



# 2017 ANNUAL SECURITY & FIRE SAFETY REPORT

**Point University Department of Safety and Security  
2017 Annual Security Report  
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

As Director of Safety and Security for Point University, I welcome you to our wonderful university.

Our department is staffed with highly trained, professional employees who are dedicated to serving the unique needs of the entire Point University community. We understand the necessity to provide the students, faculty, staff, their families and visitors with a safe and well-protected environment.

In everything that we do, we will demonstrate our professionalism and our commitment to excellence through integrity, respect, ethics and dedication. Our goal is to foster an environment that will allow Point University to be successful in achieving its mission.

With your cooperation and participation, combined with our dedication and commitment, I am confident that your experience here at Point University will be safe and productive.

The 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is published to provide information about services, programs, and statistical information in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning this publication, please contact the Campus Safety and Security Office of Point University at 706-385-1459.

Eric Flournoy, Director of Safety and Security

## **ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT – 2017**

The Department of Safety and Security at Point University is responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Security Report to comply with the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act)*. The report is published every year by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and contains three years of selected campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements in accordance with the Clery Act.

Point University's Department of Safety and Security promulgates the Annual Security Report and statistical information obtained from various sources which include local law enforcement agencies, our Facilities and Maintenance Department, the Departments of Student Life and Spiritual Formation, as well as campus officials.

Designated campus officials or campus security authorities include, but are not limited to, directors, deans, department heads, Human Resource liaison and judicial affairs.

### **PURPOSE OF ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT**

Enacted in 1990, *The Student Right to Know and the Campus Security Act* was designed to assist students in making decisions which affect their personal safety and to ensure institutions of higher education provide students, prospective students, staff and faculty the information they need to avoid becoming victims of campus crime.

The *Higher Education Act* of 1998 and the subsequent amendment of the implementing regulations (34 C.F.R.668.46) significantly expanded institutions' obligations under the act. The act was also renamed the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act* (hereafter the Clery Act). The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to:

- Publish an annual report every year by October 1<sup>st</sup> that contains three years of selected campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements.
- Disclose crime statistics for the campus, public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus, and certain non-campus facilities. The statistics must be gathered from campus safety or security, local law enforcement and other college officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.
- Provide timely warning notices of those crimes that have occurred and pose an ongoing threat to students and employees.
- Disclose in a public crime log any crime that occurred on campus . . . or within the patrol jurisdiction of the campus security department and is reported to the campus safety and security department.

### **DISCLOSURE OF ANNUAL REPORT NOTIFICATION**

Each year, an email notification is sent to all current students, faculty and staff providing the website to access this report. Upon request, prospective students and employees may obtain a paper copy of the report, which will be made available.

## **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

The Point University Department of Safety and Security is the primary campus safety authority for Point University. Its Campus Security Officers (Synergy Security Services, LLC.) are not certified police officers but are empowered to enforce the policies set forth by Point University. The Campus Safety and Security Department also works regularly with and is supported by the Police Departments of West Point, Lanett, Valley, Peachtree City, MARTA, Atlanta Police Department, the Chambers County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies on criminal investigations. Point University's Department of Safety and Security will provide and seek assistance from other federal, state, county and local law enforcement agencies as needed.

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

The department's ability to develop and sustain the public's trust involves our commitment to provide excellent services in our efforts to promote and maintain a safe and secure college community. All members of the Point University community can expect to be treated in a courteous and professional manner by members of our department.

The department will not tolerate an employee who acts unprofessionally or who does not provide an appropriate and reasonable level of service. We also wish to recognize instances where our employees have been especially helpful or have exceeded your expectations in the service they have provided.

The foundational dynamic of the relationship between Campus Safety and the public requires interdependence – not independence. "The public are the police, and the police are the public", and it is essential that the services provided to the Point University community are acceptable. Thus, it is important that we obtain feedback from the community we serve regarding the quality of service delivered.

We strongly encourage you to help us improve the department by bringing any complaints and compliments to the attention of any faculty or staff member, or by contacting the on-duty Campus Security Officer.

## **INCIDENT REPORTING AND RESPONSE**

Anyone involved in or is a witness of an on-campus emergency that is an immediate threat to personal or property safety should dial 911. Any criminal offense or suspected criminal activity should be reported immediately to the on duty Campus Security Officer by dialing:

*Lanier Academic Center (PAC): 404-232-5420*

*Abbey Glen Apartments (AG)/Skyhawk (SH): 706-501-9766*

Campus Security will respond as quickly and safely as possible to any request for assistance, whether it is an emergency or not. Response time is based on current activity and severity of the call. Crimes in progress, alarms, traffic accidents with injuries and medical assists have a higher priority than other types of calls.

Campus Safety Officers remain vigilant in their efforts to be visible and accessible to the campus community by patrolling the campus by vehicle and on foot patrol, which provide for immediate and personable public contact. For off campus offenses, we encourage prompt reporting to the proper local law enforcement agency. We cannot overemphasize the importance of prompt and accurate reporting of an incident or accident whether on or off campus. For example, if a crime is not reported promptly, evidence can be destroyed or the potential to apprehend a suspect is lost. Consequently, this will inhibit the ability to determine the facts and develop an accurate report, and information could be missed that is essential for further investigation. If you witness a crime or emergency, promptly report it to Campus Security and be prepared to answer questions as accurately as you can. The subsequent investigation can only be as thorough as the information received. If you are the victim of a crime or you have seen or received information of criminal activity or other emergency, please contact Point University Campus Security immediately.

### **CRIME LOG**

The Safety and Security Department at Point University compiles a daily crime and incident report log. This summary identifies the type, location, time and date the crime or incident was reported to the Safety and Security Department. You may view a printed copy of this report at the Campus Safety and Security Department office.

### **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF CRIMES**

The Campus Safety and Security Department encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to report the incident promptly to Campus Security. Wherever possible, confidentiality will be maintained.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There will be no retaliatory action against any individual with respect to the implementation of any provision of the Clery Act. The office of Enrollment Management can assist the victim with issues including, but not limited to, class schedule changes or withdrawal procedures.

### **REPORTING CRIMINAL OFFENSES TO CAMPUS SECURITY**

#### **AUTHORITIES**

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to report any criminal offenses within the campus environment directly to the Point University Safety and Security Department. For off-campus offenses, we encourage prompt reporting to the proper local law enforcement agency. As an option, you may also report criminal offenses to designated campus officials (including but not limited to) directors, deans, department heads, Human Resources, advisors to students/student organizations, athletic coaches or to local law enforcement agencies.

Although exempt from the reporting requirements of the Clery Act, pastoral and professional mental health counselors are encouraged to refer persons they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary,

confidential basis for inclusion in the annual statistics, especially if the incident may pose an ongoing threat to the campus community.

### **MISSING PERSONS**

It is the policy of Campus Safety and Security to investigate thoroughly all reports of missing persons. In addition, this agency considers a missing child, and an adult who is mentally impaired, to be considered at risk until significant information to the contrary is confirmed.

Staff members should follow the instructions below upon receiving a report of a missing student:

- **IMMEDIATELY** contact the Point University Safety and Security Department with all available information regarding the missing student so that an investigation can be initiated. This is required by federal law.
- Provide the names and contact information of any person designated as a missing person contact.
- Point University will notify the designated emergency contacts.
- Safety and Security will initiate an incident report and maintain documentation throughout the process.

### **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OFF-CAMPUS**

The Campus Safety and Security Department, as well as campus officials, will assist students with notification to the proper law enforcement authorities. It is our goal to provide assistance wherever the report is made to make sure we include the crime in our annual security report.

When a Point University student is involved in an off-campus offense, the Campus Safety and Security Department may assist with the investigation in cooperation with local, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

### **TIMELY WARNING POLICY**

In consultation with the vice president for enrollment management or his/her designee, Point University is responsible for issuing timely warnings in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

20. U.S.C. § 1092(f) et seq. Jeanne Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1092. The Point University Department of Campus Safety and Security will continuously and diligently work and coordinate with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to address urgent public safety concerns. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to Campus Security at Point Academic Center (PAC) 404-232-5420, Point Living Community (PLC-24/7) 706-501-9766.

As soon as possible after the incident is reported to Campus Security, Point University designated authorities and administrators collaborate regarding whether a timely warning should be issued. Such discussion may occur either in person, by teleconference or per email discussions.

The decision to issue a timely warning shall be decided on a case-by-case basis in compliance with the Clery Act and will consider all available facts. The timing of the notification shall be based upon whether the crime is considered a serious or continuing threat to students or employees and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts.

## PROCEDURE

When a determination has been made that a timely warning should be issued, the Director of Safety and Security and the Communications department will work collaboratively to inform the campus community of the incident by taking one or more appropriate steps to ensure timely notification:

- Invoke e2Campus alert email, text and voice message system. **Members of the campus community may enroll to receive these notifications by texting the number “79516” and in the message section of the text write “Point”**
- Campus wide email of the timely warning notice.
- Post the warning at Point.edu.
- Such warning(s) may include, but are not limited to, the following information:
  - Type of crime
  - Date, time and location of the incident
  - Suspect description
  - Safety and Security reminder(s)

## UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION POLICY

Point University’s emergency preparedness, response and evacuation protocols are published online and accessible at [http://www.point.edu/site/campus\\_safety](http://www.point.edu/site/campus_safety).

The protocols require authorized Point officials to immediately notify the campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on or near the campus involving an immediate threat to the health and safety of students, faculty and staff, unless issuing a notification will compromise efforts to contain the emergency.

All students and employees are highly encouraged to read and review these protocols regularly.

Emergency response and evacuation procedures are reviewed annually. The Emergency Response Plan designates the Point University Director of Safety and Security as the initial contact for reporting all emergency situations and for response to and resolution of all emergencies. Upon receiving the report of an emergency, the Director of Safety and Security will determine the appropriate level of response required and will communicate with appropriate personnel at the scene.

Emergency messages will include information detailing what has occurred and directions to the community regarding what to do next. The e2Campus alert system will be activated to provide an emergency notification to registered users through email, text message and social media. The emergency notification process does not replace but may work with the timely warning requirement.

Instead, the emergency notification addresses a much wider range of threats such as gas leaks, fires, weather (tornado/hurricane), bomb threats, contagious viruses, etc.

## PROCEDURE

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- Invoke e2Campus alert system. **Members of the campus community may enroll to receive these notifications by texting the number “79516” and in the message section of the text write “Point”** All decisions concerning the discontinuation of college functions, cancellation of classes or cessation of operations rest with the president or his/her designee. After consulting with the emergency management team, the president shall be responsible for declaring a major institutional emergency.
- Should it be deemed necessary to warn the college community of an impending threat or emergency situation, the college emergency notification systems will be activated.
- The college emergency notification systems may consist of the following:
  - Text messaging
  - Voice messaging
  - Email
  - Television and radio media
  - Departmental phone listing
- Status reports will be updated and posted continuously on the following:
  - Point University emergency information line
  - Point University website [https:// www.point.edu/](https://www.point.edu/)

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

In some emergency situations, such as severe weather, utility failures, etc., an evacuation of the campus may be ordered by the president or his/her designee. A campus evacuation or closure is an organized withdrawal from campus facilities where the time of return is determined by the circumstances of the emergency or event. When such action is warranted, the campus community will be appropriately advised by various forms of communications to include: e2Campus alert system, Campus Safety and Security, university officials. When notified to evacuate the campus because of inclement weather, immediately proceed with procedures for securing offices and instructional areas to protect equipment and critical documents.

## BUILDING EVACUATION

A building evacuation is most commonly initiated by the building’s fire alarm system. When the building fire alarm sounds:



- Evacuate the building immediately, calmly and quickly.
- Carry all personal items, i.e. books, purses, etc. as you may not be allowed back in the building.
- Walk to the nearest exit/stairwell. Close doors behind you.
- Do not use elevators.
- Proceed to designated and posted area outside the building moving as far away from the building as possible. Do not stand on porch areas.
- Keep streets, fire lanes, hydrant areas and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not re-enter building until cleared by authorized personnel.
- Assist with the evacuation of individuals with special needs.

### **LOCKDOWN OR SHELTER IN PLACE; SEVERE WEATHER**

Lock your room or secure it by barricading the doors and windows with whatever may be at hand. If you cannot lock your door, use furniture, bookcases or other items to block the door and provide cover.

Building lockdowns will be handled by the Director of Safety and Security, the Dean of Students, and the Direct of Facilities and Maintenance. Campus officials with master keys may assist instructors in locking doors.

- Take cover from windows or openings behind furniture or walls.
- Turn off lights and seek cover.
- Admit no one until officially notified by law enforcement.
- Do not leave the secure area.
- Do not admit anyone after the initial warning, as they may be the threat.

### **Tornado**

1. The National Weather Service has issued two types of tornado alerts:
  - a. TORNADO WATCH: Means that weather conditions are such that a tornado may develop.
  - b. TORNADO WARNING: Means that a tornado has been sighted and protective measures should be taken immediately.
2. The notification of a weather watch or warning will be received by the
3. Director of Safety and Security by a tone encoded message from the nearest National Weather Services office through a weather warning receiver or by monitoring local radio/television during threatening weather or by **Code Red** weather alerts.
4. In the event of a tornado warning, the Director of Safety and Security will issue a warning via the e2Campus alert system.

### **Severe Weather Preparation**

1. All personnel should know the symptoms of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Watches may be issued e2Campus alert system.

2. The Director of Safety and Security and selected personnel are trained as severe weather watchers or tornado spotters. These people are also trained in the use of the warning and communication systems.
3. All campus vehicles will continue to operate during tornado watches, but not during tornado warnings. Vehicles can be rolled by tornado winds.
4. The safest tornado shelter areas in each building have been determined with the assistance of authorities and will be displayed in designated areas throughout each building on campus. In general, go to an interior room, away from windows. Smaller rooms have better support features.

### **Response**

When the Director of Safety and Security has been alerted of a tornado watch by the warning receiver, or weather conditions indicate the possibility of a tornado, the weather radio, local radio or television station should be tuned in and monitored for updated weather information.

Continue normal activities. An email alert will be sent by the Director of Safety and Security as well as the Point University Communications Office.

When a tornado warning is received take emergency procedures at once.

If there is sufficient time, the Director of Safety and Security will issue a warning through the e2Campus alert system.

Everyone on campus not in a designated area will immediately go to a pre- designated location indicated by signs for their area. Upon reaching these areas, cover your head, face, and upper torso with anything that can help protect you from flying debris.

If there is insufficient time to take shelter: Go to an inside wall of the room away from windows, a corner being best. Once in a secure location:

- Cover your head,
- Squat on floor next to wall, in a corner or get under stable furniture or equipment.
- If out in the open, go to a ditch, ravine or indented area, lie face down and cover your head.

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ILLEGAL DRUGS, WEAPONS**

As an institution interested in the spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological well-being of the campus community, Point University prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages on all campuses. All members of the university community and guests are required to comply with university policies as well as federal, state and local laws regarding the distribution, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal. It is also a violation of law and student rules to possess or consume alcoholic beverages on any

of the university's campuses. Consequences could result in criminal charges or arrest and/or sanctions by the college. The Dean of Students along with university officials are committed to promoting responsible decision-making regarding alcohol and drugs through educational programming, resources and referrals.

### **Illegal Drugs**

Georgia state law prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, possession or use of a controlled substance without legal authorization. A controlled substance includes any drug, substance or immediate precursor covered under the Georgia Controlled Substances Act, including but not limited to opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana and hallucinogens. The possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited under state law. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products and material of any kind that are used to facilitate, or intended or designed to facilitate, violations of the Controlled Substances Act. Alleged violations of this policy may result in criminal charges and will also be adjudicated through the university's judicial review board for disciplinary process.

### **Smoking and Tobacco Use Policy**

Point University is a tobacco-free environment. Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings, grounds, and vehicles.

### **Weapons**

No weapons of any kind are to be on the campus of Point University. This includes firearms, explosive devices, knives, switchblades, swords, fighting instruments, any ornamental versions of these items or other material deemed to be a weapon and hazardous to the welfare of our community. This ban includes weapons stored in living areas, automobiles, locker etc. All persons, including "Concealed Carry Permit" license holders, are prohibited from carrying a handgun or other firearm on Point University property or events that Point University is hosting.

### **Access and Maintenance of Buildings and Facilities Access**

The Department Head or designee is responsible for determining access to facilities under their control.

It is unlawful for any person to trespass on the grounds of any institution of higher education of this state or to damage or deface any of the buildings, statues, monuments, memorials, trees, shrubs, grasses or flowers on the grounds of any state institutions of higher education.

The governing board of a state institution of higher education or its authorized representatives may refuse to allow persons having no legitimate business to enter on property under the board's control, and may remove any person from the property on his or her refusal to leave peaceably on request. Identification may be required of any person on the property.

## **Maintenance**

The Director of Facilities and Maintenance at Point University maintains the buildings, grounds, utility systems and custodial services for the University's campuses. They provide electricity, running water, waste disposal, landscape maintenance, building/office renovation, custodial services and emergency repairs.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to report maintenance problems via work orders or by calling the Facilities and Maintenance office.

Campus Security personnel closely monitor any security-related maintenance problems after hours, and report their findings to the appropriate official. If necessary, they will stand by until the problem is corrected.

Campus Security personnel routinely surveys campus lighting nightly and monitors those areas having defective fixtures and reports the deficiencies to the appropriate personnel for corrective action.

### **JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY POLICY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT, AS AMENDED BY THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013**

Point University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs and sexual harassment and sexual violence are types of sex discrimination. Other acts can also be forms of sex-based discrimination and are also prohibited whether sexually based or not and include dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. As a result, Point University issues this statement of policy to inform the community of our comprehensive plan addressing sexual misconduct, educational programs, and procedures that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, whether the incident occurs on or off campus and when it is reported to a University official. In this context, Point University prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and reaffirms its commitment to maintain a campus environment emphasizing the dignity and worth of all members of the university community.

For a complete copy of Point University's policy governing sexual misconduct, visit [point.edu/campus security](http://point.edu/campus-security).

As stated in the Point Community Honor Code, the University prohibits sexual offenses, including rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Every student of Point University is responsible for ensuring that his or her conduct does not include or suggest violence in any form, including sexual violence. In all situations, including those not covered specifically by this policy or elsewhere in the Honor Code, students are expected to act responsibly and for the welfare of others and the University community.

Point University complies with federal requirements to: (1) implement institutional policies to address and prevent campus sexual violence; (2) to implement student discipline procedures in cases of sexual violence as specified by law; and (3) and to report forcible and non-forcible sexual offenses and aggravated assault – including but not limited to rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic

violence, dating violence, stalking, and hate crimes targeting a victim's national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity – along with other crime categories as directed by the Clery Act. The definitions of those offenses and related terms used herein are stated in the "Pertinent Definitions" section of this policy.

If other stated policies and procedures in the Honor Code differ from those required in this policy and its procedures, the stipulations of this policy and its procedures shall be mandatory in cases involving rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

**Procedures that victims of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking should follow:**

1. Get to a safe place.
2. Call 911, especially if the assault or threat is current or if injured. The victim has the option to notify or not to notify and seek assistance from first responders (911). From a campus phone, dial 9, then 911.
3. Contact someone for assistance and support, such as a member of the Student Life staff, campus security, an instructor, a staff member, or an administrator. Another person can be very helpful in following the other steps.
4. Remember as much as possible about the attacker in order to share information that may be helpful or needed in an investigation.
5. Do not wash hands, shower, bathe, douche, brush hair, change clothes, destroy any items of clothing, or move or disturb anything at the site of a crime or incident that may be helpful or needed in an investigation.
6. Report the crime or incident to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction (e.g., West Point Police, Valley Police, county sheriff). The victim has the option to notify or not to notify and seek assistance from law enforcement; however, doing so is strongly recommended. A police or law enforcement officer responds to take a report and collect evidence.
7. Seek treatment and care at the nearest medical facility and cooperate in the collection of physical evidence of the crime or incident in order to preserve evidence that may be helpful or needed in an investigation. The law enforcement agency investigating the alleged crime provides transportation to the hospital for a medical examination and pays for the medical examination to the extent of the cost for the collection of evidence of the crime.
8. Notify the Dean of Students of the crime or incident and complete a written report. The victim has the option to notify or not to notify and seek assistance from the Dean of Students or other campus personnel; however, doing so is strongly recommended.

9. Seek a judicial no-contact, restraining, and/or protective order by a local magistrate against the perpetrator(s), as needed and appropriate, which is a victim's right.
10. Seek counseling or personal consultation for support, therapy, and information, as needed and desired. Point personnel who may provide such services include the student counselor, several faculty members in the Department of Counseling and Human Services, and the Vice President for Spiritual Formation. Community agencies and counselors are also available.

The University provides reasonable assistance to and cooperation with students who request help with these steps, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, including the upholding of the victim's rights and the withholding of the victim's name.

**Standards for the investigation and conduct of student discipline proceedings in rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases:**

The student discipline policies and procedures of the Honor Code shall apply and be followed with the following added stipulations in cases involving rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

1. The University's response is based on the victim's desired outcome:
  - a. No Judicial Proceeding – In a case where the student does not choose to officially report such a crime or incident to the Dean of Students, the victim's option is honored and no investigation or student disciplinary proceeding based on the unreported crime or incident are pursued.
  - b. Informal Investigation and Intervention – In a case where the student wants the accused to be confronted but does not want to pursue formal judicial proceedings by the University, the victim's option is honored when the student notifies the Dean of Students of the crime or incident, may or may not complete a written report, and requests in writing an informal investigation and intervention by the Dean of Students without a student disciplinary proceeding. The victim retains the right to request an investigation and judicial proceeding later.
  - c. Judicial Proceeding – In a case where the student wants the University to conduct an official investigation and student discipline proceeding, the victim's option is honored when that student notifies the Dean of Students, verbally or in writing, and completes a written report of the crime or incident.
2. The standard of evidence in the investigation and conduct of student discipline proceedings in such cases is "preponderance of the evidence" (as contrasted with "beyond a reasonable doubt").
3. Institutional officials and personnel who perform the investigation and who conduct student discipline proceedings in such cases must be trained on how to investigate and conduct hearings in a manner that protects the safety and confidentiality of victims, promotes accountability, and responds effectively to situations involving these offenses.

4. Judicial Sanctions (as listed in the *Honor Code*) may be imposed, as deemed appropriate, following a final determination that includes rape, acquaintance rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking.
5. Protective measures, in addition to Honor Code sanctions, may be taken by the University and/or imposed on the accused offender to provide for the safety of the victim and the campus community, including but not limited to: no-contact or restraining directives; cooperation in the enforcement of judicially imposed orders; provision of increased campus security personnel in proximity to the victim and/or accused offender; and relocation of the victim in student housing to a more secure or supportive living area.
6. The victim in such a case may be accompanied to any related meeting with the Dean of Students or other University personnel by a support person and/or by an advocate/advisor of the victim's choice.
7. During a student discipline proceeding and any related meetings, the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have a support person and/or an advocate/advisor of the person's choice present.
8. The accuser and the accused must be notified of the following in writing (which may include Point student email), separately and simultaneously:
  - a. The outcome of the judicial proceeding;
  - b. Appeal procedures;
  - c. Any change to the result before it becomes final; and
  - d. When the result becomes final.

**The victim's confidentiality is protected throughout the process in rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases, including but not limited to:**

1. All conversations and meetings related to such a case are held in private areas.
2. The victim's personally-identifiable information is withheld by the University and its personnel, except on a need-to-know basis for the purposes of notification, investigation, and student disciplinary proceedings. Personally-identifiable information includes: the person's name; a home or other physical address; contact information (including a postal, e-mail or Internet protocol address, or telephone or facsimile number); social security number or student identification number; and any other information that would serve to identify an individual, alone or in combination with known information.
3. When University personnel (including student workers) forward information and reports regarding rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking to the Dean of Students and the Director of Campus Safety and Security, which may include the victim's personally-identifiable information, all such communications are conducted in a manner that seeks to protect the confidentiality of the victim.
4. The report of outcomes from student disciplinary proceedings excludes a victim's personally-identifiable information.

5. Permanent records and all resulting reports exclude the victim's personally-identifiable information.

**Gender:**

The interpretation and application of University policies, procedures, and definitions as they relate to compliance with VAWA and other related Federal statutes are made without gender distinctions (e.g., a male or a female may be the victim, a male or a female may be the perpetrator).

**Pertinent Definitions (in alphabetical order):**

These definitions are used by the University in awareness and prevention education and information, in investigations, and in student discipline proceedings. They have been developed in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA), Titles 16, 17, 19 and 24) and Section 304 of VA WA.

**Acquaintance Rape** – A person commits acquaintance rape when the rape occurs between people who know each other, whether they have known each other for a length of time or have just met.

**Consent** – Consent is an affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement – indicated clearly by words or actions – by a person of age to engage in behavior, actively or passively, with another person. Consent cannot be given by a person who is: under the influence of alcohol or drugs (legal or illegal), unconscious, under the age of 16, physically or psychologically pressured or forced, frightened, intimidated, mentally or physically impaired, mentally or physically incapacitated, beaten, threatened, isolated, or confined.

*[See OCGA, Title 16, Chapter 6, Sexual Offenses]*

**Dating Violence** – A person commits dating violence when any felony or offense of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, sexual assault, stalking, or unlawful restraint is perpetrated or threatened between members of an unmarried couple within the context of dating or courtship, whether on a first date or in an established relationship.

**Domestic Violence** – A person commits domestic violence when any felony or offense of battery, simple battery, simple assault, assault, stalking, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint, or criminal trespass is perpetrated between past or present family members or other persons living in the same family household. *[See OCGA, Title 19, Chapter 13, Family Violence]*

**Preponderance of Evidence** – “Preponderance of evidence” means that superior weight of evidence upon the issues involved which, while not enough to free the mind wholly from a reasonable doubt, is yet sufficient to incline a reasonable and impartial mind to one side of the issue rather than to the other. *[See OCGA, Title 24, Evidence]*

**Rape** – A person commits the offense of rape when he has carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will (i.e., without consent) or a female under the age of 16. *[See OCGA, Title 16, Chapter 6, Sexual Offenses]*



**Sexual Assault** – Sexual assault is the category which includes forcible or nonforcible rape, sodomy, aggravated sodomy, sexual battery, and aggravated sexual battery. *[See OCGA, Title 17, Article 4, Investigating Sexual Assault]*

**Sexual Battery** – A person commits the offense of sexual battery when he or she intentionally makes physical contact with the intimate parts of the body of another person without the consent of that person. Aggravated sexual battery includes use of a foreign object. *[See OCGA, Title 16, Chapter 6, Sexual Offenses]*

**Sodomy** – A person commits the offense of sodomy when he or she performs or submits to any sexual act involving the sex organs of one person and the mouth or anus of another.

Aggravated sodomy includes force and is against the will of the other person (i.e., without consent). *[See OCGA, Title 16, Chapter 6, Sexual Offenses]*

**Stalking** – A person commits the offense of stalking when he or she engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that follows, places under surveillance, or contacts (in person, in writing, or by electronic or other means) the other person without his or her consent, establishing a pattern of harassing and intimidating behavior which serves no legitimate purpose, and that would cause a reasonable person to: fear for his or her safety or the safety of a member of his or her immediate family; or suffer emotional distress. *[See OCGA, Title 16, Chapter 6, Sexual Offenses]*

**Bystander Intervention:** A bystander is someone other than the victim who is present when an act of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault is occurring or when a situation is occurring in which a reasonable person feels as though some protective action is required to prevent sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking. Bystanders, if active, can prevent harm or intervene before a situation gets worse. Examples of active bystander intervention include: not leaving an overly intoxicated person in a bar/party alone, walking a classmate to his/her care after class, calling police when a potentially violent situation is unfolding, not leaving an unconscious person alone (alerting an CLM, EMS, campus security, etc.), or intervening when someone is being belittled, degraded or emotionally abused (walking victim away from abuser, contacting others for help, like counseling center, CLM, etc..)

If you have been the victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, you should report the incident promptly to the Title IX Coordinator, Student Life, and Campus Security (if the victim so desires.) The University will provide resources to persons who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, and will apply appropriate disciplinary procedures to those who violate this policy.

### **Resources for victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking**

#### **On-Campus:**

- **Dean of Students:** Laura Schaaf, Bldg. 507 (LAC), 706-385-1122
- **Director of Safety & Security:** Eric Flournoy, Bldg. 507 (LAC), Room 147, 706-385-1459

- **Office of the Title IX Coordinator:** Dr. Stacy Bartlett, Bldg. 507 (LAC), Room 108, Phone: 706-385-1100

**Off-Campus:**

- **West Point Police Department:** 730 1st Ave, West Point, GA 31833, (706) 645-3525
- **Valley Police Department:** 20 Fob James Drive Valley, AL 36854, (334) 756-5200
- **Peachtree City Police Department:** 350 Old State Highway 74, Peachtree City, GA 30269, (770) 487-8866

**Sex Offender Registration**

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on October 28, 2000, requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement agency 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, as required under State law, of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries on a vocation, volunteers services or is a student.

In Georgia and Alabama, convicted sex offenders must register with the state.[sor.gbi.ga.gov/](http://sor.gbi.ga.gov/); [sexoffenders@dps.alabama.gov](mailto:sexoffenders@dps.alabama.gov). You can link to this information, which appears on Campus Safety and Security page on the Point.edu website.

## Clery Act Crime Statistics for 2014, 2015, 2016

SYNERGY CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME LOG	2016					
	ON-CAMPUS			OFF-CAMPUS	UNFOUNDED	TOTAL
OFFENSE	RESIDENCE HALL	ON CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY	NONCAMPUS PROPERTY		
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEG.	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	4	0	0	0	0	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VAWA OFFENSES</b>						
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
STALKING	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ARREST</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JUDICIAL REFERRALS</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HATE CRIMES</b>						
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0

SYNERGY CAMPUS SECURITY	2015					
	ON-CAMPUS			OFF-CAMPUS	UNFOUNDED	TOTAL
OFFENSE	RESIDENCE HALL	ON CAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY	NONCAMPUS PROPERTY		
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEG.	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	1	0	0	0	0	1
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2	0	0	0	0	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VAWA OFFENSES</b>						
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
STALKING	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ARREST</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	1	0	0	0	0	1
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JUDICIAL REFERRALS</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HATE CRIMES</b>						
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0

SYNERGY CAMPUS SECURITY CRIME LOG  OFFENSE	2014					
	ON-CAMPUS		PUBLIC PROPERTY	OFF-CAMPUS	UNFOUNDED	TOTAL
	RESIDENCE HALL	ON CAMPUS PROPERTY		NONCAMPUS PROPERTY		
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEG.	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	2	0	0	0	0	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
INCEST	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VAWA OFFENSES</b>						
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATING VIOLENCE	0	0	0	0	0	0
STALKING	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ARREST</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JUDICIAL REFERRALS</b>						
WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DRUGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HATE CRIMES</b>						
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
BURGLARY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATUTORY RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0
FONDALING	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0



