Claflin University

Campus Security & Fire Safety

Annual Report

October 2024

(Crime Statistics for 2021-2023)

The safety and well-being of our campus community are top priorities at Claflin University (CU). Our dedicated faculty and staff work tirelessly to create a secure environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors can live, work, and learn with confidence.

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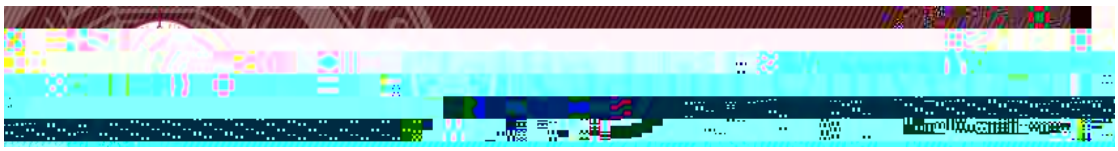
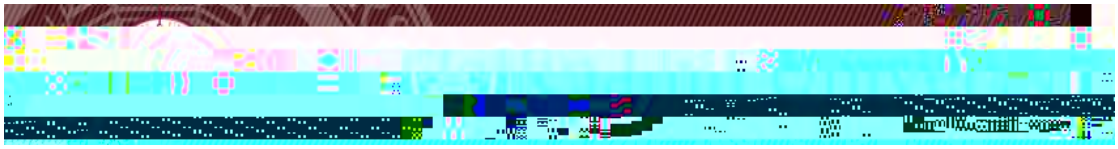
Our department strives to provide friendly, customer-oriented service to everyone we encounter. Our goal is to ensure that all students, faculty, staff, and visitors feel safe and welcome during their time on campus.

Claflin University consistently maintains a strong safety record, which is a reflection of the shared efforts among various departments and individuals across campus. These efforts contribute to the overall sense of security that members of our campus community enjoy.

We remain committed to fostering active partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, including the hŃl·yƎŜōdzŃƎ 5ŜLJl·ŃǘƳŜƴǘ ƻŦ tdzōƒƛŎ {l·ŦŜǘȅΣ ǘƘŜ hŃl·yƎŜōdzŃƎ {ƘŜŃƛŦŦΩǎ hŦŦƛŎŜΣ {ƻdzǘƘ / l·ŃƻƒƛƴƖ· {ǘl·ǘŜ ¦ ƴƛØŜŃǎƛǘȅ Police Department, and other local, state, and federal agencies.

It's important to remember that safety is a shared responsibility. Every member of our university community plays a role by reporting suspicious activities and practicing common-sense safety measures in their day-to-day routines.





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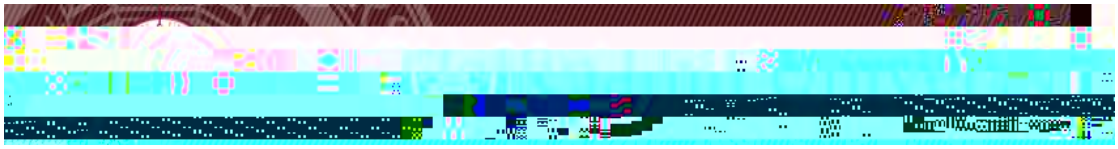
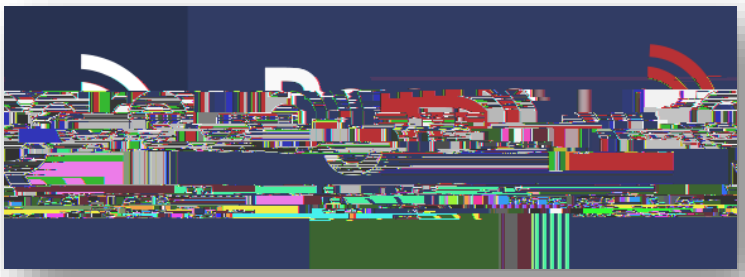


- Individuals Responsible for Campus Safety
- Officials with Significant Responsibility for Student and Campus Activities
  - Dean of Students
  - Student Housing Staff
  - Athletic Directors and Coaches
  - Faculty Advisors to Student Organizations
- Any Individual Specified by the Institution
- Any Individual Specified by the Institution

Keeping the Campus Community Informed
Emergency Notifications and Timely Warnings

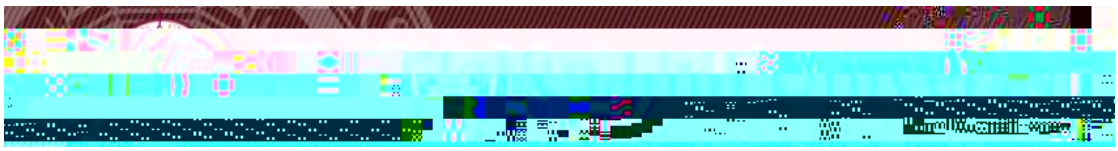
To promote safety and prevent crime, the Department of Public Safety, in partnership with other campus departments, issues timely Campus Alerts, also known as , to notify the university community about specific incidents or threats occurring on or near campus. The university uses the Regroup Mass Notification system, known as for these updates. are issued for crimes and emergencies as outlined in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Report under the sections on Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications. Additionally, the system may be used to inform the campus of unexpected closures, such as those due to severe weather or power outages.



Please note that are strictly for emergencies or important updates and will never be used for advertising or unrelated campus activities.

Students, faculty, and staff are automatically enrolled in the Regroup Mass Notification system, receiving alerts through text, email, and voicemail. Participation is voluntary, and users may opt in or out at any time. No non-university messages or advertisements will be sent.

The university encourages everyone update their information, and add additional contact details, such as personal email addresses or mobile phone numbers, to their Regroup account. Users can also add contacts, like parents or guardians, to receive alerts. Instructions for accessing the Regroup system are provided during student, faculty, and staff orientation. Users can update their account anytime by visiting: https://app.regroup.com/login.



Emergency Notifications

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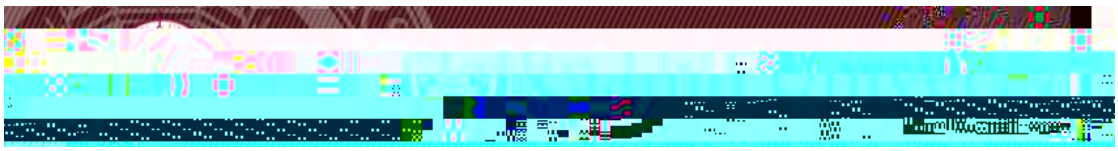

Daily Crime Log

The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education to maintain and publish a Daily Crime Log, which serves as an up-to-date record of criminal incidents reported to campus police or security that was reported on Clery Act geography. Here are the key components regarding the Daily Crime Log:

Definition

The Daily Crime Log is a record that details all criminal incidents reported to the campus police or security department, and crime must be recorded in the campus crime log within two business days of its occurrence or the receipt of the report. It is meant to provide transparency and keep the campus community informed about criminal activity.

Information Included

The Daily Crime Log must include the following information for each incident:

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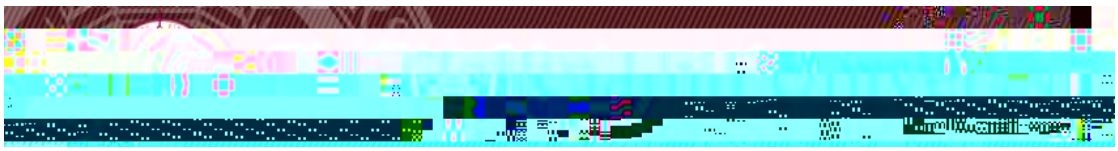

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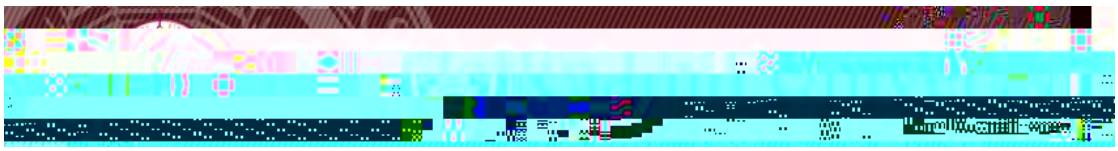
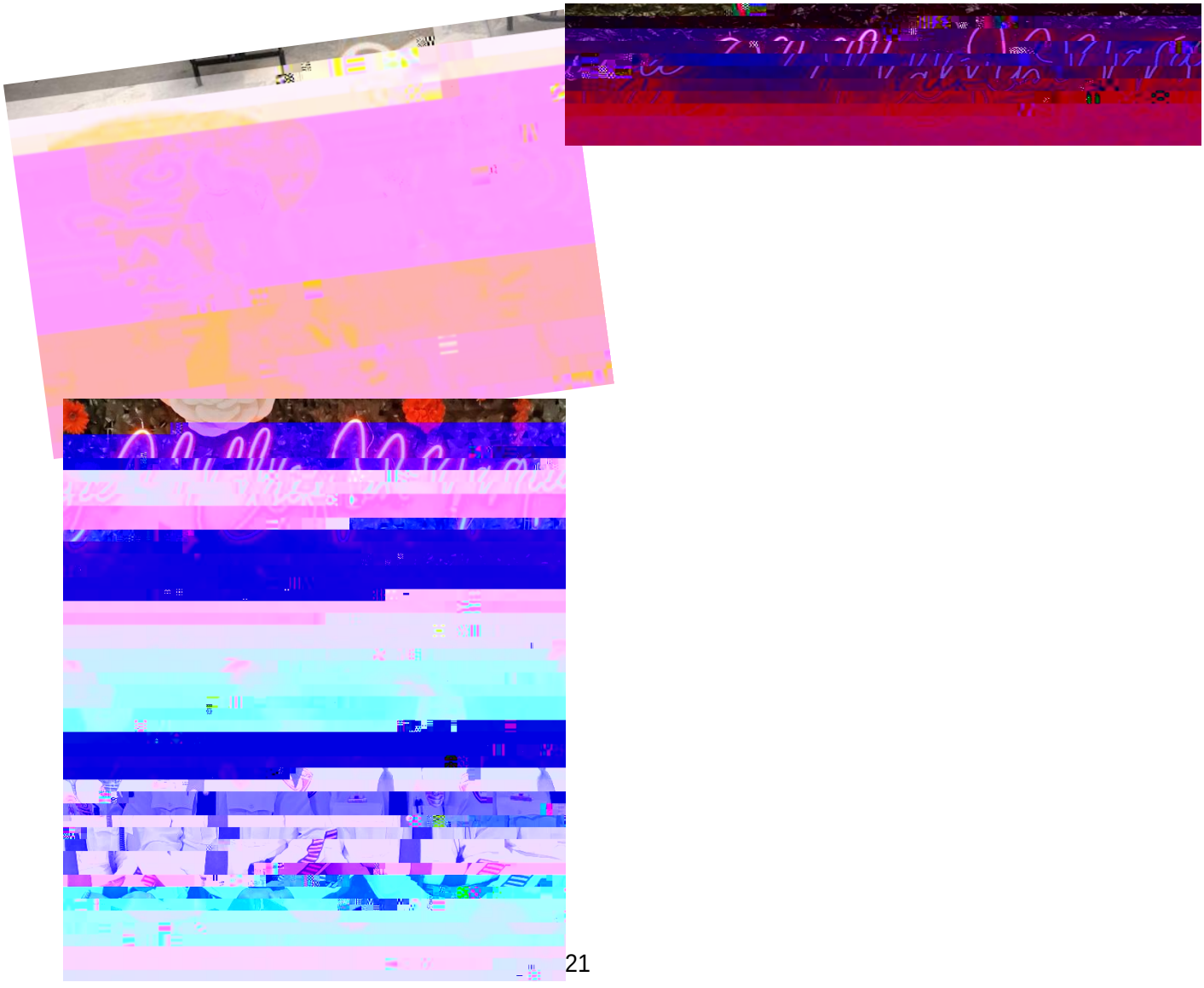
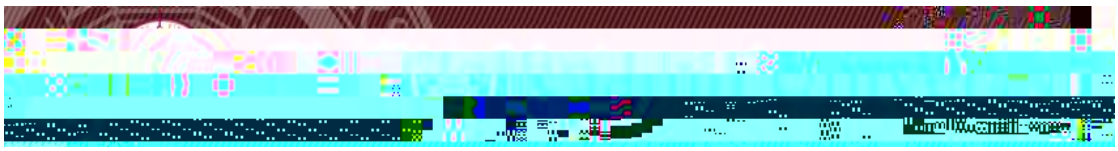


Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous or unsafe conditions. CUDPS regularly patrols the campus and reports unsafe physical conditions to Plant Operations or Housing for correction. Housing residents or other members of the University community also report equipment

problems or potentially hazardous conditions to CUDPS, Housing, or Plant Operations. CUDPS regularly performs crime analysis and shares information with neighboring law enforcement agencies to determine crime trends, allowing CUDPS to

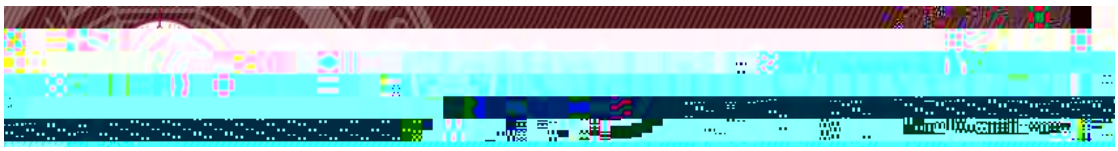


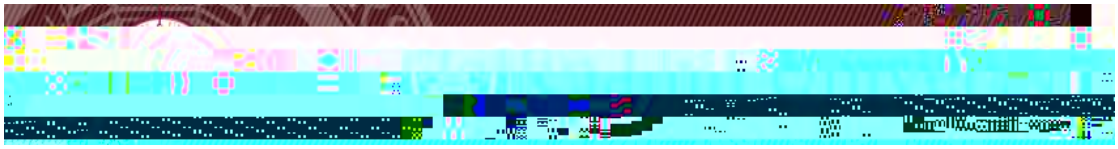


Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs for Students and Employees

The Claflin University conducts ongoing primary crime prevention and awareness programs for students, faculty, and staff. Some of the programs promote awareness of drug and alcohol abuse prevention, sexual assault, rape, acquaintance rape, domestic and dating violence, stalking, recognition of signs of abusive behavior to avoid potential attacks and a safe and positive bystander Intervention and risk reduction program to prevent harm or intervene in risky situations. The Department of Residential Life conducts crime prevention and awareness programs during the new student orientations which are held each semester for first year and transfer students. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others.

Crime Prevention Programs on personal safety and security are also sponsored by various campus organizations throughout the year. The programs include general crime prevention and security awareness programs, such as safety education forums, programs, and discussions about topics such as alcohol abuse, domestic violence, self-defense, emergency response and evacuation procedures, sexual assault prevention, and theft prevention. The Division of Student Affairs, Residential Life, Title IX, and Department of Public Safety participate in forums, hall meetings and programs in the Residence Halls to explain university security, public safety and fire safety measures and procedures at Claflin University with all incoming students and their parents in May-





Keep personal information private. Avoid becoming a victim of identity theft by carrying only the necessary items in your wallet or purse. Do not give personal information to solicitors.

Always lock the door to your residence hall room, whether or not you are there. Be certain that your door is locked when you go to sleep, and keep your windows closed and locked when you are not at home. DO NOT PROP INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR DOORS. A propped open door is a perfect target for would-be thieves and allows them quick and easy access to your belongings.

Carry only small amounts of cash with you.

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Call CUDPS at 803-535-

violence, dating violence, and stalking before it occurs through the changing of social norms and other approaches. These sessions include a clear statement that CU prohibits such acts, their definitions under South Carolina law, the definition of consent, options for bystander intervention, information about risk reduction, and policies and procedures for responding to these incidents. Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns are also offered throughout the year.

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION AND RISK REDUCTION

CU encourages students, faculty, and staff to work together to prevent violence and harm by becoming active bystanders who care for one another. Being an active bystander means that you TAKE ACTION when you see a situation that could be potentially harmful to another person. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to confront and report predatory or other behavior that endangers any member of the campus community.

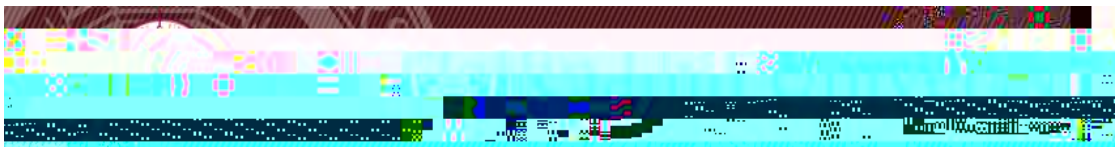
SECURITY AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

As part of the new employee orientation program the Office of Human Resources has developed a training program to address workplace violence, Title IX violations and harassment education. The Office of Human Resources provides new employees with education on how to prevent, identify, and report these types of offenses.

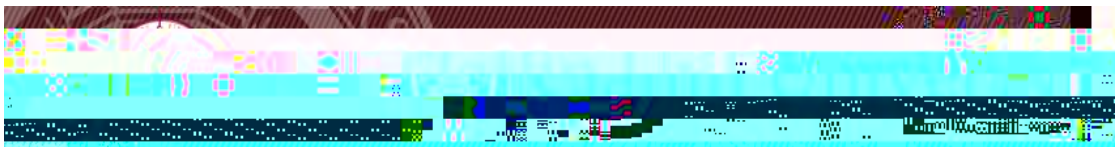
NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New students participate in an orientation weekend. During this time, they attend an educational program that discusses dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.



Reporting Dating Violence, Domestic Violence Sexual Assault or Stalking to the Department of Public Safety and What We Will Do

Victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking are encouraged to immediately



including, but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and stalking are all prohibited by Claflin University whether by faculty, staff, administration, students, visitors, or others.

Federal Clery Act Definitions

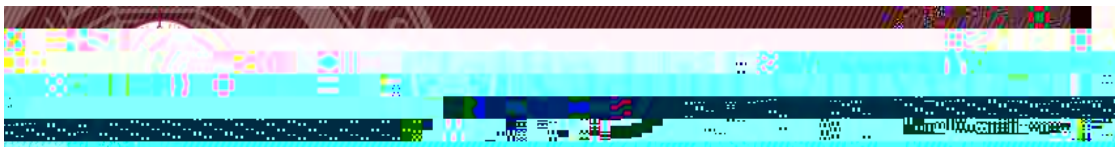
Here are the Clery Act definitions for domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as outlined in the federal regulations:

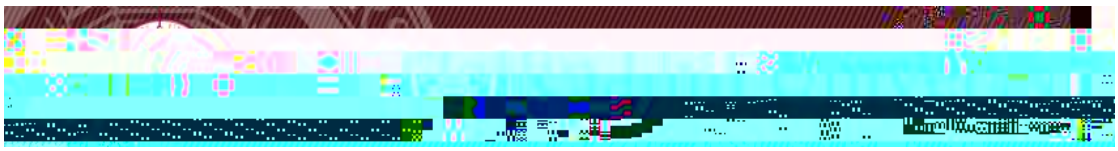
1. Domestic Violence

Domestic violence includes:

Any felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction, or

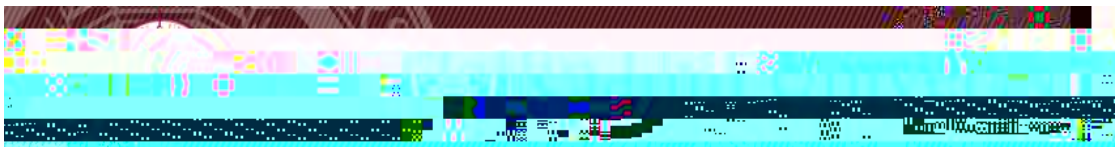




Investigation/Disciplinary/Hearing Procedures
If the accuser chooses to report the crime to the Department of Public Safety, a prompt, fair and impartial investigation and resolution will occur.

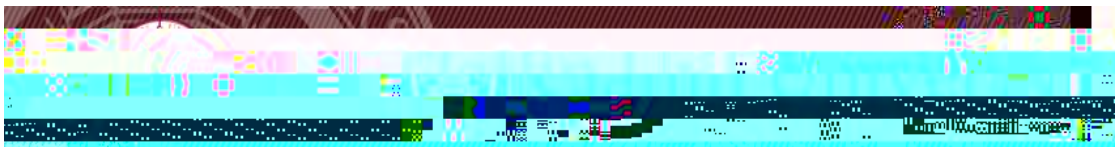
Upon complete investigation of the crime by the Department of Public Safety (CUDPS), a report will be given to the Vice President for Student Development and Services for prompt review and schedule of hearing. Any objection to a hearing must be submitted in writing by the victim/accuser to the Vice President for Student Development and Services. Otherwise, a hearing will be conducted by the Student Code of Conduct Judicial Board in a manner that protects the safety of the victim/accuser and promotes accountability. The accuser and accused are entitled to have witnesses or an advisor present during the hearing or any related meeting. No attorneys or parents will be allowed to attend disciplinary proceedings. A preponderance of the evidence standard will be used during the hearing process to determine appropriate sanctions. The accused and accuser will be notified simultaneously and in writing of the outcome of the hearing.

Sanctions/Protective Measures
Following the final determination of rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, all or some of the sanctions or protective measures may apply: suspension or expulsion of the responsible party from the university; change class schedule, living, transportation and work situation for the accused or accuser upon request; on-campus escort services by the Department of Public Safety as deemed appropriate; no-contact ordeg0 371 19tactappra5nR



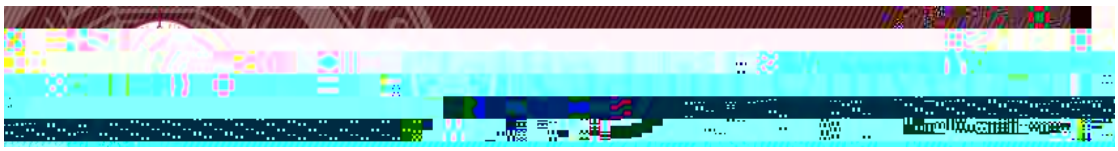
Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

Claflin Universityâ Department of Public Safety officers and supervisors receive annual training in Incident Command and Responding to Critical Incidents on Campus. When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat, the first responders to the scene are usually the Department of Public Safety and/or Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, they will work together to manage the incident. Depending on the type of incident, other local, state, and federal agencies could also be involved in responding. Each University Department is responsible for developing contingency plans and continuity of operations plans for their staff and areas of responsibility. Emergency response and evacuation exercises will be conducted each year. These tests will evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution.



Definitions of Clery Reportable Offenses

Clery Reportable Offenses refer to specific crimes that institutions of higher education must disclose in their Annual Security Report under the Clery Act, a federal statute aimed at promoting transparency



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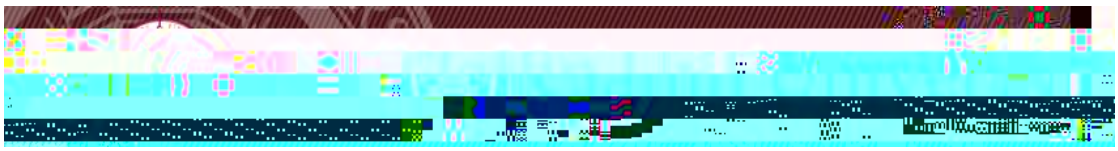

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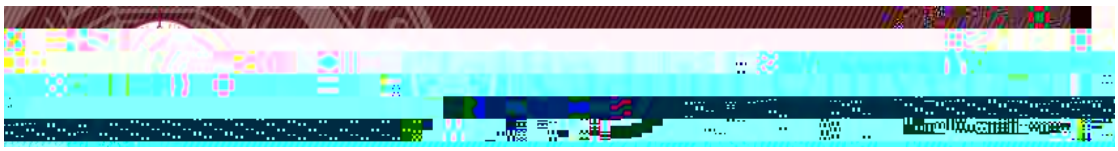

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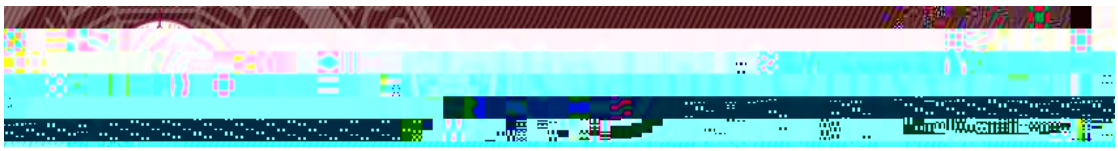
VAWA Offenses – On-campus

	2021	2022	2023
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	3
Stalking	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses – On-Campus Student Housing Facilities

	2021	2022	2023
Domestic Violence	0	0	0



Fire Safety Report

Fire Safety Procedures

This section is intended to comply with the Fire Safety Reporting provisions of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, as well as to provide fire safety policy guidelines for the University residence hall buildings. If any fire should occur on the campus of Claflin University, it should be reported to the Department of Public Safety immediately at (803) 535-5444or in case of an emergency call 911.

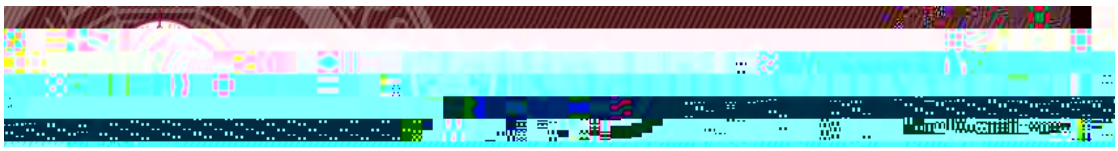
The policy applies to the following Residential Halls:

- ω Asbury Hall Residence Center ς 151 Claflin Circle
- ω Claflin Commons Residence Center -180 Claflin Circle
- ω Corson Hall Residence Center ς 126 Claflin Circle
- ω Dunton Hall ς 138 Claflin Circle
- ω Highrise Residence Center- 735 Goff Ave
- ω Kleist Hall Residence Center- Kleist Circle
- ω Student Residence Center East- 162 Claflin Circle
- ω Student Residence Center North ς 170 Claflin Circle
- ω Student Residence Center South ς 158 Claflin Circle
- ω Student Residence Center West- 174 Claflin Circle
- ω 544 Buckley Street Apartments
- ω 612 Boulevard Street
- ω 640 Boulevard Street
- ω 740 Boulevard Street
- ω Claflin Commons Residence Hall ς 734 Goff Ave

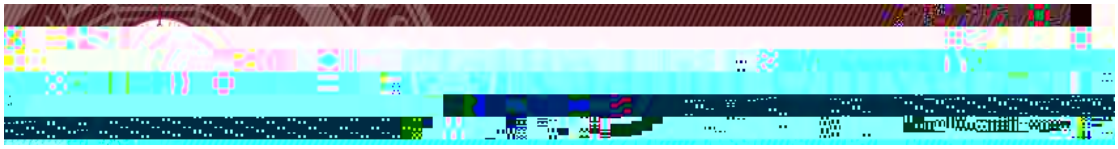
University Housing is considered an on-campus student residential facility; based on the definition contained in the relevant federal guidelines.

On or before October 1 each year the University will publish an annual Fire Safety Report that contains at a minimum, the following information:

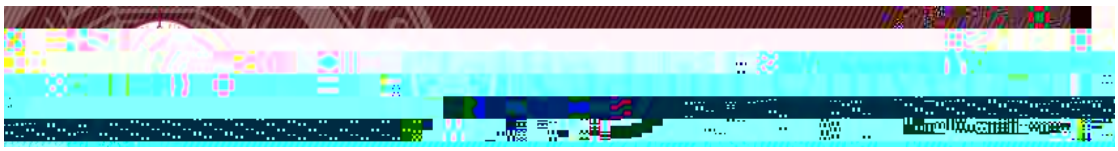
1. The fire statistics described in the subsection below.
2. A description of the University Housing fire safety systems.
3. The number of fire drills held at University Housing during the previous calendar year.
4. The University Housing policies or rules on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in each facility.
5. The procedures for evacuation in the case of a fire in University Housing.



6. The policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to the students and employees, which must describe the procedures that students and employees should follow in case of a fire.
7. For purposes of including a fire in the statistics in the annual fire safety report, a list of the titles



IF YOU DISCOVER A CLASSROOM FIRE
Remove any person in immediate danger, evacuate the area and notify the Department of Public Safety.

WHEN YOU DISCOVER A FIRE
Evacuate via the nearest emergency exit. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR! Proceed to assembly areas.

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