

Truett McConnell University

Annual Campus Safety and Security Report  
2017

## **Timely Warnings**

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that, in the judgment of the University, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide alert will be issued via text message, email, and phone call to all students, faculty and staff.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the Truett McConnell University Office of Public Safety, by phone 706-865-2136 ext.3200, or in person at the Office of Public Safety currently located at the Facilities Management Building.

## **Disclosure of Crime Statistics**

Truett McConnell University 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](http://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 University 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.

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 University Office of Public Safety or by calling 706-865-2136 ext. 3200. All prospective employees may obtain a copy from the Human Resources Office located in the Miller Building.

The Truett McConnell University 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 University Office of Public Safety at 706-865-2136 ext. 3200 (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 University Office of Public Safety.

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

The Truett McConnell University Office of Public Safety encourages anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime to promptly report the incident to the Truett McConnell University Office of Public Safety at 706-865-2136 ext. 3200. 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 University Office.

The Truett McConnell University Office of Public Safety and its staff have jurisdiction of the campus of Truett McConnell University 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 University 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 University (excluding certain housing facilities) will be open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees. During non-business hours access to all University facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance through the Truett McConnell University Patrol Post. Truett McConnell University 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 Development 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 University 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 University Office of Public Safety in a timely manner.

To report a crime or an emergency on campus and using a campus phone simply dial 3200. To report a crime or an emergency on main campus using any private phone, simply dial 706-865-2136 ext. 3200. In emergency situations for on or off campus call 911.

Truett McConnell University 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 University 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 Development for review and potential disciplinary action in a timely manner.

Crimes should be reported to the Truett McConnell University 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 University 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 University Office of Public Safety, in cooperation with other University 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, electronic email, campus calendar, and text messages.

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 University 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 University disciplinary actions.

The University recognizes that drug dependencies and alcoholism are illnesses, and the University 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 Development for referral to counselors and treatment centers. All students' and employees' rights 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 University campus is governed by Truett McConnell University Alcohol Policy and Georgia State Law. Truett McConnell University 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 University policy. Truett McConnell University neither encourages nor discourages the use of alcoholic beverages in general but does restrict its possessions 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.

The Cleveland Police Department and White County Sheriff's Office have primary jurisdiction in all areas of campus.

The Truett McConnell University 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 University Office of Public Safety also strictly enforces such laws. Violators are subject to University disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fines, and imprisonment.

## **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**

The University 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](http://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 University 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 University 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 University 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 University Office of Public Safety will assist the sexual assault victim regardless of the jurisdiction or when the assault occurred.**

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

Truett McConnell University Residence Life Staff and Truett McConnell University 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 University with a list of registered sex offenders who have indicated that they are enrolled, employed, or carrying on a vocation at Truett McConnell University.

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 University

Type of Offense		On-Campus	Residential Facility	Non-campus Building Or Property	Public Property	Hate Crimes
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>						
Murder/Non-negligent	2017	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2017	1	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	1	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	2017	1	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	1	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Simple Assault</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Larceny</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Intimidation</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of property</b>	2017	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0



## Arrests, Truett McConnell University

		On-campus	Residential Facility	Non-campus Building Or Property	Public Property
<b>Arrests</b>					
Liquor Law Violations	2017	2	4	0	0
	2016	2	2	0	0
	2015	3	2	0	0
<b>Drug Abuse Violations</b>					
	2017	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0
<b>Illegal Weapon Possession</b>					
	2017	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0

## Disciplinary Referrals, Truett McConnell University

Liquor Law Violations	2017	2
	2016	2
	2015	2
<b>Drug Abuse Violations</b>		
	2017	1
	2016	0
	2015	0
<b>Illegal Weapons Possession</b>		
	2017	0
	2016	0
	2015	0

## Clery Bias Crime Statistics

There are no statistics to report for the years 2017, 2016, and 2015 that fall under reportable Clery Bias Crime offenses: Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter, Manslaughter by Negligence, Forcible Sex Offenses, Non-forcible Sex Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Any other Crime Involving Bodily Injury, Simple Assault, Intimidation, Larceny-Theft, and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism to Property (except Arson).

Bias Crimes are those crimes in which the victim is intentionally selected because of the actual or perceived race, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, or disability of the victim and are reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies.

## **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 (Not Livable Currently)  
Cleveland Courts II- Ademco Fire Alarm Systems  
Heritage Condo Student Housing - Hardwire individual smoke detectors and not sprinkled

### **Number of regular mandatory supervised fire drills:**

Truett McConnell University 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 University 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 within the first two days of each semester where the protocol for fire evacuation is covered. All Truett McConnell University 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:	2015: 0	2016: 0	2017: 0
Deaths:	2015: 0	2016: 0	2017: 0
Value of property damage:	2015: \$0.00	2016: \$0.00	2017: \$0.00