Dear Katherine,

As a new academic year begins, we welcome you to this, our inaugural issue of the Safe Campus Bulletin. Our goal is to share insights, news and practical tools useful to you as a campus safety, security or risk management professional.

Use U.S. Dept. of Education Reviews to Enhance Your Clery Compliance

We’re huge fans of routinely reviewing U.S. Department of Education (ED) Clery Act Program Reviews to identify trends with compliance challenges. It just makes good sense to learn from other’s mistakes and use those lessons to enhance your compliance efforts.

The 2009 Final Program Review Determination (FPRD) of Tarleton State University, related appeal of the imposed fine, and final ruling from the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, provides noteworthy insight into the Review’s findings, the appeal process, and associated proceeding.

The FPRD highlights a significant trend we see regarding collecting, classifying, and disclosing crime statistics. Of particular note, the Report cites several instances of over-reporting, shedding additional light on the need to understand how different offices at the institution must collaborate to ensure accurate disclosure. The Report also emphasizes the need for comprehensive training and orientation for all key Clery Act stakeholders, including campus public safety and student conduct officials.

Finally, the related appeal and Secretary Duncan’s ruling give us a better sense of how ED is likely to impose fines, if an institution is found in violation. We highly recommend institutions use this Report and others as tools for self-audits and lessons learned.

Additional resources on the Tarleton decision and the Clery Act

Top Tweet
Yale Police Department Receives Training To Counter Violence Against Women

The Yale Campus Police Department participated in a two-day program entitled, "Campus Gender and Sexual Violence in Higher Education." Approximately 70 Yale University employees participated in the program lead by Margolis Healy.

"We were thrilled with this training," said Yale Police Chief Ronnell Higgins. "It provided our team with practical guidance and hands-on experience that will help us improve our response and handling of cases involving violence against women."

The violence against women training is part of Yale’s ongoing efforts to comply with updated federal Title IX standards and regulations. Yale, one of several colleges to be hit with Title IX complaints, has established a new University-Wide committee on Sexual Misconduct to handle complaints and instituted mandatory prevention training for student organizations.

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