

2018-19 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report



Maintaining a Safe and Secure Campus Environment



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University Police Department www.usf.edu/police



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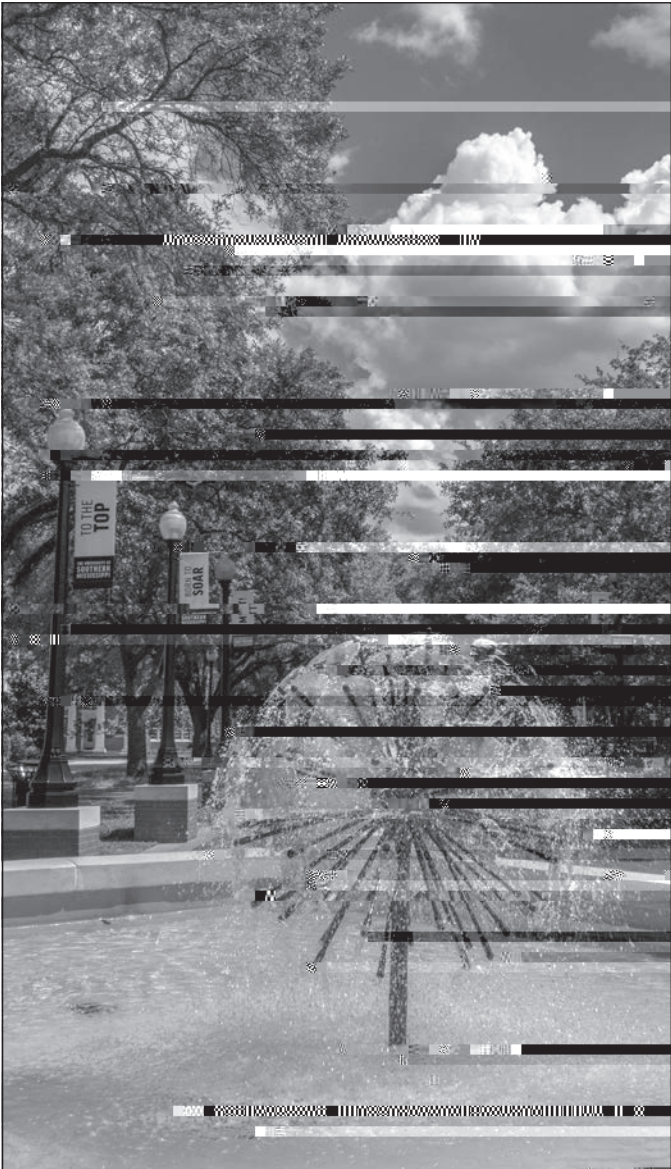
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UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West



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WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY

In the event of an emergency, you should dial 911 from any of The University of Southern Mississippi's campuses or facilities. Callers should remain on the line to ensure dispatchers have the correct location.

Calls from a land line will be directed either to University Police (Hattiesburg) or base security (John C. Stennis Space Center). Calls from a cell phone will be directed to the appropriate local jurisdiction. The 911 dispatchers in the Hattiesburg, Long Beach and Ocean Springs areas will redirect calls to the University Police Department as soon as they determine the emergency is on campus.

Hattiesburg Campus

University Police Department

- 911 (emergency)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- Bond Hall, First Floor West

John C. Stennis Space Center

- 911 (emergency, directed to Hancock County Emergency Dispatch Center)
- 228.688.3636 (Security Department)

Gulf Park Campus (Long Beach)

- 911 (emergency, directed to Long Beach Police Department)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)
- 138 Beach Park Place

Marine Research Center (Port of Gulfport)

- 911 (emergency, directed to Gulfport Police Department)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (Ocean Springs)

- 911 (emergency, directed to Ocean Springs Police Department)
- 601.266.4986 (non-emergency)

Code Blue Telephones

The UPD has strategically placed 70 code blue phones throughout the Hattiesburg campus and seven on the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach. There are three at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's Cedar Point location and one at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's Halstead location in Ocean Springs. Take a few minutes to locate and identify code blue phones where you park, work, walk or play at usm.edu/emergency-phones (Hattiesburg campus) or usm.edu/gulfcoast/about/campus-map (Gulf Park campus) and gcr.usm.edu/about_us/location.php (Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Halstead site). If you have an emergency, simply press the red button. Upon being activated,

REPORTING A CRIME

The university encourages prompt and accurate reporting of all crimes, suspected crimes and other emergencies.

All reports are responded to quickly by the appropriate emergency personnel. When reporting a crime or other emergency, the following information should be provided:

- Nature of the crime or emergency
- Name, address and phone number of caller
- Location of the incident
- Description of the scene and suspects
- Description of any vehicles involved, especially license plate numbers

When you report a crime to the University Police, an officer will

meet with you to discuss the incident and provide you with information on the reporting process. The officer will also provide you with a copy of the report and a copy of the University Police report. The report will be reviewed by the University Police and the appropriate authorities. The report will be used for statistical purposes and to provide information to the appropriate authorities. The report will be used for statistical purposes and to provide information to the appropriate authorities.

If you are notified of or involved in an emergency or crisis, stay calm, assess the situation, and be prepared to take safety precautions based on your personal situation.

Here are some tips to follow:

- Stay away from the area of the emergency or crisis.
- Find a safe place and stay there until you are notified that the emergency is over.
- If you are directly affected by the emergency, call 911 or

emergency response and evacuation procedures are tested at least twice a year. Students living in residence housing are provided the locations of emergency exits in the buildings and are provided guidance about the direction they should travel when exiting each facility for a short-term building evacuation. Residents are not told in advance of the building being evacuated, the availability of the various designated emergency gathering locations on campus, and other factors, such as the location and nature of the threat. In these cases, Housing and Residence Life staff and/or first-responders on scene will communicate information to students regarding the developing situation or any evacuation status changes.

The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in the event of an emergency. The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in the event of an emergency. The purpose of evacuation drills is to prepare building occupants for an organized evacuation in the event of an emergency.

Operation Identification

Theft of unsecured property is one of the biggest crimes seen on

- Do not leave textbooks, purses or book bags unattended.
- Do not leave laptop computers unattended.

STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES

The University of Southern Mississippi provides assistance to all students, faculty and staff through Student Counseling Services (SCS), Community Counseling and Assessment Center (CCAC) and the University Clinic for Family Therapy (MFT Clinic).

These centers provide individual counseling, group counseling, assessment and referral services.

SCS provides free confidential counseling for any enrolled student. SCS is focused on helping students be successful in their academic pursuits. SCS also provides screenings and assessments for alcohol and drug abuse and dependency.

Students may seek services on an individual basis or by referral from other campus entities, such as the Office of the Dean of Students. Hattiesburg campus hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students with immediate needs can be seen on a walk-in basis during business hours. For more information, call 601.266.4829.

Counseling services are also available at the Gulf Park campus Health Center Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students on the Gulf Coast can also access telecounseling services Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Health Center. For information, call 228.214.3300.

Twenty-four-hour response is available for emergencies, such as suicide or sexual assault, by calling 601.606.HELP (4357) or 911.

CCAC and MFT provide counseling, assessment and referral for students and faculty and staff through master's level students who are under the supervision of faculty professors.

Anyone who prefers to seek assistance from prog11.6 (g)-1-37.3 (l)-36.4 (l)-29.7 (i)-16.4 (n)-11.7 (g 6)-20.5 (0)81.37nsg

accused or by the accused's friends or acquaintances. Retaliation can also be directed toward third parties (e.g. witnesses) because of their participation in the process or because of their support for an involved party.

Some examples of prohibited sexual harassment include

- Repeated sexual requests toward a person who has indicated the behavior is unwelcome;
- Lewd or sexually suggestive comments, gestures, jokes or innuendos;
- Commenting about or inappropriately touching a person's body;
- Repeatedly telling "dirty" jokes in class or in the office;
- Professors insisting that students have sex with them for a good grade;
- Explicit sexual pictures displayed in a staff member's office or on the exterior of a residence hall door; or
- An instructor request that students share their sexual history and fantasies in class discussions, yet the conversation is not in any way germane to the subject matter of the class. The instructor probes for explicit details and requires that students respond, though they are clearly uncomfortable.

Gender-Based Harassment

Gender-based harassment includes harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. This may include acts of aggression, intimidation or hostility, whether verbal or non-verbal, graphic, physical or otherwise, even if the acts do not involve conduct of a sexual nature. Such conduct must be sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive, and objectively offensive that it interferes with or limits a person's ability to participate in or benefit from the University's academic or work programs. For example, gender-based harassment can occur if students are harassed either for exhibiting what is perceived as a stereotypical characteristic for their sex or for failing to conform to stereotypical notions of masculinity or femininity. In order to constitute harassment, the conduct must be such that it has the effect of unreasonably interfering with the student's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, demeaning, or offensive academic or living environment.

Sexual Assault

Sexual assault includes sexual penetration or intercourse or any other intentional physical contact of a sexual nature that occurs without consent. Sexual assault also includes attempted physical sexual contact without consent, as well as attempts to induce sexual activity via direct threats of physical violence, even where no physical contact ultimately occurs. Under the University's Sexual

- Exposing one's genitals to another person without their consent
- Prostituting another person
- Administering alcohol or drugs to another person for the purpose of making that person vulnerable to non-consensual sexual activity

Stalking

Stalking is a course of conduct involving more than one instance of unwanted attention, harassment, unwanted physical or verbal contact, use of threatening words and/or conduct, or any other course of conduct directed at an individual that could cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety, including physical, emotional or psychological harm or distress. Stalking violates Title IX when it is undertaken, at least in part, based on sex or gender.

Some examples of stalking include, but are not limited to the

is a dating relationship shall be determined by examining the following factors:

1. The length of the relationship
2. The type of relationship
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such a report. Furthermore, victims have the right to decline to notify law enforcement. However, the UPD, Office of General Counsel or Title IX coordinator will assist any victim with notifying law enforcement if the victim so desires.

Emergency	911

Procedures the University Will Follow When a Crime of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Is Reported

Rights of Victims and the Institution's Responsibilities for Orders of Protection, "No Contact" Orders, Restraining Orders or Similar Lawful Orders Issued by Criminal, Civil or Tribal Court or by the Institution

The university has procedures in place that serve to be sensitive to victims 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, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance and other services on and/or off campus, as well as additional remedies to prevent contact between a complainant and an accused party, such as housing, academic, transportation and working accommodations, if reasonably available. The university will make such accommodations, if the victim requests them and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to the University Police or local law enforcement. Students and employees should contact

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Office of Ombudsman Services

Alfreda Horton

R.C. Cook Union – Room 221

118 College Drive #5073

Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Phone: 601.266.4025

Assistance for Victims: Rights and Options

Regardless of whether or not a victim elects to pursue a criminal complaint or whether or not the offense is alleged to have occurred on or off campus, the university will assist victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking and will provide each victim with a written explanation of their rights and options.

Such written information will include the following:

- the procedures victims should follow if a crime of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking has occurred
- information about how the institution will protect the confidentiality of victims and other necessary parties
- a statement that the institution will provide written notification to students and employees about victim services within the institution and in the community
- a statement regarding the institution's provisions about options for, available assistance in, and how to request accommodations and protective measures
- an explanation of the procedures for institutional disciplinary action

At the victim's request, and to the extent of the victim's cooperation and consent, university offices will work cooperatively to assist the victim in obtaining accommodations. If reasonably available, a victim may be offered changes to academic, living, working or transportation situations regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus police or local law enforcement. Examples of options for a potential change to the academic situation may be to transfer to a different section of a class, withdraw and take a class at another time if there is no option for moving to a different section, etc. Potential changes to living situations may include moving to a different room or residence hall. Possible changes to work situations may include changing working hours. Possible changes in transportation may include having the student or employee park in a different location, assisting the student or employee with a safety escort, etc.

To request changes to academic, living, transportation and/or working situations or protective measures, or to receive assistance in requesting these accommodations, a victim should contact the Dean of Students Office at 601.266.6028.

Campus and Community Resources for Victims

A variety of support and counseling resources are available to those individuals who have experienced sexual misconduct. This information is provided in Appendix A in the University's Procedures for the Resolution of Allegations of Sexual Misconduct. However, listed below is a description and contact information for a select few.

~~Student Counseling Services~~ Student Counseling Services provide quality services to students by promoting sound mental health and the coping skills necessary for successful pursuit of their educational and life goals. Phone: 601.266.4829

Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention: A 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, campus and community-based center that serves all

PARTNER VIOLENCE SHELTERS

Angel Wings Outreach Center
P.O. Box 787
Mendenhall, MS 39114-0787
Admin: 601.847.5802
Crisis Line: 1.866.847.5802

Hattiesburg, MS 39403

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C.A.R.E.S.
120 Coleman Street
Cleveland, MS 38732
Admin: 662.843.0111
Crisis Line: 662.843.1491

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Care Lodge
P.O. Box 5331
Meridian, MS 39302
Admin: 601.482.8719
Shelter: 601.483.8436
Crisis Lines: 601.693.4673 / 888.593.4673

Catholic Charities-Shelter for Battered Families
200 N. Congress St. Suite 100
Jackson, MS 39201
Admin: 601.366.0750 / Legal: 601.206.9339
Shelter 601.366.0222
Crisis Line: 1.800.237.9012

Our House Inc.
P. O. Box 3956
Greenville, MS 38704
Admin. 662.334.6873
Toll Free: 1.800.898.0834

S.A.F.E. Inc.
P.O. Box 985
Tupelo, MS 38802-0985
Admin: 662.841.9138/ 841.9105
Crisis Lines: 662.841.2273 / 800.527.7233

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter
P.O. Box 273
Laurel, MS 39441
Admin: 601.428.1707
Crisis Line: 1.800.649.1092

Domestic Abuse Family Shelter
(Second Location)
P.O. Box 1504

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The Gay-Straight Alliance at the Union
Thad Cochran Center, Hattiesburg campus
facebook.com/USMGSA

collect all evidence relating to the complaint or report of sexual misconduct from all available sources and conduct interviews when appropriate.

Decision-Making Process

Upon completion of the formal investigation, they shall reach a finding by majority vote, based upon a preponderance of the evidence, as to whether or not a violation of the university's Sexual Misconduct Policy occurred and will prepare a written report in conformity with university policies, which will be presented to the Title IX coordinator.

Possible Sanctions

Disciplinary sanctions are imposed by the appropriate sanctioning official when a university community member is found in violation of the university's Sexual Misconduct Policy. Sanctions for sexual misconduct will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The Title IX coordinator reviews proposed sanctions before they are imposed to ensure that they, along with the university's interim

COMMUNITY AND STATE RESOURCES ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CRIME STATISTICS

Hattiesburg Fire Department
601.582.3311

Ocean Springs Fire Department
228.875.4063

Long Beach Fire Department
228.863.7292

Forrest County Emergency Management
601.544.5911

Harrison County Emergency Management
228.865.4002

Jackson County Emergency Management
228.769.3111

Lamar County Emergency Management
601.794.5378

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
601.933.6362 / 800.222.6362

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Forrest County Sheriff's Department
601.544.7800

Harrison County Sheriff's Department
228.896.3000

Jackson County Sheriff's Department
228.769.3063

Lamar County Sheriff's Department
601.794.1005

Hattiesburg Police Department
601.544.7900

Long Beach Police Department
228.865.1981

Ocean Springs Police Department
228.875.2211

Mississippi Department of Public Safety
601.987.1212

MEDICAL AND COUNSELING

Forrest General Hospital
601.288.7000

Ocean Springs Hospital
228.818.1111

Memorial Hospital
228.867.4000

Garden Park Medical Center
228.575.7000

Hattiesburg Clinic
601.264.6000

Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention
601.264.7777

Merit Health Wesley Medical Center
601.268.8000

Gulf Coast Mental Health Center
228.863.1132

Coastal Family Health Center
877.374.4991

RED CROSS

South Central Mississippi
601.582.8151

Mississippi Gulf Coast
228.896.4511

CLERY ACT CRIMES

Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. The University Police Department collects the Clery crime statistics disclosed in the following charts through a number of methods. UPD maintains a close relationship with all police departments where Southern Miss owns or controls property to ensure that crimes reported directly to these police departments that involve the university are brought to the attention of UPD. In addition to collecting Clery crime statistics from local police departments, all reports of crime incidents made directly to UPD are entered into an integrated computer-aided dispatch system/records management system. The

Safety is everyone's responsibility
Everyone should help to make
the campus a safer place.

person for the purposes of sexual gratification without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity

Incest – Defined as nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law

Statutory Rape– Defined as nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

Robbery– Defined as 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– Defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife or other weapon is used, which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if the crime were successfully completed.

Burglary – Unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft

Motor Vehicle Theft – Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle (Classify as motor vehicle theft in all cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access, even though the vehicles are later abandoned, including joyriding.)

Arson – Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Weapon Law Violations– The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as the manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned

Drug Abuse Violations – Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadones); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzadrine).

Liquor Law Violations – The violation of laws prohibiting the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

Domestic Violence– Includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person cohabitating with or who has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, or 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

Dating Violence – Means violence committed by a person—(a) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and (b) where the existence of such a relationship will be determined by the reporting party's statement and based on a consideration of the following factors:

- (i) The length of the relationship
- (ii) The type of relationship
- (iii) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship

Stalking – Means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to a) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others or b) 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 about a person or interferes with a person's property.
- 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.

Hate Crimes – Includes all of the crimes listed below that manifest evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim based on one of the Categories of Prejudice listed below, plus the following crimes:

Larceny/Theft – The unlawful taking, carrying, lending or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another

Simple Assault– Unlawful physical attack by one person upon another, where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.4 (n)7.8 (jo2J -0

CRIME SUMMARY

Crimes Reported by University Officials or Other Law Enforcement Agencies

This chart includes offenses that were reported to the University Police Department in accordance with the Uniform Crime Reporting procedures and the Jeanne Clery Dis-
Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

CRIME SUMMARY The University of Southern Mississippi Police Department
Crimes Reported by University Police Department at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Halstead &
Cedar Point Sites

HATE CRIMES

The University of Southern Mississippi strives to foster a safe and healthy learning environment that embodies diversity and inclusion of all members of the Southern Miss community. The hate crime statistics are separated by category of prejudice. A hate crime is a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin or gender identity. The numbers for most of the specific crime categories are part of the overall T* [(5 (p)-16.3 (e)-7.3 (t)46.4 (d)t)2.1 (o)-4.1)h)-1.or mo.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory Halstead and Cedar Point Sites

There were no reported hate crimes during 2016 or 2017.

Criminal Offenses Reported by Hattiesburg Police Department for the City of Hattiesburg

ACTUAL CRIMES REPORTED (INCLUDES ATTEMPTS)	CITY OF HATTIESBURG		
	2015	2016	2017
Criminal Homicide			
Murder/Homicide	6	8	3
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sex Offenses			
Forcible	18	10	7
Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	35	49	42
Aggravated Assault	31	44	49
Burglary	411	374	356
Motor Vehicle Theft	59	85	106
Arson	3	4	4
NUMBER OF ARRESTS	2015	2016	2017
Liquor Law Violations	102	109	101
Drug Violations	480	396	432
Illegal Weapons Possessions	90	88	127

*There were no disciplinary actions/referrals made for the above violations occurring in the City of Hattiesburg.



ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2017

for The University of Southern Mississippi





FIRE LOG

Date	Report #	Time	Building	Location	Nature of Fire	Damage	Injuries	Deaths
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FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS

STUDENT HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

3.4 Smoking Policy

In compliance with the University Smoking Policy, all residence halls are smoke-free. Students wishing to smoke are required to do

10. From the nearest phone in a safe area, call 911
11. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene.
12. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact the emergency personnel outside the building.
13. If you are trapped during a fire emergency, close all doors between you and the fire and stuff cracks around the doors to keep out smoke. Wait at a safe window and signal/call for help. If there is a phone in the room, call 911 and tell them exactly where you are.
14. Stop, drop and roll, if your clothing catches fire.

Once You Have Evacuated

1. From the nearest phone in the safe area, call 911
2. If you suspect that someone is missing or trapped, contact firefighters on scene or at the fire engine, police officers or ambulance personnel.
3. Await emergency response personnel at a safe location and direct them to the scene. Report the fire to the hall office or the nearest available resident advisor. Do not re-enter the building until instructed to do so by the fire department.
4. Follow directions of fire and police personnel.
5. Report to the person who is taking roll.
6. Never re-enter the building to save your personal belongings.
7. Stay calm.

Your safety is our
number one concern.

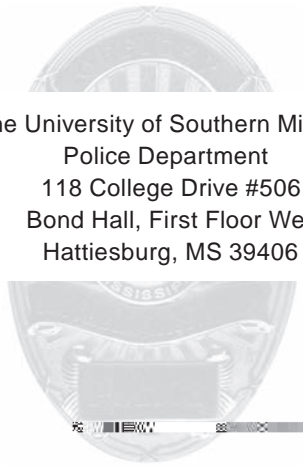
LIFE SAFETY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR RESIDENCE HALLS AND SORORITY HOUSES

1. Never prop or block open fire doors.
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GENERAL INFORMATION ON FIRE AND SAFETY

1. Two (2) fire drills per semester
 - One scheduled fire drill will take place each semester in every residence hall.
 - The local fire department is involved.
 - Another fire drill is scheduled sometime during the



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Police Department
118 College Drive #5061
Bond Hall, First Floor West
Hattiesburg, MS 39406



The University of Southern Mississippi is firmly committed to promoting a safe campus environment for all students, faculty, staff and visitors. Southern Miss takes great pride in its long history of safe campus conditions. Public safety involves a cooperative effort between law enforcement, the community and individuals.