Institutional Security

Jeanne Clery Act (Campus Security Act)

SMAT records and maintains a file of criminal activity occurring on campus that impacts the security of our students. Federal law requires that an Annual Security Report be submitted to the Department of Education in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act as well as satisfying the state of Michigan statistics.

Copies of these reports can be made available through the campus Administration Office.

Emergency Response/Evacuation

Campus Security-Emergency Response Directory
Local Emergency Response: Dial 911
Terry Yoder, President/CEO, 616-527-4160, cell: 616-889-5869
Lyle Reffey, Safety Manager, 423-444-5989

In an emergency situation protection of individuals is a priority. ALL students, faculty, and staff must evacuate the building immediately when a page alarm is activated. A campus page can be activated from the phone in the Reception/Administration Office. Designated emergency exits direct students and faculty in classroom settings to the appropriate exits. Students should exit the building and proceed to the appropriate assembly areas on the west side of the buildings.

Reporting and Notice of Criminal Activity

Students, staff, faculty, community members, and guests should immediately report any criminal activity that takes place on college property to the individuals listed in the Campus Security-Emergency Response Directory listed above. An Incident Report Form will be filed requiring the following information:

1. Name and telephone number of person reporting incident

2. Date of Report

3. Date and time of alleged criminal activity

4. A brief description of the alleged crime

5. If possible, name, address and telephone number of other witnesses to the activity

6. If possible, name and/or physical description of individual(s) involved in criminal activity

Upon completion of the Incident Report Form, the alleged crime may be reported to the Ionia Police Department for follow-up investigation. In the event that a situation arises either on or off campus that in the judgment of the school administration constitutes a continuing or ongoing safety threat to the campus community, a timely campus-wide warning will be issued. The warning will be issued through the college email system to students, staff, and faculty. As necessary, information may also be posted on bulletin boards located at the campus.

Each student is responsible for his or her own personal property such as computers, tools, books, etc. brought on campus, and students are encouraged to provide adequate security for their possessions.

Information about Sexual and Violent Offenders

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, SMAT provides a link to the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry. This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders already required to register in a state to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that state where the person is employed or is a student.

The registry is accessible at the following link: http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us/

Annual Security Report

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998, SMAT annually reports the required crime statistics. The current report may be viewed by visiting the Office of Postsecondary Education website at http://ope.ed.gov/security/. To view the report, students should enter School of Missionary Aviation Technology in the "Name of Institution" search box.

Further training in policy administration and reporting may be obtained on the Department of Education Web site: http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html