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The publication of the Annual Security Report is part of Morehouse College’s effort to comply with the Campus Security Act. This report offers information on procedures to follow when a crime occurs and the resources that are available to assist faculty, staff and student victims of campus crimes. This publication and any revisions thereto shall be distributed to current students and employees annually. This information shall also be made available to any applicant for enrollment or employment upon request.

A Message from the Chief of Police

Vernon Worthy

This report is designed to provide you with important information about the safety and security on our campus, as well as to inform you of the crime statistics in accordance to the required “Clery Act.”

As an urban campus, Morehouse College strives to be a safe campus. The campus safety experience is due in part to many departments and individuals. “Safety is No Accident,” it is a shared experience, and we all have to be shareholders in this effort.
Every Morehouse community member must make every effort to be observant, report suspicious activity and use common sense when going about their daily activities.

Morehouse College has committed to a strong emphasis on safety and security. We are investing a lot of time, effort and other resources in our Emergency Response Planning. Our technical capabilities in electronic surveillance, along with our residential life group for safer housing, timely warnings when incidents occur and other initiatives lead to greater safety solutions.

If you have questions, call 404-215-2666. Let’s all make Morehouse a “Safe House.”

**Policy Statement**

Morehouse College is committed to supporting the welfare of its students, faculty, staff and visitors. It is dedicated to serving its students, faculty, staff by maintaining a learning environment that is safe, efficient for learning, yet cognizant of the dangers both natural and man-made. Preparing a campus Emergency Action Plan and allocating resources to respond to possible emergencies are ways the campus offers this support. Our Emergency Action Plan is fashioned in accordance with appropriate laws, regulations and policies, that govern Emergency/Disaster preparedness and reflects the best and most current thinking in this area.

It is the policy of Morehouse College to establish and maintain an ongoing working relationship with local law enforcement authorities. The College has an ongoing relationship with the Atlanta Police Department, and more particularly, with the APD zone one precinct; the precinct that serves our geographical area. Additionally, we have ongoing relationships with Spelman College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Interdenominational Theological Center and Morris Brown College police/security departments as we are all connected geographically. The local Fulton County Sheriff’s Department and the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management unit are allies.

The Morehouse College Police Department will identify and report any crime investigated that is motivated by the element of hate.

Morehouse College deploys a “Fire Safety Officer” to deal with the issue for compliance matters involving fire policies, and the maintenance of a required fire log and fire drills.
The Campus Police main office is located in the center of the Morehouse College campus, just across from Kilgore Campus Center and between the Post Office and Chivers Dining Hall. This facility is open 24/7 with staff on premises.

The shift office is located on the north campus at 171 Euharlee St. This location is staffed only at the change of shifts.

The Morehouse College Campus Police Department staff consists of:

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Lt. (Eve. Watch)
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Lt. (Morn. Watch)
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The department employs 10 sworn officers, 20 non-sworn security personnel, 3 dispatch officers and dispatch supervisor/TAC and administrative staff. The department has a total of 40 employees.
Procedures for Reporting Crimes

Timely Warnings

To help prevent or cut down crimes on serious incidents, the Morehouse College Campus Police, in conjunction with other departments on the campus, will issue campus safety alerts. These alerts will be issued in a timely manner to notify the campus community about certain crimes in or around our community. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances immediately to the Morehouse College Campus Police at (404)215-2666, or in person at the Campus Police headquarters, located in the southwest annex of Robert Hall, or our mini sub-station located at 171 Euharlee St. on the North campus.

If serious incidents or crimes are reported to other college administrators, those administrators should/will notify the Campus Police. Representatives of these offices will, in a timely manner, notify the Campus Police.

The Campus Police distributes campus safety alerts in numerous ways. Once the determination has been made that an alert needs to be issued, the department will e-mail the announcement, post flyers throughout the campus and post the announcement on its website, or use the Emergency Notification Electronic System when warranted.

Campus Police Law Enforcement Authority

The Morehouse College Campus Police Department provides basic police services to the campus community and perimeter community. The department’s main objective is to provide a safe environment for students, staff, faculty and visitors.

The Campus Police perform a variety of law enforcement tasks to include: investigations of criminal activity, apprehension of criminals, emergency response, and special security assignments as needed. Morehouse College police have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts on-campus and areas immediately adjacent to the campus. If minor offenses involving Morehouse rules and regulations are committed by a Morehouse College student, the Campus Police may also refer the student to the disciplinary division of Student Affairs.

The department is made up of both sworn and un-sworn personnel who provide security for the campus. All sworn personnel are State of Georgia Police Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) certified. The department employs four certified GCIC/NCIC emergency dispatchers.

The Morehouse Police Department works closely in conjunction with local, state and federal agencies in providing police services within the community. All law enforcement actions are authorized under State Code Section 20-8-3. In accordance with Code Section 20-8-3 and when authorized by the governing body or authority of such educational facility, a Campus Police officer shall have the same law enforcement powers, including the power of arrest as a law enforcement officer of the local government with police jurisdiction over such campus. By mutual agreement with state and federal agencies, The Morehouse College Campus Police maintains an NLETS terminal (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network) this system allows police personnel access to GCIC/NCIC (Georgia Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center). These databases are used for accessing
criminal history data, nationwide police records, driver/vehicle identification information, as well as other local, state and federal enforcement information that may be helpful to the Campus Police.

Morehouse Campus Police department is also responsible for maintaining order and public safety during all events that are held on the campus of Morehouse College.

**Campus Police Information/Crime Prevention Programs**

Morehouse College Campus Police safety information programs are designed to inform students and employees about campus security procedures and practices and to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own security and the security of others. If you develop good security habits, you can assist the Campus Police in safeguarding your property and the College’s property.

The Campus Police conducts orientation sessions for new students and new employees on safety procedures and alcohol and drug awareness. Throughout the year, a Campus Police representative is available to speak to interested groups (students, faculty/staff) on various topics such as; sexual assault, theft prevention, personal security to name a few.

The Campus Police recommends that students engrave unique identifiers on personal items such as computers, gaming systems and any other electronic devices. Campus Police also recommend keeping a record of serial numbers, unique identifiers of valuables that will be kept on campus. This will aid in identification and recovery. The use of laptop retrieval systems are recommended and have been used very successfully on our campus.

**Emergency Call Boxes (Blue Light Phones)**

There are emergency call boxes strategically located throughout the campus of communication between the caller. Call boxes can be used to report Campus Police related emergency.

**Access to Facilities**

During business hours, the buildings (excluding students, employees and guests. Residence halls are located throughout the campus of communication between the caller. Call boxes can be used to report Campus Police related emergency.

The Campus Police department secures each building on campus at designated times. After business and other persons are required to sign in at the police facilities, excluding residence halls. Identification is required for access to the

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All buildings are equipped with emergency lighting, exterior security lighting, ground floor security screens, fire and smoke alarms, and panic bar-type doors. All residence halls have self-closing mechanism doors that should prevent unauthorized persons from entering the buildings. The security measures are evaluated and maintained annually. Resident Directors (RD’s) are in charge of maintaining the standard of residential life. Dorm rules and curfews are regulated by the RD. Living in the residence hall provides an opportunity for the resident director to plan, coordinate, and implement safety measures with the Morehouse College Campus Police such as:

- Reporting strangers to Campus Police.
- Controlling and monitoring access to the buildings
- Advising safe off-campus practices
- Coordinating walk through

Each on-campus student residing in a residential building is required to share in the responsibility for his building. These requirements are as follows:

- Follow access control policies related to students and student visitors
- Report lost keys and IDs immediately to resident director and police
- No duplication of residential room keys

Visitation is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, visitation may be suspended by the Resident Director at any time.
Sexual Assault and Sexual Assault Sanctions & Misconduct Policy

Sexual Assault
Morehouse College expects all individuals to be treated in a respectful, dignified, and exemplary manner. In the event of a sexual assault allegation, the College will proceed with all appropriate remedial, administrative, and disciplinary actions. In the event of a substantiated sexual assault, the offender will be subject to prosecution under the state criminal statutes.

Morehouse College conducts various educational programs to help students prevent rape, acquaintance rape and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. The content of these programs includes sexual assault prevention; how sexual attitudes are developed; and, sexual assault and the law. These programs are conducted each semester throughout the academic year.

Sexual Assault Sanctions
A student charged with sexual assault may be disciplined according to the sanctions sections.

Sexual Misconduct Policy
Morehouse College does not condone violence against women in any form. The College recognizes its obligation to uphold the laws and standards of the larger community of which it is a part. Sexual misconduct is a serious violation of these standards and will not be tolerated. Sexual misconduct is a crime punishable by both civil and criminal legal action and College policy. At the request of the victim, the Student Conduct Administrator adjudicates all cases involving sexual misconduct where the alleged perpetrator is a Morehouse student. The College also encourages victims to prosecute perpetrators to the fullest extent of the law.

Sexual misconduct is defined as a sexual contact without consent and includes: intentional touching, either of the victim or when the victim is forced to touch, directly or through clothing, another person’s genitals, breasts, thighs, anus or buttocks; rape (sexual intercourse without consent, whether by an acquaintance or a stranger); attempted rape; sodomy (oral sex or anal intercourse) without consent; attempted forcible sodomy without consent or penetration with an object without consent. To constitute lack of consent, the acts must be committed either by force, intimidation or through the use of the victim’s mental incapacity or physical helplessness.

Sexual misconduct is classified in the student conduct code as a violation of abusive conduct. Depending on the circumstances of any violation against a college student, any student found responsible for abusive conduct may receive sanctions which include suspension for one or more semesters or permanent expulsion from the College.
Morehouse College expects all individuals to be treated in a respectful, dignified, and exemplary manner. In the event of a sexual assault allegation, the College will proceed with all appropriate remedial, administrative, and disciplinary actions. In the event of a substantiated sexual assault, the offender will be subject to prosecution under the state criminal statues.

Once an alleged assault has been reported to the College, the Morehouse College Campus Police, along with the appropriate local authorities, are to be notified. If a student does not initially report the alleged assault to a law enforcement agency, the student should be aware that the option to report occurrence to either the appropriate Campus Police or local police authorities exists. Upon request by the student, Morehouse College through its Campus Police will provide the student with assistance. Any student who wishes to report a possible sex offense may contact the Morehouse College Campus Police (404) 215-2666 or 911 for local law enforcement.

The victim of an alleged sexual assault should take care to preserve any evidence that may be necessary to prove that the alleged criminal assault occurred. In this respect, after an alleged assault has occurred, victims are advised to consult law enforcement authorities.

Both on and off campus counseling and mental health services are available for the victims of sex offenses.

In accommodating the victim of a sex offense, Morehouse College may provide for certain changes in the victim’s academic and living situations. With respect to the victim’s academic schedule, the College may permit the victim to withdraw from courses; grant an incomplete in a course with arrangements to complete the course work at a later time; and, with the consent of the course instructor, rearrange course work deadlines and exam times. If the victim is a resident student, the College may do the following: allow a victim to break a housing contract; arrange for alternate on-campus housing; require an alleged assailant to move to an alternate housing location until the case is resolved; or, bar an alleged assailant from entering a victim’s residence hall.
Sex Crime Procedures

The Campus Police Department will:
1. Respond to the crime scene
2. Protect the victim
3. Preserve the crime scene
4. Identify witnesses and suspects
5. Notify the local authorities
6. Perform preliminary report and investigation until local authorities arrive on the scene
7. Do it’s best to accommodate the accuser’s request to talk to a member of his or her own gender
8. Explain the criminal justice process upon request. The accused or accuser may contact the department or director of public safety with questions
9. Treat each case with courtesy, sensitivity, dignity, understanding and professionalism

Registered Sex Offender Information

This information is made available on the website for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at www.gbi.georgia.gov.

Counseling Services

The College operates several programs that provide information and professional services to its students, faculty and staff on matters related to the abuse of alcohol and drugs. These programs provide education, consultation, assessment, counseling and referral in a professional environment that respects individual confidentiality and integrity.
Counseling services are free, confidential, and available to currently enrolled students. Services include but are not limited to issues such as emotional crisis, academic/educational, relationships, career and other personal issues.

Contact Information: Sale Hall Annex, Phone: 404-215-2636

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK
National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE

Depression Screening Test
http://depression.about.com/

For help with Cannabis problems:
http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org/
**Missing Persons Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for Morehouse College to respond to and assist with reports of missing students as required under the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

This policy applies to students who reside on campus and have been reported missing or absent from the College for a period of more than 24 hours.

When a student is reported by anyone to the Morehouse College Campus Police that the individual cannot be located and there is reason for concern for the well-being of the student, this student is immediately treated as a missing person. At this time the Campus Police, in conjunction with The Office of Student Services, will conduct an investigation to determine whether the student is missing, in accordance with the Morehouse College policy.

All students shall have the opportunity to designate an emergency contact in case the student is determined as missing. All resident students are encouraged to designate an individual(s) as an emergency contact, who the College will notify once it has been determined that the student is in fact missing no later than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with official notification procedures. In the event a student under 18 years of age and not an emancipated individual, the College will notify the custodial parent or guardian not later than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with official notification procedures established by Morehouse College. The College will notify the custodial parent or guardian no later than 24 hours after the time that the student is determined to be missing.

The College will also notify the Atlanta Police Department after the determination has been made that the student is in fact missing. **Missing Person** – Someone whose whereabouts is unknown and there are serious concerns for their safety and well being.

All missing reports should be made immediately to the Morehouse College Campus Police at **404-215-2666**.
Reportable Offenses

1. **Criminal Homicide**-
   a. Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter - The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another
   b. Negligent Manslaughter – The killing of another person through gross negligence.

2. **Sex Offenses/Forcible** – Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and/or against that person’s will, or not forcibly or against the person’s will where the victim is incapable of giving consent. There are four types of forcible sex offenses:
   a. Forcible Rape
   b. Forcible Sodomy
   c. Sexual Assault with an Object
   d. Forcible Fondling

**Sex Offenses/Non-Forcible** – Are incident(s) of unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse. There are two types of non-forcible sex offenses:
   a. Incest
   b. Statutory Rape

3. **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.

4. **Aggravated Assault** – 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 used of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

5. **Burglary** – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

6. **Motor Vehicle Theft** – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle

7. **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.

The above list reflects those incidents mandated in accordance to the Department of Education (Jeanne Clery Act). The Campus Police Department will respond to the extended list of crimes as it relates to state law, such as theft, vandalism, threats, and other activities.
Arrests or Disciplinary Referral Offenses (Policy Violations)

1. **Drug Violation** - Violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those 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-manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction and dangerous non-narcotic drugs.

2. **Illegal Weapon Possession** – The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature. To include; manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons, carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using manufacturing, etc., of silencers; furnishing deadly weapons to minors, aliens possessing deadly weapons; and attempts to commit any of the above.

3. **Liquor Law Violations** – The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. To include: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on any form of public conveyance; and attempts to commit any of the above. This excludes “Drunkenness” (offense 23) and “Driving Under the Influence” (offense 21)

**Morehouse College Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy**

The College prides itself in preserving the campus as a controlled substance and alcohol-free environment. The unlawful use, possession, distribution, sale and manufacture of controlled substances and alcoholic beverages, including the improper use of prescription medicines by Morehouse students, are strictly prohibited. Any student found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Alcoholic Beverage Policy**
The college does not condone the misuse or abuse of alcoholic beverages. Members of the College community are held accountable for their decisions regarding their use of alcohol, as well as behavior that occurs as a result of alcohol use for students who violate this policy; specific sanctions include, but are not limited to, the following sanctions:

Automatic disciplinary probation for first-time violators of the policy includes possession or consumption. Suspension from the College for second-time violators of the policy includes possession or consumption. Permanent expulsion from the College for third-time violators of the policy to include possession or consumption.

**Controlled Substances Policy**

Morehouse College does not condone the misuse or abuse of controlled substances. Although the Student Conduct Administrator or his Designee and the student conduct body on a case by case will determine the nature of the sanction against students who violate this policy, specific sanctions include, but are not limited to:

1. Automatic suspension from the College for first-time violators of the policy on possession, distribution, sale or manufacture of illegal drugs.
2. Permanent expulsion from the College for second-time violators of the policy on possession, distribution, sale or manufacture of illegal drugs.

**Zero Tolerance Weapons Policy**

Morehouse College has a “Zero Tolerance” Weapons Policy. This is strictly enforced, and all violators prosecuted.

Unless properly authorized, no one is allowed to possess and/or use a weapon on College property or at College sponsored activities.

Any person who has the appropriate permit/license to carry arms, but is not gainfully employed as a law enforcement official acting in an active capacity, will be in violation of the college policy related to the same. According to GA. Code 16-11-127.1a.2 “weapon” means and includes any pistol, revolver, or any weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind or any dirk, bowie knife, switch blade knife, ballistic knife, any other having a blade of three or more inches, straight-edge razor, spring stick, metal knuckles, blackjack or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nunchakka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc of whatever configuration having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of like kind, and any stun gun or laser as designated in subsection (a) of code section 16-11-106.
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