

Truett-McConnell College

Annual Campus Safety and Security Report 2014

Message from the Public Safety Coordinator

This Annual Campus Safety and Security Report is designed to provide you with important information about your safety and security on campus. Throughout this Annual Campus Safety and Security Report you will observe that Truett-McConnell College is a safe campus due in part to combined efforts of students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety serves a population of approximately 1500 enrolled students and 250 faculty and staff members. The Office of Public Safety strives to serve and protect the campus as a whole. It is our responsibility to provide law enforcement deterrence and response to violations of State Law and applicable Local Ordinances. Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety provides continuous patrols of the college community to deter acts of crime and detect and intervene when criminal activity occurs on a regular basis throughout the day, 7 days a week.

This Annual Campus Safety and Security Report includes statistics for the previous years concerning reported crimes that occurred on-campus; in certain off-campus building or property owned or controlled by Truett-McConnell College; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus. The report includes institutional policies and regulations. You can obtain a copy of this report by contacting the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety or by visiting our website at www.truett.edu.

If at anytime you have questions or would like further information about the safety and security at Truett-McConnell College, please feel free to contact us at:

Phone: 706-865-2136 ext. 229

Email: publicsafety@truett.edu

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Public Safety Coordinator

Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the Public Safety Coordinator, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “Alert Now” will be issued by the Office of Student Life and Retention.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety, by phone 706-865-2136 ext. 229, the Public Safety Officer On-Duty by phone 706-865-2134 ext. 186, or in person at the Office of Public Safety currently located at the Facilities Management Building.

Disclosure of Crime Statistics

Truett-McConnell College prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The full text of this report can be accessed on our website at www.truett.edu by clicking on the Campus Life tab on the home page, and then clicking on the Public Safety link.

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety, designated campus officials (including but not limited to administrators, directors, department heads, staff, advisors to student/student organizations, athletic coaches), and local law enforcement agencies. This statistics may also include crimes that have occurred in private residences or businesses and is not required by law.

Each year, an e-mail notification is made to all enrolled students that provide the website to access this report. Copies of the report may also be obtained at the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety or by calling 706-865-2136 ext. 229. All prospective employees may obtain a copy from the Human Resources Office located in the Miller Building.

The Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety maintains a close relationship with the Cleveland Police Department to ensure that it is notified of any crime report that is made directly to them.

The Office of Public Safety will disclose any crime report made directly to any local law enforcement agency by a member of the campus community.

Reporting Criminal Offenses

To report a crime:

Contact Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety at 706-865-2136 ext. 186 (non-emergencies), dial 9-1-1 (emergencies only). Any suspicious activity or person seen in the parking lots or loitering around vehicles, inside buildings or around Residential Halls should be reported to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety.

Truett McConnell College Office of Public Safety will accept information from confidential sources in reporting a crime.

The Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety at 706-865-2136 ext. 186. Because police reports are public records under state law, the Truett-McConnell Office of Public Safety cannot hold reports of crime in confidence. Confidential reports for the purposes of inclusion in the annual disclosure of crime statistics can generally be made to another Truett-McConnell College Office.

The Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety and its staff have jurisdiction of the campus of Truett-McConnell College from an institutional standpoint and looks for assistance from the Cleveland Police Department when assistance is needed to enforce a Federal Law, State Law, or Local Ordinance that has been violated. The Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety and its staff do not have the power to arrest so all cases that involve an arrest being made the Cleveland Police Department is directly involved.

Major offenses such as rape, murder, aggravated assault, and robbery are reported to the local police department and joint investigative efforts with investigators from the local police department are deployed to solve these serious felony crimes. The prosecution of all criminal offenses, both felony and misdemeanor, are conducted at either Cleveland Municipal Court, White County Probate Court, or the Superior Court of White County.

The Office of Public Safety maintains a cooperative working relationship with local law enforcement.

Security and Access

Access Policy

During business hours, Truett-McConnell College (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to all College facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance through the Truett-McConnell College Patrol Post. Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety will admit only those with prior written approval to all facilities on campus, if written approval is needed.

Residence halls are secured 24 hours a day. Over extended breaks, the doors of all halls will be secured around the clock. The facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the Office of Student Life and Retention because the office is responsible for the facility.

Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules. Areas that are revealed as problematic have security surveys conducted of them. Additionally, throughout the year, and at a minimum once every two weeks an inspection is conducted of all college lighting.

Reporting a Crime or Emergency

General Procedures

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety in a timely manner.

To report a crime or an emergency on campus and using a campus phone simply dial 186. To report a crime or an emergency on main campus using any private phone, simply dial 706-865-2136 ext. 186. In emergency situations for on or off campus call 911.

Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety is available at these numbers 24 hours a day to answer your call. In response to a call an officer will be respond to meet with the complainant or victim. Reports can also be filed at the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety located at Facilities Management Building.

All incident reports involving a crime committed by a student is forwarded to the Office of Student Life and Retention for review and potential disciplinary action in a timely manner.

Crimes should be reported to the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate.

Crime Prevention and Awareness Programs

During orientation (THRIVE), students are informed of services offered by the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety. Students are told about crime on-campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. Similar information is presented to new employees.

Periodically during the academic year the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety, in cooperation with other college organizations and departments, strive to present crime prevention and awareness sessions on sexual assault (rape and acquaintance/date rape), theft, and common-sense safety tips.

A common theme of all crime prevention and awareness programs offered is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. When time is of the essence, information is released to the campus community through security alerts posted at the entrance to residence halls, throughout the campus, email, campus calendar, and possible text message.

Crime Prevention methods on personal safety and theft prevention are noted in our handbook located on the website.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Information

Prevention Methods

The college has developed a way to help prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The goal is to provide service related to drug use and abuse including dissemination of informational materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals, and college disciplinary actions.

The college recognizes that drug dependencies and alcoholism are illnesses, and the college will provide information to any employee or student seeking assistance. Employees and students will not be discriminated against because they responsibly seek help with their illness, but the institution has zero tolerance for users and abusers who do not responsibly seek and utilize counseling and treatment services. Students may contact the Office of Student Life and Retention for referral to counselors and treatment centers. All students' and employees' rights to privacy will be maintained regarding information of treatment and diagnosis, except in cases wherein notification of state or federal authorities is required by law.

The possession, sale or the furnishing of alcohol on the college campus is governed by Truett-McConnell College Alcohol Policy and Georgia State Law. Truett-McConnell College also condemns the inappropriate behavior resulting from alcoholic beverage abuse. Alcohol abuse is characterized by uncontrollable behavior which infringes upon the rights of others, potential danger to self or others, or use of alcohol outside the parameters of state and/or college policy. Truett-McConnell College neither encourages nor discourages the use of alcoholic beverages in general but does restrict its possession and consumption on campus.

- It is illegal for persons under 21 years of age to possess, consume or purchase alcoholic beverages.
- It is illegal for any person to furnish alcoholic beverages to persons less than 21 years of age.
- It is illegal to furnish, sell, or provide alcoholic beverages to a person who is in a state of noticeable intoxication.
- It is illegal to charge admission to events where alcohol is provided, unless a license for sale of alcoholic beverages has been obtained.
- It is illegal for persons under the age of 21 to misrepresent (fake I.D.) themselves for the purpose of obtaining an alcoholic beverage illegally.
- It is illegal in the City of Cleveland to carry an open container of an alcoholic beverage.

While Cleveland Police Department and White County Sheriff's Office have primary jurisdiction in all areas off campus, Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety Officers and Cleveland Police Department Officers can and do respond to student-related incidents that occur on campus.

The Truett-McConnell College campus has been designated "Drug Free." The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws, and the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety also strictly enforces such laws.

Violators are subject to college disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fines and, imprisonment.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

The college educates the student community about how to deal with sexual assaults and date rape through the use of the Student Handbook that is available on our website at www.truett.edu.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety strongly advocates that a victim of a sexual assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a Public Safety Officer and/or Resident Assistant. Filing a report with the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety or its staff within will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam)
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention

When a sexual assault victim contacts the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety, the Cleveland Police Department will also be notified. The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system or not.

Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety will assist the sexual assault victim regardless of the jurisdiction or when the assault occurred.

College disciplinary proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual misconduct are detailed in the Student Handbook.

Truett-McConnell College Residence Life Staff and Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety officers are trained to address occurrences of sexual assault appropriately.

Sexual Offender Registration

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (CSCPA) of 2000 is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at, or employed by, institutions of higher education. The CSCPA is an amendment to the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Act. The federal requires state law enforcement agencies, (Georgia Bureau of Investigation) to provide Truett-McConnell College with a list of registered sex offenders who

have indicated that they are enrolled, employed, or carrying on a vocation at Truett-McConnell College.

To access the registry of the registered sex offenders, please visit <http://www.ganet.org/gbi/disclaim.html>.

The CSCPA further amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to clarify that nothing in the Act can prohibit an educational institution from disclosing information provided to the institution concerning registered sex offenders.

Criminal offenses, Truett-McConnell College

Type of Offense		On-Campus	Residential Facility	Non-campus Building Or Property	Public Property	Hate Crimes
Criminal Homicide						
Murder/Non-negligent	2014	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses						
Forcible Sex Offenses	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Non-forcible Sex Offenses	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary						
	2014	1	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Arson						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	1	0	0	0	0
Larceny						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidation						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of property						
	2014	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0	0

Arrests, Truett-McConnell College

		On-campus	Residential Facility	Non-campus Building Or Property	Public Property
Arrests					
Liquor Law Violations					
	2014	3	0	0	0
	2013	1	0	0	0
	2012	7	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations					
	2014	0	0	0	0
	2013	2	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0
Illegal Weapon Possession					
	2014	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0	0

Disciplinary Referrals, Truett McConnell College

Liquor Law Violations	2014	0
	2013	0
	2012	2
Drug Abuse Violations		
	2014	0
	2013	0
	2012	0
Illegal Weapons Possession		
	2014	0
	2013	0
	2012	0

Fire Safety Disclosure for On-Campus Housing

Description of Fire Protection Equipment (On-Campus Housing):

Sewell Hall – Ademco Fire Alarm Systems, Addressable Hardwire and not Sprinkled
Garrison Hall –Honeywell Fire Alarm Systems, Addressable Hardwire and not Sprinkled
Merritt Hall –Honeywell Fire Alarm Systems, Addressable Hardwire and not Sprinkled
Otwell Hall – Ademco Fire Alarm Systems, Addressable Hardwire and not Sprinkled
New Residence Hall- Gamewell Fire Alarm Systems, Addressable Hardwire and Sprinkled
Twin Springs Student Housing– Hardwire individual smoke detectors and not sprinkled
Cleveland Courts I- Ademco Fire Alarm Systems
Cleveland Courts II- Ademco Fire Alarm Systems

*All above locations are annually tested.

Number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills:

Truett-McConnell College Residence Life Staff requires that each traditional hall to have at least one announced fire drill and one unannounced fire drill during the Fall and Spring semesters. The first announced fire drill is on the first night residents are on campus. Each fire drill is supervised and roll is taken. Both the fire monitoring company and the Truett-McConnell College Office of Public Safety are notified prior to the drills.

Rules on fire safety education and training programs:

Each residence hall holds a mandatory hall meeting with the first two days where the protocol for fire evacuation is covered. All Truett-McConnell College Residence Life Staff members receive fire safety training during Fall staff training.

Policies related to use electrical appliances, open flames, smoking, and evacuation procedures:

Residents are not permitted to have any appliance with open flame or exposed heating element in any residence hall. Smoking is not permitted on campus. Evacuation procedures are covered during mandatory hall meetings each semester.

Statistics:

Number of Reported Fires on Campus and Cause:

Injuries requiring medical care:	2013: 0	2014: 0
Deaths:	2013: 0	2014: 0
Value of property damage:	2013: \$0.00	2014: \$0.00