorized or misused appliances and the individuals responsible will be subject to disciplinary action. Allowed appliances include coffee pots, hot pots, microwave/refrigerator (University issued), rice cookers, and blenders. Staff reserves the right to require any cooking appliances to be removed if the appliance is deemed to be unsafe or otherwise damages or could potentially damage the hall or the hall community.
Candles and Incense
Candles and incense are prohibited in the residence hall rooms, lobbies, and storerooms due to possible fire hazards. This rule includes decorative candles with burned or unburned wicks. Residents found with candles will be assessed a $25.00 fine and these objects will be confiscated. Confiscated items will be disposed of at the end of each semester. Candle warmers and potpourri pots are not allowed.

Cooking
Cooking in the residence halls is allowed with approved cooking appliances only and approval of use of kitchen by Director of Residence Life. Residents are responsible for ensuring that proper sanitation, ventilation, and fire safety precautions are taken. Any damage resulting from improper food disposal will be billed to the individuals responsible. No food or waste should be disposed of in sinks. Residents are responsible for cleaning the kitchen when cooking is completed.

Extension Cords/Surge Protectors
Extension cords may not be used while living in the halls. Power strips/Surge protectors should never be placed above the ceiling tiles, underneath carpet or stapled or pinched in any way. Only power strips and multi-plugs with built-in circuit breakers (surge protectors) may be used in rooms. Improper use of multi-plugs may result in a write up with a fine or Texarkana City Community Service.

Fire Doors
It is absolutely essential that corridor and stairwell doors be kept closed at all times. Closed doors retard the travel of smoke, heat, toxic gases, and fire from the area of origin. Propping of doors may result in disciplinary actions and fines. Nothing should be attached to a fire door.

Fire Drills/Equipment
The University will hold fire drills at least once a semester to acquaint the residents with fire evacuation procedures. All residents and guests should follow directions during the drills. Failure to evacuate the building may result in disciplinary action, a monetary fine, and possibly suspension. Because it is imperative that fire and safety equipment functions properly when it is needed, the following acts are prohibited:

- Tampering or playing with fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, exit lights, or emergency lights
- Tampering with or pulling a fire alarm under false pretense
- Removing smoke detector batteries or otherwise rendering a smoke detector inoperable
- Propping open fire doors
- Obstructing halls and stairwells with furniture, debris and other materials
- Hanging objects from smoke detectors
- Presence on fire escapes in non-emergency situations

Residents who jeopardize the security or safety of any resident will be subject to severe disciplinary action. Tampering with fire equipment or acts of arson can result in civil prosecution, disciplinary measures, and/or possible fines.

Halogen Lamps
Due to fire safety, halogen torch lamps or other lamps using halogen bulbs are prohibited in the residence halls.
Health and Safety Checks
The University recognizes residents’ desire for privacy, particularly in the context of their group living situation, and will do what it can to protect and guarantee their privacy. However, University Personnel, through a residence hall staff member, reserves the right to enter a resident’s room to determine compliance with health and safety regulations. Health and Safety Checks will occur a minimum of two times each semester and residents will receive posted notification of the check 48 hours in advance of the check.

Heaters
For safety reasons, no portable heating units may be used in a residence hall.

Holiday Decorations
If students decorate their rooms for the holidays, these guidelines must be followed:

- Trees and other greenery must be artificial and must have proof of flame resistance.
- Lights must be UL-approved and of low wattage – only miniatures – Lights may not be used until after Thanksgiving (Christmas holiday use only).
- All decorations are to be removed within two days following the holiday.
- Holiday lights and rope lights must be taken down in the time period mentioned above.
- Fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguisher cabinets, smoke detectors, sprinkler heads and exit signs must not be covered, and exits must not be blocked.
- No candles or any open flame may be used.

Open Flame
No items that have open flames, flammable fuels or open coils may be used in a residence hall. This includes, but is not limited to candles, lanterns, heaters, and incense. Violation of this rule may result in immediate relocation and disciplinary action. These items will be confiscated immediately.

Smoke Detectors
All student rooms are equipped with smoke detectors. Detectors will be checked prior to the start of each semester and during Health and Safety Checks by the hall staff. Residents that detect a problem with their smoke detector should contact the hall staff immediately. Disciplinary action will result if a student removes or otherwise renders the detector inoperative and a $100.00 fine or community service may be assessed. Disciplinary action could also result for residents who cause potential fire hazards through unsafe practices (i.e., overloading circuits, use of inappropriate extension cords, use of unauthorized cooking appliances, etc.).

Smoking
All residence hall common areas and rooms are smoke-free. Please smoke outside the buildings at the designated areas and be responsible for your cigarette remains. Smoking in a room will result in a $100.00 fine and/or community service. The following items are also prohibited within the residence halls: hookahs, pipes, bongs, or any paraphernalia which may be used to inhale or ingest prohibited drugs. One must be in the parking lot or further to be able to smoke.

V. Training
Before the start of each semester, all Resident Advisors (RA’s) go through two weeks of intensive training on all dorm rules and procedures. Local Fire Department firefighters conduct a training session with the RA's and Residence Life Director which also includes hands-on training in how to use a fire extinguisher.
Once students move into the dorm, the RA's will meet with their dorm students during the first week and will conduct a training session with them, going over all the rules and procedures in this program.

VI. Reporting Fires

Per Federal Law, A&M-Texarkana is required to report statistical data on all fires that occur in On-campus student housing facilities. The Bringle Lake Village dorm is equipped with smoke detectors and a sprinkler system. If there is ever a fire in the dorm, the alarm should go off, and the city fire department and the UPD should be automatically notified. If for some reason, a small fire occurs and it's put out before setting the fire alarm off, it should still be reported to campus authorities. Please call one of the numbers listed below and report the fire:

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VII. Future Improvements in Fire Safety

The Texas A&M-Texarkana Bringle Lake campus is a new campus that opened in 2008. The University Center and Central Plant buildings were completed in 2010. The Bringle Lake Village dormitory opened in August 2011. The fire alarm system is a modern, integrated system, connecting all the buildings together. All buildings are monitored 24-hours a day by Siemen's monitoring service. Every floor in every building is protected by a sprinkler system. There are no fire safety improvements planned for the next few years.

VIII. 2017 Fire Statistics

There were no fires reported at the Bringle Lake Village in 2015, 2016, or 2017.

2 Fire Alarm Drills were held during the year, one on January 26, 2018, and July 17, 2018.

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