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Annual Security and Fire Safety Report: Message from the President

South Georgia Technical College is committed to providing students with a safe and secure environment for living and learning. Each year, South Georgia Technical College publishes the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report that provides crime and fire statistics for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 years.

This report requires significant cooperation and coordination among a team of campus officials and administrators. The South Georgia Technical College Annual Security and Fire Safety Report complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

However, the report is also part of the college's ongoing effort to inform individuals about the safety procedures and programs utilized to help maintain the security and safety of the campus.

South Georgia Technical College works diligently to reduce the risk and potential for crime. We encourage employees and students to dial 911 in the event of an emergency or report suspicious or concerning activity to the college campus safety office.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning this Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, please feel free to contact the South Georgia Technical College Campus Safety Office at 229-938-2992 or 229-931-2130.

Sincerely,

John Watford

Dr. John Watford
President
South Georgia Technical College

SGTC takes great pride in ensuring the campus community is one where students, employees, and visitors can work, study, live, and enjoy all that South Georgia Technical College has to offer. A hard copy of the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report can be obtained at the Hicks Hall Room 105 in the Student Center Campus Safety Office located at Room 900 South Georgia Tech Parkway, Americus, GA 31709.

Voluntary, Confidential Reporting. Reporting crimes or emergencies is voluntary and confidential. If you witness or you are a victim of a crime and/or an emergency, you should accurately and promptly report to SGTC Campus Safety at 229-938-2992 (Americus Campus) or 229-815-2803 (Cordele Campus), or the local law enforcement agency. South Georgia Technical College does not have any non-campus organizations or housing, but student organizations may sponsor an event. At those times, a Campus Safety officer may be assigned to the event for security purposes. All crimes should be reported to the Department of Campus Safety for the purpose of investigating the crime, making a timely warning report and for annual disclosure in the crime statistics.

If you are the victim or a witness of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the Technical College System of Georgia or within the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making an anonymous report. You may contact the Campus Safety

Cordele Campus Safety. Visit the main receptionist desk to see campus security during normal operating hours).

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Employee Assistance Program (EAP). To take advantage of the EAP, contact Espyr by calling 855-584-3588 or you may securely request services from the website.

Open Lines of Communication

The Department of Campus Safety has established open lines of communication with local law enforcement agencies and maintains ongoing relationships with them so that information about criminal investigations may be exchanged and assistance may be obtained. An actual Memorandum of Understanding is written and exists with the Americus Police Department; however, a good collaboration relations between each campus of South Georgia Technical Office, and Cordele Police Department as well as the Sumter County Fire Department, Americus Fire Department and Cordele Fire Department. Furthermore, any and all contact with local authorities from campus is communicated to the Chief of Police as well as any 911 emergency calls.

TIMELY WARNINGS

The circumstances of any particular situation/threat potential and authorization from the SGTC President or designee, will dictate the need and manner for the issuance of an alert.

The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs (or designee) is primarily responsible for determining the content and distributing a timely warning notice to the community, and such notifications are distributed mainly through an Emergency Notification System which may include phone calls, texts, and emails. An Emergency Notification System allows authorized officials to create and rapidly disseminate time-sensitive messages to every telephone, text number and email address stored in the notification database. With this Emergency Notification System, authorized users can send thousands of messages in minutes. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system.

Authorization of the SGTC Emergency Notification Systems

The Vice President of Student Affairs, or his/her designee, is primarily responsible for making the recommendation to the President, the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs and the Chief of Police for initiation of the primary communication system, in the event of an immediate need, determining the segment of the community to receive the notification (if the threat is limited to a particular building or segment of the population) and activating the system to all students and employees registered after confirming a significant emergency or dangerous situation has indeed occurred. This notification is done through Campus Alerts.

Procedures Used to Notify the Campus Community.

The content of an Emergency Notification will depend on the situation and the notification method. A description of the situation and relevant safety instructions will be included in all initial emergency notifications regardless of the situation or method. The Vice President of Student Affairs or their designee is responsible for providing emergency notifications through An Emergency Notification System that all SGTC currently enrolled students and SGTC employees will have access to and the ability to sign up. The Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs or their designee will send emergency notifications by email, text, and or phone call. Other means of communication may include updating the college website.

Confirming the Existence of a Significant Emergency or Dangerous Situation and the Emergency Notification System

Reports of an emergency or dangerous situation can originate from various sources including, but not limited to, reports from first responders, reports from other campus departments, reports from citizens through 911, and reports from other law enforcement agencies.

Enrolling in the Campus's Emergency Notification System.

South Georgia Technical College Emergency Notification system is offered and provided to all students and employees of the college. Each semester, students and employees are uploaded into Emergency Notification System to allow notifications to all SGTC currently enrolled students and SGTC employees of emergency situations including active intruder, emergency weather or similar emergency situations when student and employees needed to be alerted of a situation quickly. Students and SGTC employees will be sent an email early during the start of each semester allowing them to update their information and provide additional contact information if needed. For any changes to contact information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 229-931-2249 or housing@southgatech.edu.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Emergency Management at South Georgia Technical College. The SGTC Emergency Operation Plan is designed to provide a resource for South Georgia Technical College personnel, administrators, and students to assist with information and provide guidelines in planning and responding in a crisis. It provides guidelines necessary to cope with most campus emergencies.

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off-campus, the President or a member of senior leadership of the college or the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (AVP of Student Affairs)

constitutes a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving the immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the campus, a campus wide emergency notification will be issued. The emergency notification could include: the college email system, phone system, public address system, and/or outdoor electronic bulletin boards to students and employees.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the event, especially in all situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the College may also post a notice on the College website, www.southgatech.edu, providing the college community with more immediate notification. Notification will occur without delay unless such notification will compromise the response efforts. The college community that no further threat is detected or the situation has passed or ended.

The decision to notify the community will be based on a case-by-case basis. The initial recommendation may be made by the President of South Georgia Technical College (or designee) or responding law enforcement at the scene. In the event of an incident which would require the larger community to be notified, information may be posted via the website, newspapers, internet, local radio, and/or local TV stations. The President, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, VP of Institutional Advancement/Marketing or the Chief of Police will be responsible for initiating the initial notifications.

South Georgia Technical College posts physical and visual emergency procedures and evacuation routes throughout all SGTC buildings.

The College's Emergency Operation Plan, contains information about emergency guidelines for the campus community; college emergency procedures; pre-emergency planning and performance expectations; shelter-in-place evacuation guidelines; and local contingency and continuity planning requirements. Each department is responsible for developing contingency plans and continuity of operations plans for their staff and areas of responsibility.

Drills, Exercises and Training. The College conducts numerous emergency response exercises on campus each year. These tests which include but are not limited to: fire evacuation, tornado drills, tabletop exercises, and active shooter are designed to assess and evaluate the emergency plans and capabilities of the institution.

The College conducts announced building evacuation drills by conducting evacuation drills once a semester. These drills are conducted to test the alarm system and to familiarize students, employees, and visitors with the evacuation procedures and location of exits.

When a serious incident occurs that causes an immediate threat to the campus, the first responders to the scene are typically Campus Safety Officers, local law enforcement agencies, local fire responders and emergency medical services. All departments typically respond and work together to manage the incident. Depending on the nature of the incident, the Campus Safety Department and local or federal agencies could also be involved in responding to the

Crime Prevention Education

The South Georgia Technical College Office of Campus Safety facilitates community education presentations that promote safety for students and employees. Any student organization or campus department can request a training presentation from the Chief of Police. These topics include but are not limited to: Crime Prevention, Active Shooter Response, Law Enforcement Interaction Safety, Social Media Safety, Internet Safety and General Campus Safety. To schedule a class or learn more on what classes are available, email: ssstone@southgatech.edu

C.A.R.E. TEAM (A.K.A. Behavioral Intervention Team)

The C.A.R.E. Team of South Georgia Technical College is dedicated to a proactive, coordinated, and planned approach to the identification, prevention, assessment, management, and reduction of interpersonal and behavioral threats to the safety and well-being of the South Georgia Technical College community.

The C.A.R.E Team does not replace disciplinary processes, classroom management, other programs and services, and/or Campus Safety response to incidents. C.A.R.E Team works within all current college policies and coordinates resources to help students achieve success.

The C.A.R.E. Team is not an emergency response team. If you are experiencing an emergency or critical incident, contact Campus Safety at (229) 938-2992.

C.A.R.E. Team Goals:

1. Provide a safe environment for the college community;
2. Provide a safe emotional environment for the college community, and
3. Promote peace of mind for friends and family of the college community.

What to Report:

In general, any behavior that causes concern for a student's safety or well-being should be reported.

How to Report

Anyone can report concerning or threatening behavior to any member of the C.A.R.E. Team by speaking directly to a Team member, or an anonymous report to Campus Safety. Also, a C.A.R.E. webpage is established to provide information to the campus community and for reporting persons of concern.

What Happens to a Behavioral Report Form?

Once a report is submitted:

- A preliminary response meeting may be conducted by the C.A.R.E. Team Chair
- The report is reviewed by the C.A.R.E team
- Reporter may be contacted for further information if needed
- C.A.R.E Team assesses and determines further action

For additional information, contact Jennifer Robinson at Jennifer.Robinson@southgatech.edu

FIREARMS, WEAPONS, AND EXPLOSIVES

In accordance with Georgia law, the possession of certain weapons and firearms, dangerous weapons, or explosives on South Georgia Technical College owned or controlled property is PROHIBITED except for those exempt from the law (such as law enforcement officers). Under current Georgia law, those who have a valid Weapons Carry License (or a permit from a state having a reciprocal agreement with the State of Georgia) may carry a concealed handgun on campus of a public college with several restrictions. Those restrictions include, but are not limited to, classes where high school students are enrolled, employee offices, and rooms where disciplinary proceedings are being held. It is the responsibility of the license holder to ensure that he or she is in full compliance with O.C.G.A. 16-11-127 (c)(20)(A)

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

Education and Prevention Programs

South Georgia Technical College hosts wellness fairs annually with representatives from Middle Flint Health & Wellness, Sumter County Health Department, and Sexual Assault Services, as well as other agencies to promote both prevention, education and assistance programs for victims of sexual violence. The Title IX Coordinator also has contact information for other services and is available to provide referrals when necessary. Additionally, selected employees are required to complete Title IX training on an annual basis.

The College offers educational training on crime prevention safety awareness. The courses are designed to help students and employees address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention, sexual assault prevention, and financial literacy. New and returning students as well as employees are notified by college email requesting that the training be completed. A letter of introduction and instructions on how to access the training are included in the email as well as copied and placed in student and employee mailboxes.

Middle Flint Health & Wellness -

enrolling at South Georgia Tech are considered to be mature individuals. It is assumed all students enrolled come for a serious purpose and will conform to all regulations deemed necessary by the school administration. The college reserves the right to decline admission to, suspend, or require withdrawal of any student for any reason deemed to be in the best interest of all the students and of the College. Should a student fail to show that he or she is able to adjust to campus life and to the discipline of group living, he or she will be asked to withdraw from college, the student will be excluded from further attendance.

The following behavior is prohibited on campus or at college-sponsored events:

- I. Possession, consumption or furnishing of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs based upon the State laws of Georgia.
- II. Possession of fireworks or any type of explosives.
- III.

B. Violation of Federal, State, or Local Law

- a) If a student is convicted or pleads Nolo Contendere to an off-campus violation of federal, state, or local law, but not with any other violation of the Student Code of Conduct, disciplinary action may be taken and sanctions imposed for misconduct that is detrimental to South Georgia Vge j pkecn"Eqnng i gðu"xlvcn"kpvgtguvu"cpf"uvcvgf" mission and purpose.
- b) Disciplinary proceedings may be instituted against a student charged with violation of a law that is also a violation of the Student Code of Conduct if both violations result from the same factual situation, without regard to criminal arrest and/or prosecution. Proceedings under this Student Code of Conduct may be carried out prior to, simultaneously with, or following criminal proceedings.
- c) When a student is charged by federal, state, or local authorities with a violation of law, South Georgia Technical College will not request or agree to special

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- F. Accrediting organizations;
- G. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- H. Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- I. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information, you may call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (voice).

Or you may contact us at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office
 U.S. Department of Education
 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
 Washington, D.C. 20202-8520

SGTC's RESPONSE TO SEXUAL AND GENDER VIOLENCE

South Georgia Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender in any of its education or employment programs and activities. South Georgia Technical College will not tolerate sexual misconduct, which is prohibited, and includes, but is not limited to, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, and stalking. South Georgia Technical College strongly encourages members of the community to report instances of sexual misconduct promptly. These policies and procedures are intended to ensure that all parties involved receive appropriate support and fair treatment, and that allegations of sexual misconduct are handled in a prompt, thorough and equitable manner.

Procedures for Reporting a Complaint

South Georgia Technical College has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to those who report sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, including informing individuals about their right to file criminal charges as well as the availability of counseling, victim advocacy, health, mental health, and legal assistance and visa and immigration assistance and other services on and/or off campus as well as remedies to prevent contact between a complainant and an accused party such as academic, living, transportation and working accommodations if reasonably available. Following an allegation of the offense of dating violence, domestic assault, stalking rape, acquaintance rape, or another sexual offense, and to the grievance and consent, college offices, including Student Affairs, Title IX Coordinator, Campus Safety, and any other applicable departments, will work cooperatively to ensure that the complainant's health, physical safety, work and academic status are protected, pending the outcome of a formal College investigation of the complaint. Additionally, personally identifiable information about the victim will be treated as confidential and only shared with persons with a specific need-to-know who are investigating/adjudicating the complaint or

delivering resources or support services to the complainant. The College does not publish the name of crime victims nor house identifiable information regarding victims in the Daily Crime Log or online. The College does not maintain any public directory information on students, but does have a public directory on all SGTC employees. Victims may request that directory information on file be removed from public sources by sending an email to: ekinchens@southgatech.edu.

After an incident of sexual assault and domestic violence, the victim should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible.

Procedures Victims Should Follow. If you are a victim of sexual violence, call Campus Safety at 229-938-2992 or 911 and go to a local hospital. Victims do not have to press charges. By having a rape kit completed to collect evidence at the time of the assault, victims can choose to press charges at a later date.

It is important that a victim of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing or clean the bed/linen/area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 120 hours so that evidence may be preserved that may assist in proving that the alleged criminal offense occurred or is occurring or may be helpful in obtaining a protection order. In circumstances of sexual assault, if victims do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease. Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence are encouraged to also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs or other copies of documents, if they have any, that would be useful to investigators or police. It is the victim's choice whether or not to make such a report and victims have the right to decline involvement with the police. South Georgia Technical College provides assistance in notifying authorities; mandatory per the Clery Act.

South Georgia Technical College prohibits domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking by students, employees and visitors. 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, Eulish Kinchens, by emailing her at ekinchens@southgatech.edu or by phone at 229-931-2249 and to Campus Safety (if the victim so desires). The College will provide the victim with information on campus resources and support services.

Once an individual makes a complaint, or receives notice that a complaint has been made against him or her, that individual should receive information about support services, such as counseling, advocacy, academic support, disability services, health and mental services, and legal assistance, as is available at the institution.

If a report of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is reported to the College, below are the procedures that the College will follow as well as a statement of the standard of evidence that will be used during any judicial hearing on campus arising from such a report.

A. Reporting and Management Action

1. All students are encouraged to report incidents of sex discrimination and sexual misconduct against themselves or others to the Title IX Coordinator. Complaints may also be emailed to

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1985 O 5148-9075 (U.S. GPO: 1985 O 5148-9075) KoHtle B.

12. If the Investigator determines that all or some of the allegations made in the complaint are substantiated and that the conduct at issue constitutes a violation of this or other applicable procedure, the Title IX Coordinator shall forward the report to the appropriate offices at the college for further action in accordance with the provisions in the college's Disciplinary Procedure or the Positive Discipline Procedure for employees.

C. Hearings

1. Hearings may be conducted with all Parties physically present in person or via video conference.

Decision-Maker has discretion to otherwise restrict the extent to which Advisor may participate in the proceedings.

- b. Determine Relevance of Questions. Only relevant cross-examination and other questions may be asked of a Party or Witness. Before a Complainant, Respondent, or Witness answers a cross-examination or other question, the Decision-Maker must first determine whether the question is relevant and explain any decision to exclude a question as not relevant.
 - c. Provide Rape Shield Protections for Complainants. The Decision-Maker will prohibit any questions and evidence about the sexual behavior as not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged by the Complainant, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the Complainant's behavior with respect to the Respondent and are offered to prove consent.
 - d. Exclude Statements, as Relevant, in Reaching a Determination Regarding Responsibility. If a Party or Witness does not submit to cross-examination at the live Hearing, the Decision-Maker must not rely on any statement of that Party or Witness in reaching a determination regarding responsibility. The Decision-Maker cannot draw an inference about the determination regarding responsibility based solely on a statement made by the Party or Witness at the Live Hearing or refusal to answer cross-examination or other questions.
5. Hearing Process:
- a. The investigator will be available to answer any questions from the Decision-Maker about the investigation.
 - b. The Decision-Maker may meet with the Parties and Witnesses for the purpose of making findings of fact.
 - c.

Decision-Maker may ask the Parties to submit Sanctions statements at the conclusion of the Hearing. The Decision-Maker may also consult with TCSG and/or college personnel including the Human Resources Director or Vice President of Student Affairs, regarding any Sanctions and Remedies appropriate to the specific Respondent and Complainant under the circumstances of the case. The Sanction determination will be provided to the Title IX Coordinator who will be responsible for implementing the Supportive Measures and/or Remedies, including the continuation of any Supportive Measures and/ or any additional or on-going accommodations for both Parties. The Title IX Coordinator will cause the Written Determination Regarding Responsibility to be sent to the Parties.

The Title IX Coordinator will provide copies of the Written Determination Regarding Responsibility and Sanctions and/or Remedies (if any) for the purpose of maintaining records as follows: for students, to the Office of Student Affairs; for staff, to Human Resources; for Instructors, to the Office of Academic Affairs. The Decision-Maker must explain decisions on responsibility and Sanctions (if applicable) and Remedies with enough specificity for the Parties to be able to file meaningful appeals. The consideration of whether Remedies and Sanctions go into immediate effect or are temporarily delayed pending appeal or some combination thereof, will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Title IX Coordinator. The Written Determination Regarding Responsibility becomes final: if an appeal is not filed, the date that TCSG and/or the College provides the Parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal.

D. Corrective Actions

1. SGTC will take all reasonable steps to prevent unlawful retaliation against complainants and any other individuals participating in investigations under this procedure.
2. If prohibited conduct is determined to have occurred following the investigation, steps shall be taken to prevent a recurrence and to correct the discriminatory effects on the complaining party and others as appropriate. Steps may include, but are not limited to, mandating training or evaluation, disciplinary sanctions, policy implementation, issuing no-contact orders, or reassignment of students and/or employees. Disciplinary sanctions for students are defined in the Student Discipline section which may include: reprimand, restitution, disciplinary probation, disciplinary suspension, and disciplinary expulsion.

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5. Individuals who are responsible for conducting investigations or proposing sanctions under this procedure may not also serve as reviewing officials or hearing officers in the appeal of sanctions arising from an investigation.

E. Appeals

1. Both parties have the right to an appeal from a Written Determination Regarding Responsibility on the bases set forth below. Appeals may be submitted by a Complainant or Respondent in writing to the Hearing Coordinator, who will forward the appeal to a designated Appeal Officer to decide the appeal. The Appeal Office will be the Commissioner of TCSG or his designee. Each party must submit a written appeal of up to 6,000 words in length, which will be shared with the other Party. The Parties must submit the appeal to the Commissioner within 10 calendar days from the receipt of the Written Determination Regarding Responsibility (if any).
2. Grounds for appeal are limited to the following: Were there any procedural irregularities that substantially affected the outcome of the matter to the detriment of the appealing Party? Was there any substantive new evidence that was not available at the time of the decision or Hearing and that could not have been available based on reasonable and diligent inquiry that would substantially affect the outcome of the decision? Did the title IX Coordinator, Investigator(s), or Decision-Maker have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents that affected the outcome of the matter? For matters that proceeded to Sanctioning and imposition of Remedies, are the Sanction

the graduation of the student of the date of vjg"uvwfgpvøu"ncuv"cvvgpfcpeg0""Cp{"qh"vjg"fqew o gpvu" containing confidential information shall be held in a secure location under the custody and control of the System-y kfg"kpvguvk i cvqt."Xkeg"Rtgukfgpv"hqt"Uvwfgpv"Chhcktu"qt"vjg"Rtgukfgpvøu" designee. Documents pertaining to employees that are maintained by the Office of Human Resources shall be maintained in a secure location and in accordance with the Georgia Archives records retention schedule, but in no case fewer than 7 years.

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report Definitions

South Georgia Technical College places a high priority on the safety of all students, employees and visitors. Any type of sexual misconduct is strictly forbidden. Criminal charges may be applied to sexual offenses.

Rape: Defined in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Georgia State code O.C.G.A. 16-6-1 states:

- (a) A person commits the offense of rape when he has carnal knowledge of: (1) A female forcibly and against her will. Carnal knowledge in rape occurs when there is any penetration of the female sex organ by the male sex organ. The Code recognizes that rape can occur even between spouses so the defendant cannot use the fact that he is married to the person accusing him of rap as a defense. Rape is punishable by death, life imprisonment with or without parole, or a minimum of 47" {gctuø" imprisonment, followed by probation for life.

Fondling: Defined in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system as touching of the private

she knows he or she is related to either by blood or by marriage as follows: (1) Father and child or stepchild; (2) Mother and child or stepchild; (3) Siblings of the whole blood or of the half-blood; (4) Grandparent and grandchild; (5) Aunt and niece or nephew; or (6) Uncle and niece or nephew.

Statutory Rape: Defined in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system as a non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Georgia State code 16-6-3 defines statutory rape as follows:

A person commits the offense of statutory rape when he or she engages in sexual intercourse with any person under the age of 16 years and not his or her spouse, provided that no conviction shall be had for this offense on the unsupported testimony of the victim.

Rape: The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Statutory Rape: Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Domestic Violence (VAWA): A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed ó

- A. By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- B. By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- C. By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- D. By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
- E. By another person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that crime of violence occurred.

Dating Violence (VAWA): Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social

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Sex Offender Registration

The federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, enacted on Oct. 28, 2000, and also referred to as the "Clery Act," 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

include, but is not limited to: escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location or allowing a student to complete assignments from home. Any accommodations or protective measures provided to the victim will remain confidential, which will not impair the ability to provide accommodations. The College cannot apply for a temporary protective order for a victim. The victim is required to apply directly for these services through the local District

Resources for victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking
On-Campus Resources

Vice President of Student Affairs	Odom Center First Floor Room 109	229-931-2249 ekinchens@southgatech.edu
Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs	Odom Center Second Floor Room 205	229-931-2713 joshua.curtin@southgatech.edu
Human Resources	Odom Center Second Floor Room 215	229-931-2132 lcoe@southgatech.edu (temp)

do something about it. You want to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm. We may not always know what to do even if we want to help. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt. Below is a list of some ways to be an active bystander:

Create a distraction Do what you can to interrupt the situation. A distraction can give the person at risk a chance to get to a safe place.

Ask directly. Talk directly to the person who might be in trouble.

Refer to an authority. Sometimes the safest way to intervene is to refer to a neutral party with the authority to change the situation. Call 911 or the Campus Safety Office.

Enlist others. It can be intimidating to approach a situation alone. Enlist another person to support you.

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8. **Think of an escape route.** If you had to leave quickly, how would you do it? Locate the windows, doors, and any other means of exiting the situation. Are there people around who might be able to help you? How can you get their attention? Where can you go when you leave?

Safety in social settings

You can take steps to increase your safety in situations where drinking may be involved. These tips can help you feel safer and may reduce the risk of something happening, but, like any safety tips, they are not guaranteed. They were sober or under the influence of drugs or alcohol when it occurred.

1. **Make a plan.** Other and plan to leave together. If your plans change, make sure to touch base with the other person if you are in an unsafe situation.
2. **Protect your drink.** Don't leave your drink unattended. If you go to the bathroom or step outside, take the drink with you or toss it out. Drink from unopened containers or drink directly from the can. If you are in a situation where a perpetrator could use a substance that has no color, taste, or odor.
3. **Know your limits.** Don't drink more than you should, you may have been drugged. Leave the party or situation and find help immediately.
4. **It's okay to lie.** If you want to exit a situation immediately and are concerned about your safety, you can lie to help a friend leave a situation that you think may be dangerous. Some excuses you could use are needing to take care of another friend or family member, an urgent phone call, not feeling well, and having to be somewhere else by a certain time.
5. **Be a good friend.** Don't drink more than your friend should.
6. **Know what you're drinking.** Don't drink from a glass that has been used by someone else.

9. **Don't accept drinks from people you don't know or trust.** This can be challenging in some settings, nkmg" c" rctv{ "qt" c" fcvg0"kh" {qw"ejqqug"vq"ceegrv" c" ftkpm"htq o "uq o gqpg" {qwøxg"lwuv" o gv."

- b. Provide such student with a description of any drug or alcohol counseling treatment, or rehabilitation, or re-entry programs that are available for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

Drug and Alcohol Education Programs and Assistance Available.

The College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug-free awareness program to inform students of the following:

1. Any dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere.
2. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and assistance programs.
3. Any penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and/or alcohol abuse violations occurring on campus.

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For more information, please refer to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency at 1-800-622-2255

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CRIME STATISTICS

The Campus Safety Office prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. Crime statistics that occurred on the South Georgia Technical College campus were compiled by Campus Safety for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Campus Safety will disclose any crime report made directly to any local law enforcement agency

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South Georgia Technical College will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence, or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for the purpose of this paragraph.

Prohibition on Retaliation

South Georgia Technical College will not intimidate, threaten, coerce, or otherwise discriminate against any individual for exercising their rights or responsibilities under any provision of the report.

DAILY CRIME AND FIRE LOGS

Consistent with the Clery Act requirements, the Campus Safety Office maintains a Daily Crime and Fire Log of all criminal offenses reported on its campuses. The Daily Crime Log is available for public inspection at the Student Affairs Office, located in the Odom Center room 109 (only on the Americus Campus). The Campus Safety Office may withhold information from the Daily Crime and Fire Log if the release of such information would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual, cause a suspect to evade detection or flee, and/or result in the destruction of evidence. The SGTC Crime and Fire Log covers the most recent 60-day period and is open for public inspection during normal operating hours. Crime log information dating back more than 60 days will be made available for inspection within two business days of a written request from the Vice President of Student Affairs or the Chief of Police.

DEFINITIONS OF CLERY ACT REPORTABLE CRIMES

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter

The willful, non-negligent, killing of one human being by another.

Negligent Manslaughter

The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Rape

The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females. patr.010.leglidlili

Statutory Rape

Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault

Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

To willfully or maliciously destroy, damage, deface, or otherwise injure real or personal property without the consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it.

Categories of Bias

Race

A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics genetically transmitted by descent and heredity which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind.

Gender

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender, e.g. male or female.

Religion

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being.

Sexual Orientation

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation.

Ethnicity

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people whose members identify with each other, through a common heritage, often consisting of a common language, common culture (often including a shared religion) and/or ideology that stresses common ancestry.

National Origin

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of people based on their actual or perceived country of birth.

Disability

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness.

Gender Identity

A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a person or group of persons based on their actual or perceived gender identity.

OTHER CLERY ACT REPORTABLE OFFENSES

Liquor Law Violations

violence occurred.

Dating Violence

in GA law regarding Dating Violence: OCGA 9-13A-1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the term:

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*4+ "õFcvkpi" xkqngpegö" o gcpu" vhe occurrence of one or more of the following acts between persons through whom a current pregnancy has developed or who are currently, or within the last 12 months were, in a dating relationship: (A) Any felony; or (B) Commission of the offenses of simple battery, battery, simple assault, or stalking.

Stalking

Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

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Suffer substantial emotional distress.

For the purposes of this definition-

- A. Course of conduct means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or cdqwy."c" rgtuqp."qt"kpvgthgtgu" ykvj" c" rgtuqpøu" rtrgtv{0
- B. Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.
- C. Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

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ARRESTS & DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS

<i>Offense Type</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total on Campus</i>	<i>On Campus</i>		<i>Non-Campus</i>	<i>Public Property</i>
			<i>Other</i>	<i>Student Housing</i>		
<i>Liquor Law Violations</i>	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	1	0	0	0	0
	2023	2	0	2	0	0
<i>Drug Law Violations</i>	2021	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	4	0	4	0	0
	2023	3	2	1	0	0

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Cordele Campus (There is no Residential Housing in Cordele)

<i>Cordele Campus: There is No On-Campus Housing available Offense Type</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total on Campus</i>	<i>On-Campus</i>	<i>Non- Campus</i>	<i>Public Property</i>

Go to a well-lit, populated area.

Notice as many physical details as possible, so you can describe the person to the police.

Report the incident to the police as soon as possible.

If you are alone in an office or classroom

Keep the door locked.

Always ask who is knocking before you open the door.

Never prop open locked exterior building doors.

In the Residence Halls of South Georgia Technical College

Always keep doors locked.

Never lend your key to anyone.

Never hold the exterior doors open for someone.

Preventing theft on campus

Keep cash, checks, credit cards and books with you at all times. Never leave them unattended.

Write your name and student ID number, in pen, inside your books.

Keep your car locked at all times to prevent theft of stereos, CD players, GPS devices and iPods.

Store computers, lab equipment and audio/visual equipment, when not in use, in a locked office or classroom.

Keeping the campus safe

Report suspicious or criminal activity to Campus Safety.

Use locks on lockers and bicycles.

Attend crime-prevention programs.

Take responsibility to protect yourself and your fellow students.

SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNIC

17. Students must not have housing keys reproduced.
18. All residential students must turn in room keys at the end of each term. Students who do not turn in keys cannot reserve a room for the following term, and their reservations will be canceled. There is also a fee charged for the key.
19. Individuals of the opposite sex are allowed to visit a room between 10 a.m. and 12 a.m.

All residential students must not be re-ported to the Student Services Office. Students who do not turn in keys cannot reserve a room for the following term, and their reservations will be canceled. There is also a fee charged for the key.

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IN CASE OF FIRE:

1. Upon detection in classroom areas, call the nearest instructor to the scene, if possible.

NOTE: Instructor will follow through with procedure. If an instructor is not available, the student detecting the fire or student appointed by the instructor to handle fire hazards will follow the listed procedure.

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Emergency Evacuation

1. When exiting your room and the building:

If you are not in immediate danger from smoke or fire, make sure that you quickly dress appropriately for weather conditions (e.g., coat, shoes, etc.).

If you are not in immediate danger from smoke or fire, make sure to close and lock all doors and bring your room key and ID card with you.

Evacuate the building. If you are unable to evacuate, call 911 and give your name, location and phone number.

2. Once safely outside the building:

Move away from building and immediately report to the designated assembly area to check in with residential life staff.

Stay clear of all emergency vehicles. Do not stand in roadway/walkway. Do not block emergency vehicles from getting through.

Do not re-enter the building until you are instructed to do so by an emergency responder.

Report any vandalized or disconnected smoke detectors to the Chief of Police immediately.

with an additional training session on specific protocols for Resident Assistants (RAs) and Hall Monitors, included below:

RA/Hall Monitors Protocol for Fire/Sounding Alarm

1. Every time a fire alarm sounds, exit the building ó always assume there is a fire.
2. If a fire is confirmed and alarm is not sounding, activate the closest pull station.
3. RAs and Hall Monitors should assist with crowd control and orderly evacuation of building (staff should exit with residents, banging on every room door and loudly stating
4. Help keep residents at designated evacuation stations away from buildings. Housing staff should not allow students to re-enter a building until instructed to do so by Campus Safety or the Fire Department, typically after alarm and strobe lights have been reset.
5. Remain alert at all times, paying attention for any information about vandalism/false alarms.
6. Help notice any suspicious activity around exits.

The Chief of Police hosts fire safety education programs, particularly focusing on the start of each new term, to help educate the students and employees of South Georgia Technical College. Every student is required to attend a mandatory room meeting held during the first week of school to review all policies and procedures, including fire safety and evacuation procedures.

Fire Incident Reporting

All fire safety concerns should immediately be reported to the Department of Campus Safety at 229-942-5070. The Campus Safety Office maintains a written fire log record that includes the nature, date, time and general location of each fire. A copy of the Fire Log can be obtained by contacting the Chief of Police at 229-938-2992.

Annual Disclosure of Fire Statistics

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<i>Statistics and Related Information Regarding Fires in Residential Facilities for 2023</i>						
<i>Residential Facility</i>	<i>Total Fires in Each Building</i>	<i>Fire Number</i>	<i>Cause of Fire</i>	<i>Number of Injuries that Required Treatment at a Medical Facility</i>	<i>Number of Deaths Related to Fire</i>	<i>Value of Property Damage Caused by Fire</i>
900 South GA Tech Pkwy - James Hall	0	0		0	0	0
900 South GA Tech Pkwy - Martin Hall	0	0		0		

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Fire Safety Systems in Residential Facilities

<i>Residential Facility</i>	<i>Fire Alarm Monitoring Done On-Site</i>	<i>Partial *1 Sprinkler System</i>	<i>Full *2 Sprinkler System</i>	<i>Smoke Detection</i>	<i>Fire Extinguisher Devices</i>	<i>Evacuations Plans & Placards</i>	<i># of Evacuations (fire Drills Each Calendar year)</i>
900 South GA Tech Pkwy - James Hall	x			x	x	x	3
900 South GA Tech Pkwy - Martin Hall	x			x	x	x	3