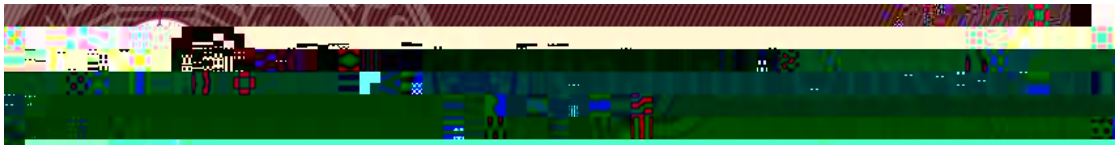

The safety and well-being of all members of our campus community is of great concern to Claflin University (CU). Our staff and faculty are dedicated to making the campus a safer place to live, work, and learn.

Claflin University's Department of Public Safety is committed to providing a safe environment for our students, faculty, staff and guests. As a hybrid department of both sworn law enforcement and security officers, the Department of Public Safety embraces the philosophy of "Community Policing," and shares the belief that campus safety and security can only be accomplished through a unified partnership involving the officers, students, faculty and staff and the community at large.

The Department of Public Safety seeks to provide friendly, customer-service-oriented interactions to all students, faculty, staff, and community members. It is our intent to provide an atmosphere where everyone feels that they are safe during their visit or stay at Claflin University.

When you review the statistics, you will notice that Claflin University continues to have a favorable safety record. The general sense of safety experienced on the campus is due in large part to the collaborative efforts of several departments and individuals.

The Department of Public Safety is committed to maintaining active and close partnership with our area law enforcement agencies which consist of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, the Orangeburg Sheriff's Office, South Carolina State Police Department, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies.

We must all keep in mind that safety is a shared responsibility, and we rely on every member of the university community to contribute. This can be accomplished by reporting suspicious activities and using common sense when going about your daily activities.

In accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the "Clery Act"), every institution of higher education is required to annually prepare a uniform Campus Crime Report. Each year, an email notification is made to all students, faculty and staff providing information on how to access this report online. The report is also available in an hard copy at the Department of Public Safety office.

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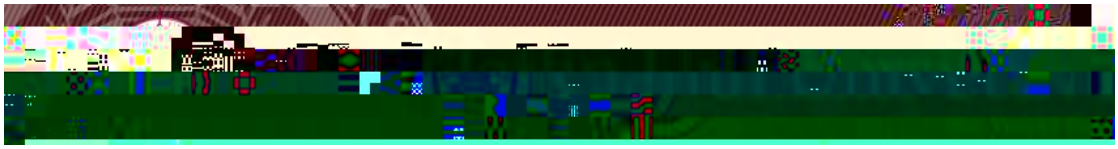
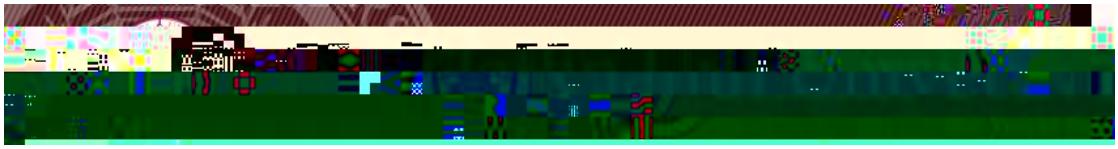
All the Best,

Melvin Williams
Executive

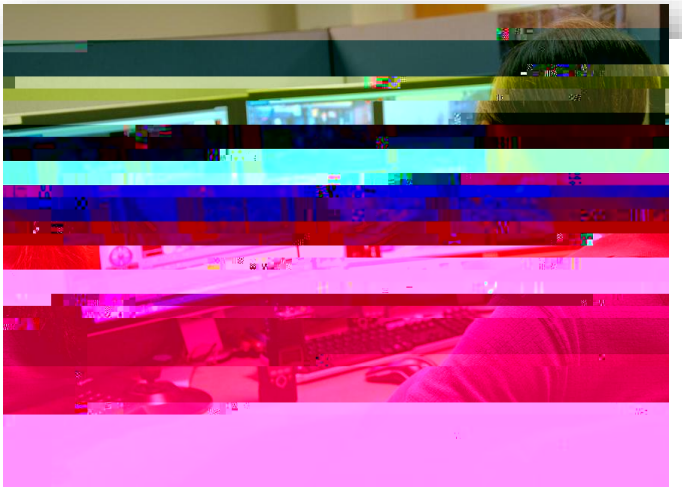


The , 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1092(f), is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime and security. All public and private institutions of postsecondary education participating .024 4fo

Crime Statistics for the annual disclosure



There are several ways to make a report or contact law enforcement, depending on where you are located and what is occurring.



If you are experiencing an emergency or someone is severely injured and cannot be easily transported, call 911. For non-emergencies, call (803) 535-5444 to have an officer come gather the information and collect any evidence.

OR

You may also visit CUDPS at High-Rise Residence Center (lower level) 735 Goff Ave, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

If you are the victim or witness to a crime off campus, dial 911 and the law enforcement agency responsible for that jurisdiction will be contacted.

When you contact law enforcement, you will be asked questions about what happened, including:

- Your name and telephone number;
- The type of incident;
- The location of the incident of which you are reporting;
- A detailed description of the suspect(s) and his/her location or direction of travel;
- A detailed description of any vehicle involved in the incident; and
- Any need for medical assistance.

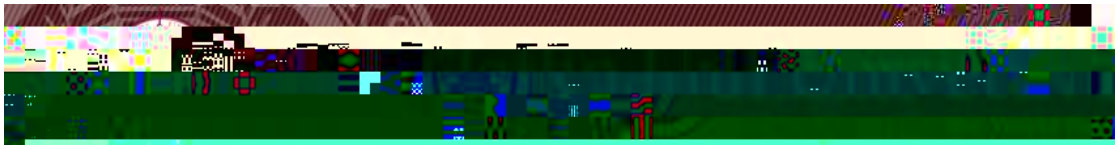
Reports are to be made immediately to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of distributing a potential timely warning notice and for disclosure in the annual crime statistics. When the incident is an emergency and requires a law enforcement response, the Department of Public Safety will notify the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety to respond.

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety (CUDPS) is a hybrid department composed of both sworn law enforcement and security officers. Our sworn law enforcement officers have full authority to enforce federal, state, and municipal laws. Police officers employed by CUDPS are appointed and commissioned as State Constables by the Governor of South Carolina as provided by South Carolina law. They are empowered to enforce the laws of South Carolina anywhere in the State as well as arrest individuals anywhere in the State. Class 1 certified officers complete twelve weeks of law enforcement instruction at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. The Department of Public Safety's security officers are also granted arrest powers through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED). Under South Carolina state statute, SC Code § 40-18-110 (2012), a person who is registered or licensed under this chapter and who is hired or employed to provide security services on specific property is granted the authority and arrest power given to sheriff's deputies. The security officer may arrest a person violating or charged with violating a criminal statute of this State but possesses the powers of arrest only on the property on which he is employed. Claflin University's Public Safety Officers have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether individuals have lawful business at Claflin University. Public Safety Officers have the authority to issue parking citations, which can be billed to the financial accounts of students, faculty, and staff.

The Claflin University Department of Public Safety does not have a written "memorandum of understanding" with local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies. Located within the City of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and next door to South Carolina State University, CUDPS maintains working relationships with these law enforcement agencies, as well as with the Orangeburg Sheriff's Office.

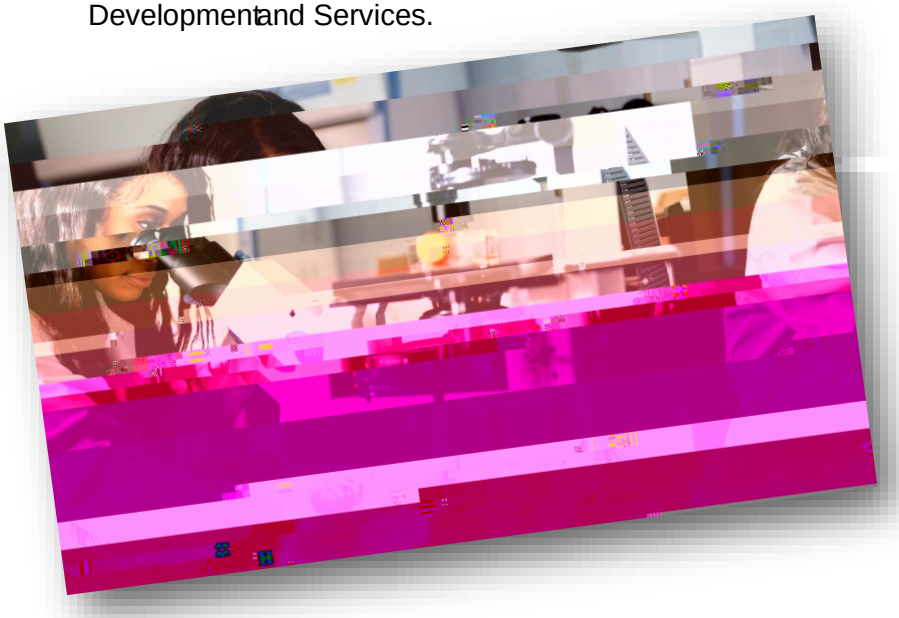
CUDPS also participates in intelligence sharing with other area law enforcement agencies. This ongoing collaboration between agencies enables CUDPS to gather data, identify crime trends on and around campus, and provides a system for notifying the Student Code of Conduct Judicial Board when off-campus student crimes or policy violations occur.

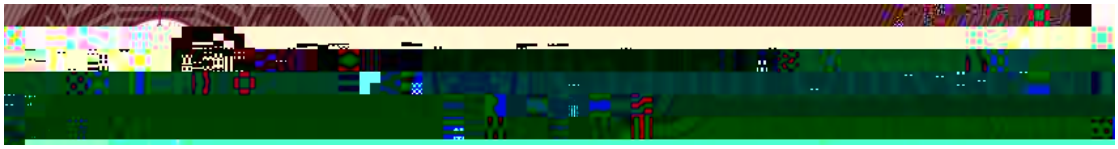
The 1998 amendments to 20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f) identified who are campus security authorities. Campus "Pastoral Counselors" and Campus "Professional Counselors," when acting as such, are not considered to be a campus security authority and are not required to report crimes for inclusion into the annual disclosure of crime statistics. As a matter of policy, Professional Counselors at Claflin University are encouraged, if and when, they deem it appropriate, to inform persons being counseled of the procedures to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis to Public Safety.

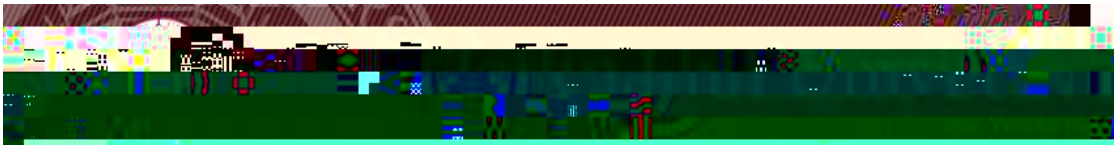


Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous or unsafe conditions. CUDPS regularly patrols the campus and reports unsafe physical conditions to Plant Operations or Housing for correction. Housing residents or other members of the University community also report equipment problems or potentially hazardous conditions to CUDPS, Housing, or Plant Operations. CUDPS regularly performs crime analysis and shares information with neighboring law enforcement agencies to determine crime trends, allowing CUDPS to deploy law enforcement and security assets to locations most in need.

Claflin University does not have any officially recognized student organizations that have housing facilities "off-campus." If ODPS is contacted about incidents occurring off-campus involving CU students, ODPS may notify Claflin University Department of Public Safety to inform them of the situation. There is no official ODPS policy requiring such notification involving private property. Students in these cases may be subject to arrest by ODPS and university disciplinary proceedings through the Division of Student Development and Services.







Keep personal information private. Avoid becoming a victim of identity theft by carrying only the necessary items in your wallet or purse. Do not give personal information to solicitors.

Always lock the door to your residence hall room, whether or not you are there. Be certain that your door is locked when you go to sleep, and keep your windows closed and locked when you are not at home. . A propped open door is a perfect target for would-be thieves and allows them quick and easy access to your belongings.

Carry only small amounts of cash with you.

Do not allow strangers into the dormitories. If you are unsure of anyone's identity; it is appropriate to ask for a university ID or call CUDPS at 803-535-5444 to report a stranger. Never prop exterior doors open, this gives would-be thieves easy access to our dorms.

Engrave serial numbers or owner's recognized numbers, such as a driver's license number, on items of value. CUDPS has an engraver that can be used for this purpose.

Call CUDPS at 803-535-5444, to report broken locks, lights, or emergency phones that need repair.

Review the Daily Crime Log maintained by CUDPS. The Daily Crime Log is available at CUDPS Main Officer during normal business hours (typically Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, except holidays) at the High-Rise Residential Hall (lower level), located at 735 Goff Ave, Orangeburg,

Anonymous, threatening, or harassing telephone calls are illegal, and the University regards them as a serious offense. Immediately report obscene or harassing phone calls to CUDPS by dialing 803-535-5444.

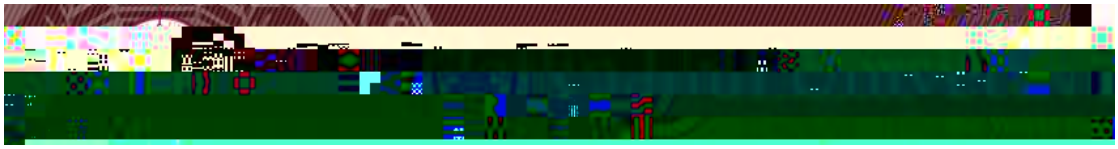
In compliance with the Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act, federal law, 20 U.S.C. 1092j, Residential students may identify an individual to be designated as an emergency contact. The emergency contact will be notified by the university within 24 hours if circumstances indicate that the student may be missing. The student should notify their choice of emergency contact that he/she has been designated as an Emergency Contact. Every student who resides on campus will be required to fill out the student information sheet as part of the check-in process to their residential hall and room. The information is updated each semester and is maintained by the Residential Life Coordinator in each residential hall. The student is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information provided and updating the information when needed.

Claflin University prohibits all criminal sexual misconduct, including but not limited to rape, acquaintance rape, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The University provides students and employees a written explanation of their rights and options, Title IX, in its Title IX Policy

violence, dating violence, and stalking before they occur through the changing of social norms and other approaches. These sessions include a clear statement that CU prohibits such acts, their definitions under South Carolina law, the definition of consent, options for bystander intervention, information about risk reduction, and policies and procedures for responding to these incidents. Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns are also offered throughout the year.

CU encourages students, faculty, and staff to work together to prevent violence and harm by becoming active bystanders who care for one another. Being an active bystander means that you TAKE ACTION when you see a situation that could be potentially harmful to another person. Students, faculty, and staff are also encouraged to confront and report predatory or other behavior that endangers any member of the campus community.

As part of the new



expulsion following a final determination of an institution disciplinary hearing proceeding regarding rape, acquaintance rape, or other forcible or non-forcible sex offense.

The university will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense the report on the results of a university disciplinary proceeding against a student who is the alleged perpetrator.

Under the leadership of the Senator Joe Biden, Congress recognized the severity of violence against

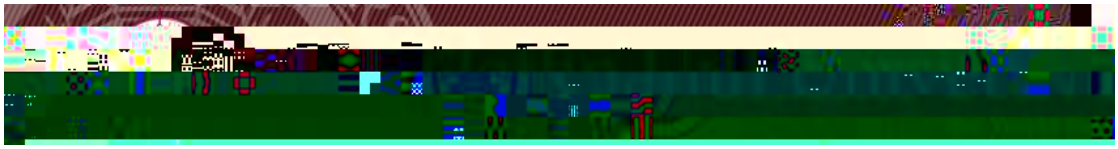
_____ is defined as a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed

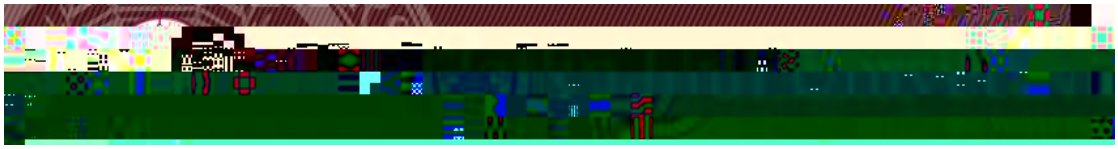
1. By a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
2. By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
3. By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
4. By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred;
5. By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

means significant mental suffering or anguish that may but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

("SaVE Act")

violent offenses committed by one's current or former partner or spouse, also known as "intimate partner violence" For purposes of University policy CU-P-200-29-Sexual Misconduct and Harassment and related





Faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students who are campus victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault, or any other crime, may report incidents to the following:

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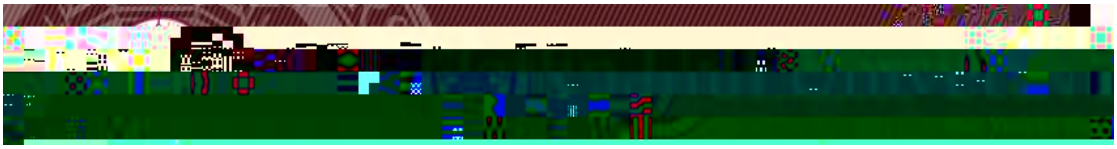
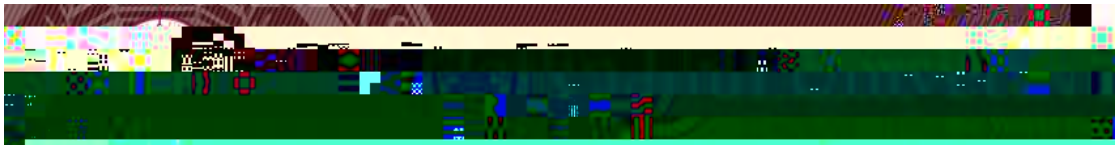
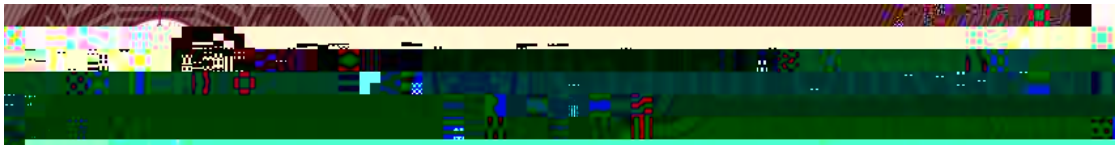
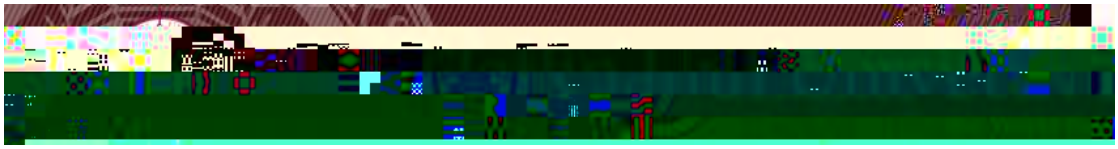


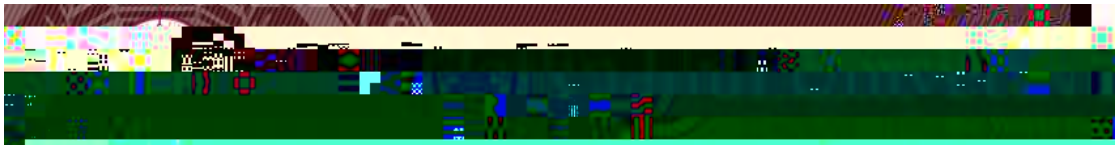


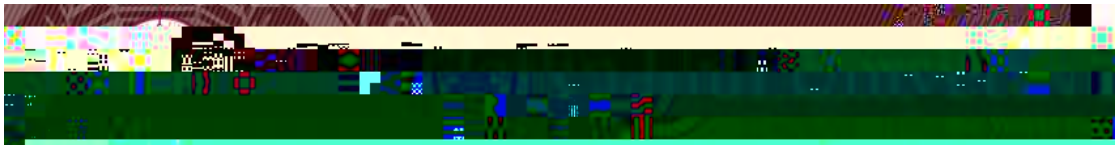


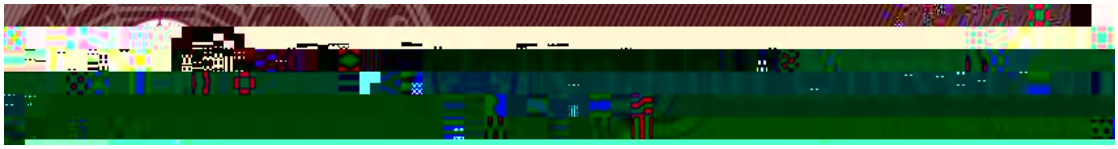
	2020	2021	2022
Murder	0	0	0
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0

	2020	2021	2022
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	4
Stalking			









- Close off the location of the release.
- Notify the Plant Operations and Department of Public Safety.

- Evacuate the area—some liquid chemicals release toxic gases.
- Wear the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Know the characteristics of the chemical before you attempt to contain the spill.
- Contain the spill with an absorbent material—prevent the chemical from reaching the municipal sewer system and the State waterways.
- Sweep and collect the absorbent material (waste) and store in the proper container.
- Dispose of the waste appropriately.

- Instruct students on how to handle hazardous materials properly.
- Review procedures that are specific to laboratories.
- Identify location of protective gear, disposal containers, and other relevant procedures.

Suppression System
Fully Sprinkle Wet System
Hood Suppression System
Manual pull with horn and strobes
Smoke Detectors
Monitored by Fire Alarm Company

The University will provide as part of the annual Fire Safety Report, as well as to the Department of Education, the following statistics from the three (3) most recent years for which data is available:

1. The number of fires and the cause of each fire.

2. The University shall make an entry or an addition to an entry to the fire log within two (2) business days of the receipt of the information.
3. The University shall make the fire log for the most recent 60

All fire alarm systems in residence halls are monitored through central reporting. All residence halls have fire extinguishers installed per national standards. Fire Drills are conducted one (1) per semester (four (2) per year) in each residential hall. Fire Drills are conducted in other buildings on campus annually one (1) per year.

All residential facilities have fire safety systems with addressable fire alarms and are fully sprinkled; The term “addressable fire alarm” as used in these statistics includes devices that provide exact location, for example, suite number, bedroom number, flow switch location, etc. of alarm initiation. The location of the residence facility is also provided below the name of the facility. All University residential facilities undergo two fire drills per calendar year.

The were no fire incidences on Campus or off Campus during 2022.

No person shall make, or ca