

Re: Compliance with HEA Title IV, Section 485(f) – Campus Crime Reporting

Changes the campus crime provisions (commonly referred to as the “Clery Act”) of the Higher Education Act to require the University to include plans for coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses; expand the list of hate crimes to be reported to include four new crimes: larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction, damage, or vandalism to property; and prepare a statement of campus policies regarding immediate emergency response and evacuation procedures.

- The current edition of the California Baptist University, Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Statistics Act includes a statement of the Department of Public Safety’s enforcement authority and relationship with applicable policing agencies.
- This report describes the working relationship between the Department of Public Safety and the local agencies of jurisdiction in all areas in which the University owns/operates facilities. Because DPS is not a police agency, no memorandums of understanding are required to provide for the authority of these agencies to investigate alleged crimes occurring on or around the campuses.
- The same report strongly encourages the reporting of all crimes to the Department of Public Safety and the applicable policing agency. DPS personnel currently encourage the reporting of crimes and provide contact information for the applicable police agency to the victim upon reporting of any alleged crime.
- The Department of Public Safety has modified its information collection and record keeping procedures to comply with the expanded number of crimes required to be included in the annual reports.
- The Department of Public Safety has developed and published a procedure in the University’s Emergency Operations Manual to provide the designated University Incident Commander with the authority to issue “immediate” notifications to the campus community upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff occurring on campus. Notifications are disseminated using outdoor speaker, telephone voice and text messaging, email, and computer “pop-up” systems.
- Information on emergency response and evacuation procedures is included in the CBU Student Handbook.
- The Department of Public Safety conducts tests of the emergency response and evacuation procedures at least annually.