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Provided in Compliance with Campus Security Act of 1990 "Clery Act".

The University of South Alabama has an enrollment of over 14,000 full time and part time undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate level students. Of these students, approximately 2,600 live in our campus resident halls. The University of South Alabama is a multi-campus institution, employing approximately 5,400 staff and faculty. The information provided in this report will reflect Security Policies, Procedures, and Crime Statistics for the USA Main Campus.

SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Chief of Police, who heads the University Police Department, reports to the Vice President of Student Affairs.

SECURITY SCREENING OF APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

The University's Human Resources Department currently screens job applicants and conducts criminal and past employment histories on all prospective employees. A signed background release form is requested prior to employment.

UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Department is led by the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief of Police, followed by an Administrative Lieutenant and a Patrol Lieutenant. It is further comprised of two Patrol Sergeants, two Patrol Corporals, a Detective Sergeant, two Detectives, thirteen Police Officers, four Dispatchers, two Administrative Personnel, five Parking Services workers and three student employees. University Police have full police powers granted by the State of Alabama (Title 16-22-1 and 2). Police matters are handled within the department, including arrest, initial complaint taking, and criminal investigations. Crime reports are routinely submitted to both State and Federal Law enforcement authorities through the Alabama and National Crime Information Center. Crime reports are submitted to local law enforcement as needed for cooperative or mutual

investigative purposes. In emergencies or at the request University Police, Alabama State Law Enforcement Agencies, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, and Local Law Enforcement agencies provide assistance as needed. University Police have reciprocal working relationships between each of the agencies at all levels of government. Crime incidents occurring on campus will be reported to the University Police Department. Crime incidents occurring off campus should be reported to the local agency that has law enforcement jurisdiction. University Police will assist students in reporting crime incidents to the proper agencies when applicable.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND WEAPONS

The University of South Alabama is a dry campus. In accordance with the University's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Police, alcoholic beverages will not be possessed, consumed, not served on campus. Drugs, drug paraphernalia, and controlled substances prohibited by law are strictly prohibited on all University properties. The possession or use of explosives, firearms, and/or other dangerous weapons are prohibited. University Police and Security officers are authorized to be armed in order to protect themselves and others. In addition to the officers' initial firearms training and qualifications, officers are provided additional training and qualification by a certified firearm instructor at least once annually.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University Police and the University Housing Staff provide security policies and procedures information to all resident hall students during orientation programs held at the beginning of each semester. Each student is also given written details of security rules and regulations. The University's Crime Prevention Unit provides follow-up and additional safety and security-related programs to student groups, classes, and individuals. Programs included are Rape Prevention and Awareness, College Dating Expectations, Domestic Violence, General Crime Prevention, and many other. The Crime Prevention Unit works closely with all portions of the University and coordinates other programs, such as: Victim's Advocacy, Victim's Assistance, Rape Hotline, Operation ID, Campus Watch, Crime Tip Line, and Crime Awareness presentations. Each of these programs are on-going and are intended to

encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security, as well as the security of others.

FACILITIES or GROUNDS

Access to University facilities and programs are restricted to University affiliates except for special programs, Facilities and events open to the public are so advertised. The maintenance of campus facilities provide for regular upkeep of grounds and buildings to promote safety (i.e. replace or repair defective lighting, trimming trees and shrubbery, removal of safety hazards, such as litter, etc). University Police report unsafe campus conditions related to grounds or facilities to the Maintenance Department. All University community members are encouraged to report unsafe campus conditions they observe to University Police and/or to Maintenance.

TIMELY WARNING

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that in the judgment of the Chief of Police constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University Notification System to students, faculty, staff and the campus' student newspaper, *The Vanguard*.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the University Police Department may also post a notice on the University Police Department web-site: www.southalabama.edu/police providing the university community with more immediate notification. In such instances, a copy of the notice will be posted in each residence hall, at the front door of each on-campus fraternity and sorority house.