# Campus Safety and Fire Safety Annual Report



# Wingate University – Main Campus 2024

Federal law currently requires all institutions receiving federal funds, including scholarships, to publish for its students, prospective students, and employees the information contained within this report.

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# **Annual Security Report**

Wingate University publishes this report in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (as amended in October, 1998). The Clery Act requires eligible institutions to prepare, publish, and distribute an Annual Security Report containing specific information about campus security policies and campus crime statistics. The Wingate University Campus Safety Office is responsible for preparing and distributing this report in accordance with the Clery Act. The Campus Safety Office works with other departments and agencies to compile the information required for this report. This document can be located in the Office of Campus Safety and the Office of Student Affairs. The Vice President of Operations is a key contributor in the preparation of this report, and provides critical information concerning Student Life policies and campus referrals for inclusion in this report. The Wingate Police Department provides information concerning crimes statistics for disclosure in the report. We encourage all members of the Wingate University community to use this report as a guide for safe practices on and off campus. It outlines campus policies and provides important safety and crime prevention tips. Although no institution today can guarantee security and safety, Wingate University intends to be as safe as any institution of higher education can be. Safety and security are encouraged by a professional security force, off-duty law enforcement officers, practices, exceptional lighting, landscaping, and blue light call boxes.

Code Blue Emergency Call Stations with emergency push button phones are at strategic locations around campus.

**Timely Warnings:** In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. & 1092(f), Campus Safety will release Timely Warning Notifications as necessary to warn the campus of crimes or events, on or off campus, considered to be a potential threat to students, faculty, and staff. Posting Timely Warning Notifications is necessary if a serious crime or systematic pattern of crimes and/or series of threats have occurred that may put any member of the campus community at risk. The decision to release a Timely Warning Notification will be made by the Chief of Campus Safety, in consultation with the Vice President of Operations, and any others who may provide insightful input, including local law enforcement agencies.

This report is prepared in cooperation with the local law enforcement agencies surrounding our main campus, the Office of Campus Safety, and the Office of Residence Life. Each entity provides updated information, policies, and procedures required to comply with the Clery and HEO Acts. Crime, arrest, and referral statistics include those reported to the Wingate Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Department, and designated campus officials, including but not limited to, Campus Safety, Residence Life, Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors, and other appropriate University personnel.

# **CAMPUS SAFETY RESOURCES**

Wingate University is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members of the campus community and guests of the University. Wingate utilizes the following resources to assist in achieving this goal.

# **Campus Safety Department**

Wingate Campus Safety employs 1 full-time Chief of Campus Safety, 8 full-time Campus Safety Officers, and 3 part-time Campus Safety Officers. Campus Safety Officers are employees of Wingate University. They are not sworn officers and do not have arrest authority; however, many of our staff have past law enforcement or security experience. The Office of Campus Safety acts as liaison between Wingate University and any emergency response agency that would respond to the campus. Safety Officers have the authority to ask persons for identification, to determine whether individuals have lawful business on campus, to issue parking tickets, and to respond to calls for service and assistance from students, faculty, and staff. Safety Officers are specifically responsible for patrolling the campus, securing buildings and property, enforcing university regulations, providing escort services, assisting with traffic and crowd-control at university-sponsored events, responding to calls for emergency and motorist assistance, assisting emergency responders, and helping to provide campus-wide crime prevention education.

Reports are filed by Campus Safety on all activity from every shift. In compliance with federal regulations as defined in the Clery Act and HEO Act, calls received by or referred to Campus Safety are recorded as follows:

- <u>Campus Safety Log Book</u> record of every call received by or referred to Campus Safety by date and including a brief description of the nature of
  the call, time of occurrence, general location of occurrence, and disposition of call if known or applicable. All logged activity is distributed daily via
  email by the Chief of Campus Safety to designated Administrators within the campus community.
- <u>Incident Reports</u> separate report generated from logged incidents that require additional information, investigation, resolution, or possible future follow-up. Copies of Incident Reports are distributed daily via email by the Chief of Campus Safety to any impacted departments.
- Crime Log The purpose of the Daily Crime Log is to record criminal incidents, and alleged criminal incidents, that are reported to the Wingate University Campus Safety Office. Crime log entries include all crimes reported to the Campus Safety Office for the required geographic locations, not just Clery Act crimes. The Crime Log contains the nature of the crime, date, and time the crime occurred, the general location of the crime, and the disposition of the complaint, if known. A copy of the Crime Log can be obtained from the Office of Campus Safety.

# **Wingate Police Department**

The University maintains an excellent working relationship with the Town of Wingate Police Department. All Wingate Police are sworn officers of the law and, with the assistance of the Union County Sheriff's Office, provide ongoing support to the University community. Campus Safety and the Wingate Police Department work together on a daily basis. Wingate Safety Officers work closely with Wingate Police Department Officers when incidents arise that

require joint investigative efforts, resources, crime related reports, and exchanges of information, as deemed necessary. There is no written memorandum of understanding between Wingate University and the Wingate Police Department.

#### **Other Resources**

Medical emergencies are handled through the Emergency Room of Atrium Health Union in Monroe, North Carolina. Emergency physicians are available 24 hours per day. The student assumes all responsibility for payment of services. Students are responsible for payment when referred to off campus offices for treatment or follow-up care. In case of illness, students may contact the Office of Student Health by calling 704-233-8102. Student Health is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and staffed by a full-time nurse practitioner. There is no charge for the office visit; however, students will need to pay for medications and any necessary lab tests. Medical and prescription insurance is not accepted at the Office of Student Health.

The University maintains a 24-hour presence on campus through the Department of Campus Safety and/or the Office of Residence Life and utilizes 8 emergency call boxes located throughout the campus grounds, good campus lighting, and open walkways to help ensure the safety of our students and staff.

# **Campus Security Authority**

Amendments to the Campus Security Act, which is a federal law, require colleges and universities to annually compile and publish crime statistics for their campuses. The law requires that "campus security authorities" report crime statistics for inclusion in the University's Annual Security Report. If you meet any of the definitions outlined below or have received notification from the President and/or your supervisor, you are a "campus security authority" as that term has been defined by the United States Department of Education. "Campus security authorities" include, but are not limited to, officials of the University with significant responsibility for students or campus activities.

Campus Security Authority - The following are defined by the Jeanne Clery Act as Campus Security Authorities.

#### **Campus Security Department**

**Individuals with Campus Security Responsibility:** Any individuals who have responsibility for campus security but who do not constitute a campus police department or a campus security department, such as an individual who is responsible for monitoring entrance into institutional property. An example of this category is event security staff.

**Individuals Designated by the Campus:** Any individual or organization specified in an institution's statement of campus security policy as one to which students and employees should report criminal offenses. Examples include: President's Office, Human Resources, Residence Life, or Residence Assistant.

Officials with Significant Responsibility for Student and Campus Activities: An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline, and campus judicial proceedings. If such an official is a pastoral or professional counselor as defined below, the official is not considered a campus security authority when acting in those capacities. Examples of this category are: Vice President of Operations, Residence Life Officials, Student Discipline Officials, Student Judicial Affairs Officials, and Officials who oversee student extracurricular activities, Director of Athletics, Team Coaches, and Faculty Advisors to student groups.

# **Security Personnel/Duties**

Campus Safety Officers and Law Enforcement Officers collaborate to provide campus safety and security.

Campus Safety Officers: Campus Safety Officers employed by the University seek to maintain the safety and security of persons and property on campus on a 24-hour basis. These officers are required to investigate and report criminal activity. A copy of their report is filed with the Chief of Campus Safety and distributed to selected campus administrators, including the Vice President of Operations, CFO, Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement, and Assistant Residence Life Director. Campus Safety, Office of Residence Life, or Law Enforcement will follow up on such reports and, where appropriate, report such violations to appropriate law enforcement agencies. Although campus public safety officers do not carry guns and do not have the power of arrest, they may detain when certain crimes are committed in their presence.

Off-Duty Law Enforcement Officers: In order to encourage safety and security of persons and property, the University at times employs off-duty law enforcement officers with the Wingate Police Department and Union County Sheriff's Office, to assist in providing security at events. These Law Enforcement Officers are armed and have powers of arrest. While Wingate University does not have any official memorandum of understanding with the Wingate Police Department and Union County Sheriff's Office, the institution enjoys a close working relationship with these agencies.

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The University has a Crisis Management Response Manual in place outlining personnel and procedures for handling emergencies, which affect the campus community. The Crisis Management Team (CMT), as designated in the manual, is responsible for assessing emergencies, creating an action plan, and deploying the appropriate resources and personnel. The manual includes a Crisis and Emergency Plan, which details our procedures for classifying the type of emergency, outlining the appropriate response to that emergency, and identifying the responsibilities of the individual CMT members. This plan is distributed to all faculty and staff. Upon knowledge or notification of an emergency, the CMT will immediately take whatever action is necessary to protect the campus community and surrounding area.

# **Crisis Management Team Members**

- Team is overseen by President of Wingate University
- Vice President of Operations
- Communications Specialist, University Spokesperson
- Chief of Campus Safety
- Vice President Information Technology and Chief Information Officer
- Budget and Forecast Manager
- Director of Residence Life
- Athletic Director
- Director of the Health Center

- Specialists for certain areas of the University:
  - o Dining Director
  - o Director of Counseling Services
  - o Director of Content Development
  - o Managing Editor, Marketing and Communications
  - Campus Safety Sergeant
  - o Director of Information Technology
  - Assistant Vice President for Events and Conferencing
  - Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance and Internal Operations

# **Emergency Mass Notification System and Timely Warnings**

In the event a situation on campus or in the immediate vicinity arises, one that constitutes a direct or potential threat to the campus community, the University will take the safety of the community into account and immediately disseminate a timely warning to the campus community. Campus Safety, in conjunction with the CMT if necessary, will determine the content of the notification and initiate the emergency notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of the responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Methods of communication, which may be employed to alert community members of a potential threat or during an immediate emergency, include those listed below. The type of emergency will dictate which method of communication, or combination of methods, will be used.

- Siren system
- Mobile phone text/voice messaging
- All campus email alerts
- University website notification via Rave Mobile Alert
- Public media (TV, radio, news websites)
- Direct on-foot and in-person notifications

Wingate utilizes two resources to notify the campus community of an *immediate* emergency:

- Campus Siren System two sirens are sounded from different ends of campus. There are two different siren notifications which may be employed:
  - ° Emergency Weather Tone a rise and fall tone which is used for weather related emergencies
  - ° Emergency Incident Tone a solid, single note tone, which signifies immediate lockdown.
- Rave Mobile Alert System This system allows designated administrators to send either voice or text messages concerning a situation to all students, faculty, staff, and parents of students. It may be employed following the use of the siren system.

The decision to activate the Siren System and send out a Rave Mobile Alert is made from the CFO, the Vice President of Operations, or Chief of Campus Safety. Use of these two resources allows the University to quickly and accurately spread information regarding a situation, which may affect the campus community.

The Campus Siren System is tested on a regular basis, along with the Rave Mobile Alert System. If deemed necessary to evacuate the campus, our external specialists on the Crisis Management Team will notify us of the proper evacuation procedure.

Students can update their Emergency Contact and Notification Form on the My Profile tab of the WinLink Portal.

# Policy and Procedures for Issuing Timely Warnings as of June 1, 2017

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish a process by which Wingate University (hereinafter the "University") will issue timely warnings in compliance with The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)) (the "Clery Act").

#### II. Policy

The University will issue a Timely Warning Notice in all instances in which all of the following conditions exist:

- a crime is committed;
- the perpetrator has not been apprehended; and
- there is a substantial risk to the physical safety of other members of the campus community because of this crime.

Such crimes include, but are not limited to:

- Clery Crimes that are reported to any Campus Security Authority or the local police; or
- the University determines that the incident represents an on-going threat to the campus community.

The University may, in some circumstances, issue a Timely Warning Notice when there is a pattern of crimes against persons or property. The University may issue a Timely Warning Notice for an off-campus crime if the crime occurred in a non-University-owned property used and frequented by the University community members.

#### III. Definitions

"Campus Security Authority" ("CSA") are individuals at the University who, because of their function for the University, have an obligation

under the Clery Act to notify the University of alleged Clery Crimes that are reported to them in good faith, or alleged Clery Crimes that they may personally witness.

• liquor law violations.

"Clery	Criminal Offenses" are defined by the Clery Act as any of the following:
•	Criminal Homicide;
•	Aggravated Assault;
•	Rape;
•	Statutory Rape;
•	Incest;
•	Fondling;
•	Burglary;
•	Robbery;
•	Motor Vehicle Theft;
•	Arson;
•	Hate Crimes, including Larceny-Theft, Simple Assault, Intimidation, or Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property that are motivated by bias;
•	Dating Violence;
•	Domestic Violence; and
•	Stalking.
"Clery	Arrests/Referrals" include arrests and referrals for disciplinary action for:
•	weapons violations;
•	drug abuse violations; and

"Clery Crimes" include both Clery Criminal Offenses and Clery Arrests/Referrals. "Timely Warning Designee" is defined as the person or group of persons at each campus responsible for the determination and issuance of Timely Warning Notices for that campus. Timely Warning Notices may be referred to as "Crime Alerts."

#### IV. Timeliness of Notice

A Notice is considered "timely" if it issued as soon as pertinent information is available and as soon as reasonably practicable after an incident has been reported to any CSA, the appropriate Campus Safety or Police, or to the Timely Warning Designee. The timeliness of a notice shall be determined and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

# V. Responsibility for Determination to Issue Timely Warning Notice

Each campus shall designate a Timely Warning Designee. The Timely Warning Designee shall be responsible for determining whether a Timely Warning Notice should be issued.

#### VI. Timely Warning Decision Matrix

Timely Warning Designee shall use and complete the Timely Warning Decision Matrix, which is incorporated by reference, when determining whether to issue a Timely Warning Notice as a result of an alleged Clery Crime. The decision to issue or not issue a Timely Warning Notice shall be determined on a case-by-case basis for each alleged Clery Crime reported.

When determining whether to issue a Timely Warning Notice, the Timely Warning Designee shall consider whether the alleged Clery Crime represents a serious or continuing threat to the campus community, and in doing so, shall consider:

- the nature of the incident and/or crime;
- the time and location of the alleged incident;
- whether the alleged perpetrator was apprehended or in custody;
- the likelihood of reoccurrence;
- the continuing danger to the campus community;
- the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts; and
- all other facts and circumstances of which the University Police are aware concerning the incident.

The Timely Warning Designee must review and approve the completed Timely Warning Decision Matrix for each alleged Clery Crime reported. If the Timely Warning Designee is an entity, then a supervisor, director, or appropriate manager of the entity must review and

approve the completed Timely Warning Decision Matrix for each alleged crime reported.

# VII. Timely Warning Notice

Once the decision has been made to issue a Timely Warning Notice, the Timely Warning Designee shall prepare a draft Timely Warning Notice by completing the appropriate, crime specific Timely Warning Template. The Timely Warning Notice shall contain all information that would promote safety and that would aid in the prevention of similar crimes including, but not limited to:

- a statement of determinations regarding the issuance of a Timely Warning in the case of Clery Arrests/Referrals and non-Clery Crimes do not require use of the Timely Warning Matrix. The incident or crime alleged, and when and where it occurred;
- any possible connection to previous incidents, if applicable;
- a physical description of the suspect, if possible;
- the date and time of the Timely Warning Notice;
- contact information for the appropriate campus security and local law enforcement; and
- other relevant and important information, including recommendations and tips for prevention of similar crimes.

VIII. Dissemination of the Timely Warning and the Timely Warning Dissemination Checklist

The Timely Warning Designee shall use and complete the Timely Warning Dissemination Checklist (hereinafter "Dissemination Checklist"), which is incorporated by reference, to ensure proper and timely dissemination of the final Timely Warning Notice. Upon approval of the final Timely Warning Notice, the Timely Warning Designee shall prepare and complete all required steps of the Dissemination Checklist. The Timely Warning Designee shall confirm completion of all required steps contained within the Dissemination Checklist and must sign and date the Dissemination Checklist. If the Timely Warning Designee is an entity, then a supervisor, director, or appropriate manager of the entity must confirm completion of all required steps contained within the Dissemination Checklist and must sign and date the Dissemination Checklist.

Upon completion, the Timely Warning Designee must submit the Dissemination Checklist, the completed and approved Timely Warning Decision Matrix, the final Timely Warning Notice that was issued, and any supporting documentation, to the Chief of Campus Safety, who shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate and complete record of all final Timely Warning Notices issued. The Timely Warning Designee shall disseminate the final Timely Warning Notice on behalf of the University. When disseminating the final Timely Warning Notice, the University will use one or more of the following means of dissemination, depending upon the technology available and the campus.

#### A. Electronic Mail (E-mail)

The final Timely Warning Notice may be distributed to students and employees by e-mail to all wingate.edu email addresses. The Timely Warning Designee may issue a mass e-mail that contains a copy of the final Timely Warning Notice to all wingate.edu email addresses.

#### B. Text Message

The final Timely Warning Notice may be distributed by text message to all individuals who are enrolled in the University's message alert service. The Timely Warning Designee may e-mail the final Timely Warning Notice to the Public Information Office, which may issue a mass text message that contains the Timely Warning Notice to all students and employees enrolled in the University's message alert system.

#### C. Web Publication

Upon receipt of the final Timely Warning Notice from the Timely Warning Designee, the Marketing and Communications Office may post the contents of the Timely Warning Notice on the University's website, where applicable, based upon the campus.

#### D. Twitter/X

Upon receipt of the final Timely Warning Notice from the Timely Warning Designee, the Marketing and Communications Office may post the contents of the Timely Warning Notice on the University's Twitter/X page, to the extent that tweeting is an option.

#### E. Media

Upon receipt of the final Timely Warning Notice from the Timely Warning Designee, the Public Information Office may prepare a press release that contains the contents of the Timely Warning Notice and may transmit the press release to all appropriate media outlets, crime prevention organizations, governmental and state agencies, and news stations for further dissemination.

#### F. Campus Posters, Student Housing, Dormitories, and Residence Halls

For those campuses on which there is an Office of Residence Life, the Timely Warning Designee may forward a copy of the final Timely Warning Notice to the Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement, or his or her designee. The Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement, or his or her designee, may oversee the distribution of flyers, which contain a copy of the Timely Warning Notice, in all common areas of each residence hall or dormitory located within the general geographic area(s) of campus affected by the alleged crime, or in which the alleged crime occurred.

Where applicable, the appropriate campus security personnel may post and distribute posters that contain a copy of the final Timely Warning Notice in all common areas of campus and the surrounding campus community located within the general geographic area(s) affected by the alleged crime, or in which the alleged crime occurred. The Chief of Campus Safety, or a designee, shall oversee the process by which the posters are posted and the common areas in which they are posted.

#### G. Additional Means of Dissemination

The University may adopt additional measures and may take additional steps as may be appropriate and necessary under the circumstances in order to further disseminate the Timely Warning Notice.

# IX. Review of Timely Warning Process

In its efforts to ensure that its Policy and Procedures for Issuing Timely Warnings is properly implemented, the Chief of Campus Safety, shall compile a monthly Timely Warning Notice Report, and shall distribute it to the Vice President of Operations, CFO, and the Provost for further review, oversight, and correction of the University's processes.

The Timely Warning Notice Report shall contain the following information:

- A list of all alleged Clery Act crimes and incidents reported to the Timely Warning Designee for each month and for which a Timely Warning Notice was issued; and
- A list of all alleged Clery Act crimes and incidents reported to the Timely Warning Designee for each month and for which a Timely Warning Notice was not issued.

#### **General Evacuation Procedures**

All building evacuations will occur when an alarm sounds continuously and/or upon notification by emergency personnel or by Campus Safety.

#### **Evacuation Guidelines:**

- If necessary or if directed to do so by a designated emergency official, activate the building alarm.
- Be aware of people with disabilities in your area who might require assistance in an emergency evacuation. Be prepared to render assistance if necessary. It is suggested that people with disabilities prepare for emergencies by learning the locations of exit corridors and smoke tower stairwells and by informing co-workers, professors, and/or classmates of best methods of assistance during an emergency.
- Do not use elevators during emergency evacuation; emergency response personnel may use an elevator for evacuation after review of the circumstances.
- When the building evacuation alarm is sounded or when told to leave by an emergency official, walk quickly to the nearest marked exit and ask others to do the same.
- Once outside, move to a designated emergency assembly point.
- Remain at the emergency assembly point until a head count is taken, and further instructions are provided by Emergency Personnel or the University Personnel.
- Do not return to an evacuated building until advised by the Fire Department or Campus Safety.

#### Restrictive Access:

Some emergency situations may warrant securing campus buildings, roads, or campus entrances.

- Campus buildings with card access may be programmed to restrict card entry. Buildings without card access may be secured by key lock, controlled by an officer posted at the doors, or restricted by perimeters with yellow caution tape.
- Roads/streets, sidewalks, and open areas may be restricted by officers directing traffic, barricades, or perimeters with yellow caution tape.
- It is important for everyone to always have his or her Campus ID and vehicle registration in the event of a situation that warrants limited access.

#### Quick Response:

- When the alarm sounds, leave immediately.
- Alert others to the emergency and ask if they will need help in evacuation.
- Do not use elevators unless instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
- Go to an emergency assembly point.

# REPORTING CRIME AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

Community members, students, faculty, staff, and guests are encouraged to report all crimes and public safety related incidents to the Campus Safety Office and/or the Wingate Police Department in a timely manner.

#### **Reporting an Emergency or Crime on Campus**

In the event of any criminal act or other emergency, call **911** (**9-911** if using campus landline) to contact an emergency operator at the Union County Communication Center. Describe the situation and give your location. The dispatcher will send the appropriate ambulance, fire, or police personnel.

Currently, eight direct 911 emergency call boxes are located in central areas of campus. Use of these phones places the caller in direct contact with the Union County Communications Center (911 Dispatch). Call boxes are located on poles marked "Emergency" with a blue strobe light mounted on top. When the call button is pushed, the blue light will begin to flash, providing a visual location for the origin of the call. Call boxes are equipped with electronic indicators that allow dispatchers to identify which call box was activated. Any time a call box is activated, police will respond quickly, whether verbal communication is utilized or not.

For any incidents reported directly to 911 or other outside agencies, the individual reporting the incident should contact Campus Safety as soon as the situation permits. This will help ensure that the University is aware of the situation and that proper measures, such as timely warnings, may be taken to maintain the overall safety and security of the campus community and that such incidents are included in annual crime statistics.

# **Reporting Non-Emergency or Public Safety Related Matters on Campus**

Wingate University strongly encourages students, faculty, and staff to contact Campus Safety or Residence Life if they have reason to believe that persons

are trespassing, soliciting, or contemplating/undertaking criminal activity. Campus Safety or Residence Life will investigate such complaints and alert law enforcement if deemed necessary.

If a non-emergency crime or other problem on campus is discovered that involves a criminal act or other violation of University rules, as outlined in the published handbook, it is important to report this incident to one of the following

Contact Information			
Union County Communications Center Non-	704-289-1591	Wingate Police Department Non-Emergency	704-233-1697
Emergency			
Campus Safety	704-233-8999	Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement	704-233-8028
Wingate University Switchboard/After Hours	704-233-8000	Director of Residence Life	704-233-8028
Residence Life	704-233-8245		

# **Confidential Reporting**

For those directly affected by a crime (e.g. victim, friend(s) of victim) who would like to report the crime confidentially, the University has a Campus Conduct Hotline which is a confidential, independent, call-in service that provides a simple, anonymous way to help preserve the values and reputation of our institution. The number to call is 866-943-5787. If the victim of a crime does not want to pursue action within the University system or the criminal justice system, he or she should still consider making a confidential report. To report crimes confidentially, individuals may contact the Office of Campus Safety or the Office of Residence Life by dialing (704) 233-8999 and stipulating that the caller would like to remain anonymous. With the victim's permission, the Chief of Campus Safety, or their designee can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing his or her identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with the victim's wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and others. Should local authorities or Campus Safety need to be notified to protect the campus community, appropriate action will then be taken. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students and employees, identify any emerging crime patterns with regard to location, method, or assailant, and alert the campus community to potential danger. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics for the institution.

# **Response to Reports of Criminal Conduct**

All reports of criminal conduct will be referred to and/or investigated by University personnel as well as local law enforcement, as applicable. Disciplinary action against students and staff involved in such conduct may be taken in accordance with University policy.

#### **Professional Counselor**

An employee whose official responsibilities include providing clinical counseling to members of an institution's community and who is functioning within the scope of his or her license or certification.

#### **Education**

At the beginning of each academic year, the staff of the Offices of Student Affairs and Campus Safety meets with Resident Assistants to discuss campus safety and security. In addition to educational programs, Campus Safety and Residence Life educate the University community via residence hall programs, training classes, and email notices as needed.

# SAFETY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Maintaining a safe environment is the responsibility of all members of the Wingate community. In addition to the efforts of the University and local agencies to ensure the safety of our community, each person within the campus community is responsible for being an active participant in helping reduce crime and safety issues on campus. The feelings of safety and security that come from living in a small community like Wingate should not replace common sense and wise decision-making with regard to personal safety. The most dangerous assumption any individual can make is that crime will not happen to him or her personally.

# **Recommended Personal Safety Precautions**

- Be alert to what is happening around you at all times.
- Know your surroundings, avoid unfamiliar areas at night or if alone.
- Call 911, 9-911, or 704-233-8999, if someone is believed to be engaging in any criminal activity.
- Notify Campus Safety of suspicious persons or activity immediately.
- Call or stop by Campus Safety to request an escort.
- Have keys or ID card out and ready to use at night or when alone.
- Travel with companions whenever possible.
- Never walk or jog alone, stay in well-lit areas at night and walk with a companion, walk with confidence.
- Do not open building or residence doors to someone you do not know.
- Report any obscene, annoying, or harassing phone calls or emails immediately.
- Do not prop open self-locking doors.
- Lock all windows and doors in your car, home, and/or campus residence when not occupied or when you are alone.
- Notify Campus Maintenance immediately of any security-related maintenance problems such as malfunctioning doors or windows, lights in need of replacement, shrubbery in need of trimming, etc.
- Keep track of keys and ID cards. Do not lend keys to anyone.
- Do not leave electronic devices, book bags, money, purses, jewelry, etc., out in the open or unattended.
- Engrave your driver's license number on valuable property and keep records of serial numbers.

- Park vehicles in designated areas and lock valuables in trunk or out of plain sight.
- Look underneath and in the backseat of your car prior to entering the vehicle.
- Be aware of persons sitting in vehicles parked beside or near your vehicle.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel you are in danger, move toward a place where there are other people and call Campus Safety at 704-233-8999.
- Do not carry or possess weapons on campus. They are illegal on campus and can be used against you by a potential attacker.
- Follow safety suggestions and regulations given to you by Residence Assistants and Residence Directors.
- Always file a report with local Police or Campus Safety, if a crime has occurred.
- Confront friends and acquaintances who violate security door or fire safety devices by talking with them directly or by asking staff to do so.
- Confront friends and acquaintances involved in aggressive behavior or criminal activities by directly talking to them or asking staff to do so.
- When dating alone, be sure you can answer the following before you go on the date: Where are we going, how well do I know this person, will we be alone or with others, who else knows where I am going, do I have money or a mobile phone if I need to get home on my own.
- Do not permit anyone you do not know into any building, including residence halls.
- Always verify who is knocking on your door before opening it.
- Do not travel alone after dark. Travel in numbers or call Campus Safety for an escort.
- Secure money and valuables in a diversion-type safe or a lockable safe/box.
- Program the Campus Safety number (704-233-8999) into your phone.
- Never take your personal safety for granted. Be vigilant and cautious. Know your environment.
- Never be embarrassed to call for help or alerting others if you feel threatened or uncomfortable.
- Learn where the emergency call boxes are located throughout campus.
- Do not invite anyone to the campus that you do not trust and report any odd or suspicious behaviors to Campus Safety.

Through education and awareness, we can help create a safer environment for ourselves and the campus community. Measures undertaken by the University to promote increased safety awareness and education are:

- Required Gateway 101 class for all incoming freshmen students.
- Providing for students the following programs:
  - Awareness Programs Programs facilitated in order to increase knowledge or perception of an issue.

- Bystander Intervention Programs designed to make students aware of techniques they can use in order to facilitate safe interactions and situations, and reduce risk.
- Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaigns Programs that are utilized or referred at multiple points during a year, or whose information is readily posted and available.
- ° Primary Prevention Programs Programs facilitated to reduce the number of incidents related to misconduct.
- ° Risk Reduction Programs or techniques used to mitigate unsafe or dangerous behaviors.
- Annual seminars on personal safety issues, including sexual violence, substance abuse, security, and crime prevention practices. These seminars are publicized through campus publications and announcements, including posters, mailings, and electronic messages.
- Postings on campus of emergency information and crime prevention material during the academic year.
- Prominent displays of safety information throughout classroom buildings, residence halls, apartments, and other campus facilities.
- Prompt notification by the University of all members of the community if an incident takes place, which requires increased safety practices.
- Meetings held by Campus Safety and the Office of Residence Life at the beginning of each academic year with all incoming students to discuss campus safety and security.
- Notification of availability of copies of the University Crisis and Emergency Plan to all new faculty/staff members.
- Participation in the National University Alcohol Awareness Week each fall.
- Providing substance abuse programs for individuals who violate the University's alcohol policy, with referral to outside programs if necessary.

Please note that while the University seeks to protect the property of members of the Wingate University community, the University cannot be responsible for property that is lost, stolen, or damaged by accident, by nature, or by others. Wingate does recommend that serial numbers of valuable items be recorded and kept in a safe place and valuables in a vehicle be hidden from plain sight.

While the University is not in a position to police off-campus activities, it should be understood that any persons or organization who/which violates University regulations or legal statutes of federal, state, or local agencies is liable. Moreover, any person who aids or abets another in violating University regulations or legal statutes may be liable not only for aiding or abetting, but, also, for personal injuries or property damages resulting from such violations. Such action may include being held accountable through the Code of Community Standards.

# **AUTHORIZED ACCESS AND ENTRY**

# **Access to Campus Facilities**

University instructional and administrative facilities are generally open to the public during normal business hours any time school is in session; however, they are locked at other times. After-hours access to buildings by employees is restricted by office location and title.

Students have access to all public areas of campus, except where they have been excluded for disciplinary reasons or when the buildings are officially closed. Students have access to rooms in their residence halls during their period of assignment, except where they have been excluded for disciplinary reasons or when the buildings are officially closed to all students. Access to authorized areas will be accomplished by using a University-issued ID card or room key.

All students must carry their University issued ID cards at all times. This gives students the ability to enter certain buildings, check out books from the library, and use dining membership. Identification is required to be shown at the request of a Law Enforcement Officer or University official. Non-compliance will result as a violation of the Code of Community Standards.

Residential halls with key card entry systems remain locked at all times. Both on and off-campus visitors to residence halls must be escorted throughout the hall by a resident. Residents of campus housing with regular key lock entry systems are to keep all external doors closed and locked at all times. Residents are encouraged to keep interior doors to individual bedrooms locked when they are not present. Keys should not be given to visitors and guests, nor should doors be left unlocked or propped open for their access.

# **Authorized Entry**

Authorized individuals, including, but not limited to, Residence Life staff, maintenance and housekeeping personnel, Campus Safety Officers, University officials, health inspectors, and fire inspectors, may enter access-controlled areas, including student rooms, for purposes of routine maintenance, housekeeping, inspection, or search. Students' rooms will periodically be inspected by a member of Residence Life to encourage health and safety practices. If, in the process of a room inspection, anything is found that suggests violation of University policies or legal statutes, items will be seized; and disciplinary actions may result. In the event of students being under 21 and having possession of alcohol, this possession will be considered an illegal substance on campus and will be in violation of University Policy.

Authorized individuals may enter student rooms for purposes of routine maintenance, housekeeping, inspection, or search. These individuals include, but are not limited to, residence hall staff, maintenance and housekeeping personnel, public safety officials, health inspectors and fire inspectors. When authorized individuals enter rooms, they shall exercise reasonable effort to maintain the safety and security of persons and property.

#### **Room Inspection**

In order to encourage health and safety, a student's room will be inspected periodically by authorized individuals, including, but not limited to, residence hall staff. Although such entry is not for purposes of search, if, in the course of such inspections, items are discovered which suggest violation of University policies or legal statutes, they will be seized and disciplinary action may result. In the event that both students are under 21, alcohol will be considered an illegal substance. In the areas where halls have been designated alcohol-free, alcohol will be considered a violation of University policy.

#### **Room Search**

Where reasonable cause exists, authorized University officials, including residence hall staff, may enter and search rooms should life or property appear to be in danger or to investigate alleged violations of University policies or municipal, state, or federal laws.

#### **Crime Reports**

Members and guests of the university community should report crimes to Campus Safety (704-233-8999), which is located in the Campus Safety Building at 204 North Main Street, Wingate, North Carolina, and to Wingate Police Department (Emergency: 911, Non-Emergency: 704-233-1697) located at 4114 Highway 74 East, Wingate, North Carolina, across from Wingate University's main campus.

# **Access Security Measures**

Campus Safety follows these standards concerning facility access:

- The main entrances of the residence halls are checked to be certain they are completely shut when patrolling in the area.
- The entrances to administrative and instructional buildings are checked to be certain they are locked after normal business hours when patrolling in the area.
- Identification in the form of a University ID Card or other identification from individuals on campus may be requested.
- Campus Safety inspections of rooms or buildings outside normal working hours may be conducted to determine if such areas are properly locked.
- Campus Safety monitors and records, through local law enforcement, criminal activity engaged in by individuals at off-campus locations of student organizations officially recognized by the University.

#### **Student Identification Cards**

Students are required to have a valid Wingate University student identification card during the time of enrollment. Cards are provided during registration through the Office of Residence Life. When asked by any authorized University official (including faculty), students are required to present Student ID Card. Failure to do so will jeopardize your privilege of remaining on campus since we must have a method of determining our students from non-students. Students who fail to properly identify themselves upon request of a University official will be subject to referral to the Office of Community Standards. Student ID Cards are necessary for admission to the dining hall, residence hall, athletic events, gym facilities, and for borrowing library materials. Cards are not transferable to other persons, and it is a violation of University policy to be in possession of another student's ID Card for any reason, at any time, or under any circumstances.

#### **Residence Halls**

All external doors to residence halls should remain closed and locked at all times, except for legal entry. Sanctions shall be improvised where students violate the security of these doors. Both on-campus and off-campus visitors to residence halls must be escorted throughout the hall by a resident.

# SEX DISCRIMINATION POLICY

In keeping with efforts to maintain an environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of the University community are respected, Wingate University deems Sex Discrimination, including Sex-Based harassment of students or employees unacceptable conduct which will not be tolerated. Such conduct may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the University.

In accordance with federal regulations, we have dedicated a Title IX Coordinator responsible for the administration and implementation of Wingate University's Title IX compliance efforts. If you have Title IX questions, complaints or concerns, please contact:

Dr. April C. Smith
Title IX Coordinator
Associate Vice President for Institutional Integrity
<a href="mailto:titleix@wingate.edu">titleix@wingate.edu</a>
704-233-8649

# **Purpose**

Wingate University takes all reports and complaints of sexual misconduct very seriously. Wingate strives to be a community free of any sexual misconduct by providing educational training, thematic programming, bystander training, and clear expectations for community behavior and values. Wingate University has designed policies and procedures that strongly encourage community members to report sexual misconduct, seek help and support, pursue criminal and/or disciplinary actions and take action against potential sexual misconduct. The University's policies and procedures follow North Carolina State Laws and Federal Title IX guidelines regarding Sex Discrimination prevention, reporting, investigation and resolution.

Sex Discrimination by non-students (i.e. guest to campus, faculty, or staff) against a student should be reported to the University Title IX Coordinator on the Main Campus. Sex Discrimination by non-students against a non-student should be reported to the University Title IX Coordinator or to the Wingate Police Department. Any University office or official receiving a report of Sex Discrimination that occurs on campus and/or involving Wingate students is required to communicate the report to the Title IX Coordinator.

The Title IX Coordinator for Wingate University is Dr. April Smith, Associate Vice President for Institutional Integrity, at the Main Campus. The Title IX Coordinator oversees monitoring of the University policy regarding Sex Discrimination, including sex-base harassment, sexual misconduct and retaliation; coordinates investigations of complaints received that may violate the Sex Discrimination policy; and ensures a fair and neutral process for all parties. Dr. Smith is responsible for appointing and training campus Title IX Deputy Coordinators, who monitor and have oversight of the overall implementation of the investigation process of sex discrimination reports. See the WU Sexual Misconduct Quick Contact Information Guide.

Full explanation of the university's procedures and processes surrounding Sex Discrimination is included in the WU Sex Discrimination Policy.

#### **Sex Discrimination Definitions**

Sex Discrimination. "Sex Discrimination" means "discrimination on the basis of sex" as that language is used in the statutory text of Title IX. For purposes of clarity, Sex Discrimination includes Sex-Based Harassment unless clearly articulated differently in the text of this Policy

#### **Sex-Based Harassment Definition**

**Sex-Based Harassment** means sexual harassment, harassment on the basis of sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity, and other conduct on the basis of sex that is:

**Quid Pro Quo** means an employee, agent, or other person authorized by the University to provide an aid, benefit, or service under the University's education program or activity explicitly or impliedly conditioning the provision of such an aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.

**Hostile Environment Harassment** means unwelcome sex-based conduct that is sufficiently severe or pervasive that, based on the totality of the circumstances and evaluated subjectively and objectively, denies or limits a person's ability to participate in or benefit from the University's education program or activity (i.e., creates a hostile environment)

Whether a hostile environment has been created is a fact-specific inquiry that includes consideration of the following:

- (i) the degree to which the conduct affected the Complainant's ability to access the University's education program or activity;
- (ii) the type, frequency, and duration of the conduct;
- (iii) the Parties' ages, roles within the University's education program or activity, previous interactions, and other factors about each party that may be relevant to evaluating the effects of the conduct;
- (iv) the location of the conduct and the context in which the conduct occurred; and
- (v) Other Sex-Based Harassment in the University's education program or activity.

**Sexual Assault** means an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- A. Forcible sex offense means: any sexual act, including rape, sodomy, sexual assault with an object or fondling, directed against another person, without the Consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving Consent.
  - 1. Forcible rape (except statutory rape (defined below)) the carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving Consent because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - 2. Forcible sodomy oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving Consent because of their youth or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - 3. Sexual assault with an object to use an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving Consent because of their youth or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - 4. Forcible fondling the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against

that person's will or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances where the victim is incapable of giving Consent because of their youth or because of their temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- B. Nonforcible sex offense means: unlawful, nonforcible sexual intercourse.
  - 1. Incest nonforcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
  - 2. Statutory rape nonforcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of Consent.

**Dating Violence** means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the Complainant's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. Dating Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating Violence does not include acts covered under the definition of Domestic Violence.

**Domestic Violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by:

- 1. a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim or a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the State of North Carolina;
- **2.** is cohabitating, or has cohabitated, with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- **3.** shares a child in common with the victim; or,
- **4.** commits acts against a youth or adult victim who is protected from those acts under the family or domestic violence laws of the State of North Carolina.

**Stalking** means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress. For purposes of this definition, "course of conduct" means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in 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; "reasonable person" means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim; and "substantial emotional distress" means significant mental suffering or anguish that may, but does not necessarily, require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

# Wingate University's Statement on Non-Retaliation

Wingate University strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual for reporting, providing information, exercising one's rights or responsibilities, or otherwise being involved in the process of responding to, investigating, or addressing allegations of Sex Discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Therefore, any retaliation, intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any such individual, undertaken or attempted either directly or by someone acting on behalf of another, will be addressed in a serious way by Wingate, and individuals who engage in such actions are subject to discipline up to and including suspension, exclusion, or dismissal from the University, consistent with University procedure. Anyone who is aware of possible retaliation or has other concerns regarding the response to a complaint of sexual misconduct should report such concerns to the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. April Smith, who will take appropriate actions to address such conduct in a prompt and equitable manner.

#### Consent

Consent is informed, freely and actively given, and mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Consent is mutually understandable when a reasonable person would consider the words or actions of the parties to have manifested a clear and unambiguous agreement between them to engage in certain conduct with each other. Consent cannot be gained by ignoring or acting in spite of the objections of another.

Consent cannot be inferred from:

- (i) Silence, passivity, or lack of resistance alone;
- (ii) A current or previous dating or sexual relationship alone (or the existence of such a relationship with anyone else);
- (iii) Attire;
- (iv) The buying of dinner or the spending of money on a date; or
- (v) Consent previously given (i.e., consenting to one sexual act does not imply consent to another sexual act).

Consent is not effective if it is obtained through the use of physical force, violence, duress, deception, intimidation, coercion, or the threat, expressed or implied, of bodily injury. Whether a party used intimidation or coercion to obtain Consent will be determined by reference to the perception of a reasonable person found in the same or similar circumstances.

Consent may never be given by:

- (1) Minors, even if the other participant did not know the minor's age.
- (2) Mentally disabled persons, if their disability was reasonably knowable to a sexual partner who is not mentally disabled.
- (3) Persons who are Incapacitated. The use of alcohol or drugs does not diminish one's responsibility to obtain Consent and does not excuse conduct that constitutes Sexual Harassment under this Policy.

If at any time during a sexual act any confusion or ambiguity is or should reasonably be apparent on the issue of consent, it is incumbent upon each individual involved in the activity to stop and clarify the other's willingness to continue and capacity to consent. Neither party should make assumptions about the other's willingness to continue.

# **Reports and Informal Resolution Process**

Full explanation of the university's procedures and processes surrounding complaints of Sex Discrimination is included in the <u>WU Sex Discrimination</u> <u>Policy.</u>

# **Appeals Process**

Full explanation of the university's procedures and processes for appeals is included in the WU Sex Discrimination Policy.

# Legal Counsel Involvement in Title IX and Sex Discrimination Cases

Full explanation of the university's procedures and processes surrounding the role of advisors and/or legal counsel is included in the <u>WU Sex</u> <u>Discrimination Policy</u> and the Undergraduate Student Handbook (for non-Title IX cases).

# **Amnesty for Sexual Discrimination Complainants and Witnesses**

Full explanation of the university's procedures and processes surrounding sexual harassment is included in the <u>WU Sex Discrimination Policy</u>. Specifically, Section 2.03 of the Sex Discrimination Policy states:

The University considers the reporting and adjudication of Sexual Harassment cases on campus to be of paramount importance. The University does not condone underage drinking. However, the University may extend amnesty to alleged victims, Third-Party Reporters, and those assisting victims of Sexual Harassment from punitive sanctioning for illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol. Please refer to the University's Amnesty Policy (printed in the Undergraduate Student Handbook) for details regarding the circumstances under which amnesty will be granted.

# **Reporting Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment**

Wingate University strongly urges victims of sexual harassment and/or misconduct and persons with knowledge of sexual harassment and/or misconduct to report incidents immediately. There are a variety of reporting structures, resources, and support services for victims of sexual misconduct. Please refer to the quick reference guides below. The Sexual Misconduct Reporting Guide gives the level of confidentiality of each resource.

# WU Sexual Misconduct Reporting Quick Reference Guide

Resource	Seeking Information and Support	Obtaining Counseling and Health Services	Informal Resolution	Formal Resolution	Level of Confidentiality
Town of Wingate Police	Yes			Yes	Confidential according to state law
Union County Sheriff's Office	Yes			Yes	Confidential according to state law
Turning Point/ Rape Crisis Hotline	Yes	Yes			Strict confidentiality

WU Counseling Services	Yes	Yes			Strict confidentiality
WU Health Services	Yes	Yes			Strict confidentiality
WU Campus Minister	Yes	Yes			Strict confidentiality
WU Residence Life	Yes		Yes	Yes	Must Report to Title IX Coordinator
WU Faculty, Staff, Administration	Yes				Must Report to Title IX Coordinator
WU Campus Safety	Yes			Yes	Must Report to Title IX Coordinator
WU Title IX Coordinator	Yes		Yes	Yes	Strictly private, mostly confidential
WU Deputy Coordinators	Yes		Yes	Yes	Strictly private, mostly confidential

# WU Sexual Misconduct Quick Contact Information Guide

Resource	Phone	Email/Information	Location/Address
Town of Wingate Police	704-233-1697	N/A	4114 U.S. 74 Wingate, NC 28174
Union County Sheriff's Office	704-283-3844	N/A	3344 Presson Road Monroe, NC 28112
Turning Point/Rape Crisis Hotline	704-283-7770	N/A	P. O. Box 952 Monroe, NC 28111
Atrium Health Union	980-993-3100	N/A	600 Hospital Drive Monroe, NC 28112
WU Counseling Services Jennifer Johnson	704-233-8979	<u>j.johnson@wingate.edu</u> or couseling@wingate.edu	Holbrook 109 North Camden Street Wingate, NC 28174
WU Health Services	704-233-8102	s.mccaskill@wingate.edu	Holbrook 109 North Camden Street Wingate, NC 28174
WU Campus Safety	704-233-8999	m.easley@wingate.edu	204 North Main Street Wingate, NC 28174
WU Residence Life Jessica Head	704-233-8245	j.head@wingate.edu	Alumni 226 Cedar Street Wingate, NC 28174
WU Title IX Coordinator  April Smith	704-233-8649	a.smith@wingate.edu	Stegall Administration Building 220 North Camden Street Wingate, NC 28174
WU Deputy Coordinator  Brandie Everett  Director of Human Resources	704-233-8718	b.everett@wingate.edu	Stegall Administration Building 220 North Camden Street Wingate, NC 28174

WU Deputy Coordinator	704-233-8376	j.head@wingate.edu	Alumni – Residence Life
Jessica Head			226 Cedar Street
Director of Residence Life			Wingate, NC 28174
WU Deputy Coordinator	704-233-8023	tar.harrell@wingate.edu	Stegall Administration
Tariah Harrell-Assistant Director			Building
of Community Standards			220 North Camden St
			Wingate, NC 28174
WU Deputy Coordinator	828-697-0105	m.chaplin@wingate.edu	Hendersonville Campus
Michelle Chaplin-Assistant Dean	x602		805 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave West Suite 200
of Pharmacy			Hendersonville, NC 28739
WU Deputy Coordinator	704-233-8193	m.scott@wingate.edu	Cannon Athletic Complex
Molick Scott-Assistant Director			230 N. Camden Street
of Athletics			Wingate, NC 28174
WU Deputy Coordinator	704-233-8262	e.torrez@wingate.edu	Cannon Athletic Complex
Erika Torrez-Associate Director			230 N. Camden Street
of Athletics			Wingate, NC 28174

#### **Services and Resources**

The University and greater Wingate community are here to assist and support students in time of need and hardship. When one of our students becomes a victim of sexual misconduct, we ensure services so no one will bear it alone. Resources for victims of sexual misconduct include:

- Counseling services
- Health services
- Mental health services
- Victim advocacy
- Legal assistance references
- Visa and immigration assistance
- Student financial aid assistance
- Academic, living, transportation, and co-curricular changes/accommodations
- Protective measures (example: University No Contact Order)

These services can assist our students who encounter sexual misconduct regardless of whether it is reported to law enforcement.

# **Confidential Resources**

If a student wishes the details of an incident to be kept strictly confidential, they can speak to the following staff on campus:

- Counseling Office 704-233-8979 or Counseling@wingate.edu
- Student Health Center 704-233-8102

In addition, Turning Point/Rape Crisis Hotline in Union County and campus ministers will honor confidentiality. Confidential resources may need to share otherwise confidential information where an imminent danger to the student or another individual exists in the opinion of the professional staff or administrator. In addition, all University resources are required by North Carolina Law to report abuse or neglect upon a child or any disabled person.

The local hospital can complete an anonymous Rape Kit if the survivor is unsure about reporting to the police department immediately, but allows evidence to be gathered for future reporting.

#### **Private Resources/Offices**

There are a number of designated University officials who can provide support and assistance to a student who discloses sexual misconduct. Those offices include.

- Office of Residence Life (during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm) 704-233-8245
- Office of Residence Life (after hours) 980-210-4950
- Campus Safety 704-233-8999

These private offices are for a student to share or report an act of Sex Discrimination. Through this office, you are able to initiate a campus investigation process of the sexual misconduct act. You are able to request a "no-contact order" which prohibits the complainant and the responder to be in contact with one another through any forum, such as phone, text, social media, or through an intermediary (a friend of the party).

Other officials include the Title IX Coordinator or its designee, the Office of Student Life, Campus Recreation, Athletics, and Wingate faculty/staff advisors of student organizations.

Mandatory reporters (termed Re Employees in the WU Sex Discrimination Policy):

**Mandatory Reporter** A "Mandatory Reporter" includes all employees of the University (faculty, staff, GA's, student workers) of the University who has the obligation to report to the Title IX coordinator any complaint or allegations of Sex Discrimination, including Sex-Based Harassment of which they become aware. Strictly Confidential Employees are **not** Mandatory Employees.

Students' personally identifiable information will only be shared as necessary with as few people as possible, and all efforts will be made to protect their privacy.

# **Off-Campus Services**

Emergency - 911 Atrium Health Union - 980-993-3100 Turning Point/Rape Crisis Hotline - 704-283-7770

# **Interim Supportive Measures**

As found in Section 6.03 of the Wingate University Sex Discrimination Policy, the following are interim protective measures:

Interim Supportive Measures. When warranted to restore or preserve a party's equal access to education, protect the safety of all parties as well as the University's educational environment, or to deter Sexual Harassment, the Assigned Deputy Title IX Coordinator may implement one or more interim supportive measures, if appropriate and/or reasonably available, including but not limited to the following:

- (i) Issuing mutual no-contact orders to prevent any contact between or among the Complainant and the Respondent;
- (ii) Providing the Complainant or Respondent with an escort to ensure that he or she can move safely between classes, work, and/or activities;
- (iii) Changing a Complainant's or a Respondent's on-campus housing, if any, to a different on-campus location and providing assistance from University personnel in completing the relocation;
- (iv) Changing a Complainant's or a Respondent's work arrangements or schedules;
- (v) Changing academic schedules (such as moving the Complainant or the Respondent from one class section to another);
- (vi) Arranging to dissolve a campus housing contract and offering a pro-rated refund;
- (vii) Rescheduling class work, assignments, and examinations;
- (viii) Arranging for the Complainant or Respondent to withdraw from or take an incomplete in class without penalty;
- **(ix)** Providing academic support services;
- (x) Providing alternative course completion options;
- (xi) Permitting a temporary withdrawal from the University; and
- (xii) Providing counseling services.

The Title IX Coordinator or Assigned Deputy Title IX Coordinator, as appropriate, shall consider the totality of the circumstances when evaluating the implementation of supportive measures, including, without limitation, the wishes of the Complainant and the potential hardship on the Respondent caused by any proposed measures. Interim supportive measure must be non-disciplinary, non-punitive, and not unreasonably burdensome to the other party. The University may continue providing any interim supportive measure even in the event a Respondent is found not responsible for Sexual Harassment.

# **Sex Discrimination Policy and Possible Sanctions**

The Wingate University Sex Discrimination Policy (and the Undergraduate Student Handbook) can be found on the University website. The documents contain the following: policies and procedures, confidentiality, general provisions, the process applicable to all complaints of sexual misconduct, formal

adjudication procedures, informal resolutions, appeals, and resources available to survivors of sexual misconduct.

As found in Section 7.02C(ii)(1), the following sanctions may be imposed if a Wingate University student, staff, or faculty member is found responsible of violating the Sex Discrimination Policy:

- Witholding a promotion or pay increase
- Reassigning employment
- Terminating Employment
- Temporary suspension without pay
- Compensation adjustments
- Mandated counseling / assessment;
- Written reprimand;
- Withholding of a promotion or pay increase, reassigning employment, terminating employment, temporary suspension without pay, compensation adjustments, or other employment related sanctions;
- Written apology;
- Parental notification;
- Expulsion or suspension from the University;
- Disciplinary probation;
- Expulsion from campus housing;
- And / or educational sanctions in each case as are deemed appropriate by the Hearing Panel.

The Hearing Board will determine sanctions, giving consideration to whether a given sanction will (a) bring an end to the violation in question, (b) reasonably prevent a recurrence of a similar violation, and (c) remedy the effects of the violation. Sanctions are not limited to the above list.

# **Identification of Registered Sex Offenders**

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the Jeanne Clery Act, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the Wingate University Campus Safety Office is providing a link to the North Carolina Department of Justice Sex Offender Registry.

This aforementioned act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where it may obtain law enforcement information provided by a State concerning registered sex offenders. It requires sex offenders already required to register in a State to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that State at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student. In the State of North Carolina, convicted sex offenders must register with the North Carolina Sex Offender Registry maintained by the North Carolina Department of Justice. The Sex Offender Registry (SOR) is available via Internet pursuant to N.C. General Statute 14-208.5.

The General Assembly recognizes that sex offenders often pose a high risk of engaging in sex offenses even after being released from incarceration or commitment and that protection of the public from sex offenders is of paramount governmental interest.

The General Assembly recognizes that persons who commit certain other types of offenses against minors, such as kidnapping, pose significant and

unacceptable threats to the public safety and welfare of the children in this State and that the safety and welfare of those children are of great governmental interest. Further, the General Assembly recognizes that law enforcement officers' efforts to protect communities, conduct investigations, and quickly apprehend offenders who commit sex offenses or certain offenses against minors are impaired by the lack of information available to law enforcement agencies about convicted offenders who live within the agency's jurisdiction. Release of information about these offenders will further the governmental interest of public safety so long as the information released is rationally related to the furtherance of those goals.

Therefore, it is the purpose of this Article to assist law enforcement agencies' efforts to protect communities by requiring persons who are convicted of sex offenses or of certain other offenses committed against minors to register with law enforcement agencies, to require the exchange of relevant information about those offenders to others as provided in this Article. (1995, c. 545, s. 1; 1997, 516, s.1)

Information regarding registered sex offenders in North Carolina may be secured at <a href="https://sexoffender.ncsbi.gov/">https://sexoffender.ncsbi.gov/</a>. The North Carolina Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry describes the sex offender registration requirements and allows online searches of the Registry.

# North Carolina State Laws for Rape and Sexual Assault

First Degree Rape (NCGS 14-27.2(2), Class B1 Felony:

Vaginal intercourse by force and without consent, and proof of at least one of the following: (a) use or display of a dangerous or deadly weapon or an article which the other person reasonably believes to be a dangerous or deadly weapon, (b) infliction of serious personal injury on the victim or another; or (c) commission of the rape aided and abetted by others.

#### **Second Degree Rape** (NCGS 14-27.3(a), Class C Felony):

Vaginal intercourse by force and without consent (note: no injury required).

#### First Degree Sexual Offense (NCGS 14-27.4(a)(2), Class B1 Felony):

Sexual acts (not vaginal intercourse) by force and without consent and proof of at least one of the following: (a) use or display of a weapon or an article which the other person reasonably believes to be a dangerous or deadly weapon, (b) infliction of serious injury, or (c) commission of the sexual offense aided or abetted by others.

#### **Second Degree Sexual Offense** (NCGS 14-27.5, Class C Felony):

Sexual acts (not vaginal intercourse) by force and without consent (note: no injury required).

# Sexual Battery (NCGS 14-27.5A(a)(1), Class A Misdemeanor) (i.e., - forced fondling)

Sexual contact (a) by force and without consent (note: no injury required).

#### **Indecent Exposure** (NCGS 14-190.9):

Willfully exposing one's private parts in a public place in the presence of another or procures or permits another to perform such acts (Class 2 Misdemeanor); by a person 18 or older in the presence of a person under 16 years of age for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire (Class H Felony).

#### **Statutory Rape by 13, 14, or 15 year old (NCGS 14-27.7A):**

Vaginal intercourse or sexual act with 13, 14, or 15 year old by defendant 5 years older than the victim (Class C Felony); or with 13, 14, or 15 year old by defendant at least 6 years older than the victim (Class B1 Felony).

**Reference:** NCGS – North Carolina General Statutes (as of May, 2011)

# ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

#### **Information on North Carolina Laws Regarding Alcohol**

The purchase or possession of beer, wine, liquor, or mixed beverages by a person less than 21 years old is illegal in the State of North Carolina. It is illegal to sell beer, wine, liquor, or mixed beverages to those less than 21 years old or to aid and abet a person less than 21 years old in obtaining alcoholic beverages. It is illegal to use a fraudulent ID or to permit the use of one's ID by a person less than 21 years old to purchase alcoholic beverages. It is illegal to give alcoholic beverages to an intoxicated person.

Driving with any amount of alcohol in the body is illegal for anyone under 21; driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .08%, "Driving While Impaired," carries a range of sentences and fines and may result in a suspended license. A person can be charged with "Driving While Impaired" with blood alcohol concentrations under .08% if Police observe erratic driving and if you become disruptive in public (violent, insulting, using profanity, urinating, etc.) as a result of being drunk, you can be fined and spend time in jail.

Penalties for alcohol offenses range in seriousness from a significant fine to imprisonment or both. Penalties vary depending on the age of the offender and the nature of the offense. A criminal record (misdemeanor or felony) may preclude admission to graduate or professional schools, professional licensure and certification or security clearance of certain professions and positions.

#### North Carolina General Statute 18B-102

All members of the University community are expected to comply with North Carolina Statutes prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverage by persons younger than 21 years of age. Specifically, it is against the law:

- To sell or give beer, wine, liquor, or mixed beverages to anyone younger than 21 years of age;
- For a person younger than 21 years of age to purchase or possess beer, wine, liquor, or mixed beverages;
- To use fraudulent identification or to permit the use of one's identification by another in order to obtain alcohol illegally.

**Sanctions:** Any person younger than 21 who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500, or imprisonment for up to six months or both. Any person 21 years old or older who aids or abets another in violation of the above regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, or imprisonment or both. Any person who aids or abets another in securing alcohol may be liable for personal injuries or property damages resulting from misconduct by those who are intoxicated. Organizations and officers of such organizations may have such liabilities.

#### North Carolina General Statutes Article 5 of Chapter 90

It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, or possess with the intent to manufacture, sell, or deliver drugs designated as "controlled substances."

Sanctions: Include terms of imprisonment and heavy fines.

#### Wingate University Provisions Regarding the Use of Drugs

Wingate University is an academic community that believes that the life of the mind is intrinsically alluring and worthy of pursuit. The abuse of drugs seriously runs counter to that deeply held value and is clearly detrimental to the individual's welfare. Thus, consistent with beliefs and purposes of this institution, the use of any drugs in the University community must be within the limits of federal and state laws.

The University reminds students of their responsibility to be aware of and to obey those federal and state statutes that prohibit the use of various drugs. While the University is not specifically responsible for the enforcement of federal and state drug laws, those agencies charged with this legal responsibility have the authority to carry out their duties on the campus. The University cannot, nor does it wish to, provide a haven for illegal drug activity. Thus, individuals who illegally possess, use, or supply prohibited drugs within the academic community risk action by the appropriate civil authorities, and consequent penalty.

In addition, there is considerable evidence that prolonged use of such drugs can be harmful to the individuals' psychological or physical health. Students whose use of drugs results in academic difficulties or psychological/physical health problems will be advised to seek professional assistance and may be required to withdraw from the University.

Students who actively promote, supply, or sell illegal drugs thereby engage in behavior that may infringe on the rights of others, endanger the well-being or safety of others or result in psychological or physical injury to others. They will, therefore, be subject to the full range of University disciplinary action as defined in this Handbook, including permanent expulsion. The local Police may be summoned by a member of the University staff who encounters the possession, use, distribution, or sale of a drug by a student on the campus.

#### Standards of Conduct Related to Drugs and Alcohol

The University has long had a personal conduct regulation that addresses improper behavior with respect to alcoholic beverages. Members of the University community are reminded that the following will subject an individual to University disciplinary review and action: distribution, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages in violation of stated University policy and/or local ordinances and state law.

In accordance and compliance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226), effective October 1, 1990, the following behavior is prohibited: the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs by students and employees on University property or as part of any University activity.

#### **Performance-Enhancing Drugs**

The use of performance-enhancing drugs (e.g. anabolic steroids, amphetamines, etc.) by athletes in an attempt to gain a possible athletic advantage is a threat to their health and undermines the spirit of sportsmanship. Such drug use threatens the health of others because of the pressure it may put on them to experiment with dangerous substances. The Wingate University Department of Athletics states emphatically that the use of such drugs will not be tolerated, and that anyone using them will not be permitted to represent the University in intercollegiate athletic competition. When an athlete is found to be using such drugs, that individual may be referred to the Office of the Vice President of Operations.

#### **Controlled Substances**

The unlawful distribution, possession, or use of controlled substances on property owned or controlled by the University, or as part of any University activity, or off campus when the interests of the University are involved, is strictly prohibited. Controlled substances include, but are not limited to, substances that are prescribed by a physician that are being distributed to others even though the distributor may have a prescription from a physician for that particular controlled substance. Health services must be notified of any medications taken on a daily basis. Students are required to complete this information on the health history form and to notify health services of any additions or changes that may occur.

#### The Abuse of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drugs

Individuals should follow the instructions of the prescribing physician in using prescription and/or over the-counter drugs. Abuse of such drugs can result in serious physical and mental disability.

#### **University Drug Regulations**

The use, possession, distribution, or sale of any illegal drug or controlled substance for which the student does not possess a prescription from a physician is strictly forbidden on the Wingate University campus. The distribution of a controlled substance for which a student has a prescription from a physician is a violation of this policy. The use or possession of any drug paraphernalia is prohibited.

#### **Guidelines for University Drug Violation Sanctions**

Students found responsible for the use or possession of any illegal drug or drug paraphernalia will be subject to fines, community restitution, probation, suspension, or expulsion. Students found responsible for the distribution or sale of illegal drugs or controlled substances or the possession with intent to distribute or sell will be subject to the immediate suspension or expulsion from the University.

Possession, sale, transportation, manufacture, distribution, and/or use of controlled substances (illegal drugs or narcotics) by any person and alcohol by persons under 21 years of age are a violation of North Carolina and federal law and strictly prohibited by Wingate University. The possession of drug paraphernalia, purchasing alcoholic beverages for a person less than 21 years of age, and using false identification to obtain alcoholic beverages is a violation of state law and is strictly prohibited.

These prohibitions apply to all activity on University property and/or at University sponsored events. They extend to activities sponsored by groups or organizations related to the University and to off-campus professional activities, including professional conferences, where attendance by faculty, staff, or students is sponsored, wholly or in part, by the University or by organizations related thereto. The University reserves the right to discipline members of the University community who, in other situations, whether on or off campus, are found to be in violation of federal, state, and local laws related to the use of controlled substances.

Students or employees who violate rules of the substance abuse policy will be in violation of University Community Standards for conduct and subject to sanctions imposed by the University as well as any applicable state and federal sanctions. It is the policy of Wingate University to cooperate fully with all law enforcement authorities.

#### **Definitions:**

**Possession or Consumption of Alcohol:** Any use, possession, sale, transportation, manufacture, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age, public drunkenness, or distribution of alcohol to persons under 21 years of age.

*Misuse or Abuse of Alcohol:* Public drunkenness, alcohol-induced misbehavior on campus, providing alcohol to underage individuals, public display of alcohol, possession of excessive amounts, use, or attempted use of false identification to obtain alcohol.

**Possession, Consumption/Use, and Trafficking of Illegal Substances or Paraphernalia:** Any use, possession, distribution, sale, manufacture, or transfer of illegal drugs or narcotics is strictly prohibited. Illegal drugs are those as defined under local, state, or federal laws and include, but are not limited to, marijuana, heroin, hashish, cocaine, hallucinogens, and depressants and stimulants other than those prescribed for current personal treatment by a licensed physician. It includes the possession or use of prescription drugs that are not prescribed to the holder and possession of unlawful paraphernalia associated with the use or manufacture of illegal substances.

#### **General Sanctions of the Code of Community Standards for Students:**

Sanctions imposed for non-academic violations of this code are those that, in the judgment of the Vice President of Operations or designated representative when imposing the penalty, most appropriately correspond to the nature and severity of the violation. The penalty may be one or some combination of the following. The University reserves the right to impose other reasonable sanctions that are, in the judgment of the University, directly related to and proportionate to the nature and severity of the offense.

Warning: Oral or written notice that continuation or repetition of specified conduct may be cause for more severe sanctions.

Censure: Written reprimand with warning of more severe penalty in the event of a subsequent violation.

**Probation:** An official reprimand, permitting a student to remain a part of the University community only with specified restrictions, which may include other sanctions as described here and providing further that any subsequent violation of this code may result in separation from the University, either by suspension or by expulsion.

**Apology:** Requirement that the student who has violated this code make a written and/or oral apology to the person or persons upon whose rights and privileges the accused has infringed. A conference under administrative supervision may be required.

Abeyance: Indefinite suspension of a sanction. An additional violation may result in the imposition of the suspended sanction.

Educational Assignment: Participation and/or completion of a workshop, seminar, written essay, or programming of an educational nature.

**Referral:** Requirement that the student who has violated this code receive counseling from a mental health professional. The University may recommend agencies or the student may seek a professional on his or her own. This will be conducted at the student's own expense.

**Substance Abuse Counseling / Assessment:** Requirement that a student participates in and completes a substance abuse program at the student's own expense, should any fees be required. The student will be required to provide documentation of attendance and progress from the session(s) to the University from the provider.

**Administrative Assessment:** A maximum administrative assessment of \$500 may be imposed. Acceptable payment may be in the form of dollars, checks, money orders, or applied directly to the student's University account.

Work Service: Up to 100 hours of work may be required.

Suspension of Visitation Privileges: No visitation allowed in specified areas.

**Restitution:** Reimbursement for any damage to or misappropriation of property, whether that of the University or of any member of the University community or of any guest on campus in the amount equal to the full cost of replacement per a University estimate.

**Parental Notification:** Letter indicating the violation and sanction to the parents or guardians of the student. In a manner consistent with applicable law, the University reserves the right to notify the parents or legal guardians of any student found to have violated the Code of Community Standards of such violation(s) and the sanctions imposed.

**Removal from University Housing:** Separation and removal from University housing for a specified period. No refund of housing cost will be issued.

*Interim Suspension:* A suspension from University housing or from the University prior to the conflict resolution meetings before an Honor Council. Interim suspension may be imposed to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the University community or preservation of University property, to ensure the student's own physical or emotional safety or well-being, or if the student poses a threat of disruption of or interference with the normal operations of the University. During interim suspension, the suspended student shall be denied access to University housing and/or to the campus (including classes) and/or other University activities or privileges for which the student might otherwise be eligible, as the Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement, Vice President of Operations or designee may determine to be appropriate.

**Disciplinary Withdrawal:** Voluntary separation of a student from the University for a specified period. A disciplinary withdrawal is permitted by the Associate Dean for Residence Life and Involvement, Vice President of Operations, or designee at his or her discretion in place of a suspension. The disciplinary nature of this withdrawal is not noted on a student's permanent record.

Suspension: Involuntary separation of a student from the University for a specified period. A suspension is noted on a student's permanent record.

Expulsion: Involuntary, permanent separation of a student from the University. An expulsion may be noted on a student's permanent record.

In the event that students are removed from housing or suspended from the University for judicial purposes, financial refunds will not be provided.

Students who have been suspended, expelled, or have taken a disciplinary withdrawal are not permitted to visit on campus until the end of their suspension or withdrawal period.

The University reserves the right to place a "hold" on student records until judicial issues are resolved, including proceedings or hearings and completion of sanctions. This hold may include temporary ID / meal plan suspension, withholding of academic transcripts and/or grades, and preventing a student from registering for classes.

# **Personal Responsibility**

As members of the University community, we are responsible not only for ourselves but for each other. While they are not always related to substance abuse, the following traits often are related; and regardless of the cause, they are ordinarily indicative of a need for help:

- ~Withdrawal from social situations
- ~Increased boredom or drowsiness
- ~Change in personal appearance
- ~Change in friends
- ~A defeatist attitude
- ~Low frustration tolerance
- ~Lying

- ~Violent behavior or vandalism
- ~Apathy or loss of interest
- ~Dropping grades or poor work
- ~Poor classroom attendance
- ~Sad or forlorn expression
- ~Terse replies to questions or conversations

If you notice someone exhibiting the above behavioral changes, positive responses to the behaviors listed above are:

- Express concern and caring
- Be ready to listen
- Communicate a desire to help
- Make concrete suggestions about finding help or coping with specific problems
- Encourage the person to seek professional help or ask for assistance from campus resources
- Be persistent

### **Counseling and Assistance**

Wingate University recognizes drug and alcohol dependency as an illness and as a major health problem. It shall be the policy of the University to encourage individuals to seek help for any substance abuse. Thus, conscientious efforts to seek help through University resources or some other professional or clinical health provider will not jeopardize an individual's status at the University. Admission of the use of drugs or alcohol, which would be a violation of this policy, when made in the course of a conscientious attempt to seek help, does not itself constitute a violation of the substance abuse policy.

#### **Student Resources**

The Office of Counseling Services is dedicated to providing a safe and confidential environment for students to discuss a variety of personal and interpersonal concerns. Qualified personnel are available to provide education and awareness programs as well as short-term counseling in a variety of areas such as alcohol and substance abuse prevention and assistance, stress or anger management concerns, relationship difficulties, self-esteem issues, anxiety,

depression, eating or body image concerns, and adjustment to University life. Please refer to the "Safety Education and Awareness" section of this publication for more information regarding these programs or contact Residence Life or the Office of Counseling Services.

All services are confidential and available at no charge. Consultation and referral services, wellness seminars, alcohol education, and campus-wide wellness programming efforts are provided. Counseling Services is committed to providing a holistic wellness component to students' educational experiences with an emphasis on learning and implementing ways to maintain a healthy mind, body, and spirit. You may reach the Office of Counseling Services by calling (704) 233-8979.

#### **Employee Resources**

Substance abuse assistance for employees is available through the Employee Assistance Program. Employees can speak confidentially with a work-life representative by calling 1-800-633-3353 or access services through the EAP work-life website. Contact the Human Resources Department at 704-233-8710 for more information regarding the Employee Assistance Program.

# MISSING STUDENTS PROTOCOL

#### **Investigations**

The Office of Campus Safety or Residence Life will assign an officer to follow up on all reported incidents. This includes confidential (where the reporting parties' names are known but not released) and anonymous (where the reporting parties' names are not known) reports. If necessary, the officer will coordinate or provide assistance with local law enforcement. When the officer closes a case, the information will be turned over to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

#### **Reporting a Missing Student and Contact Procedures**

The Higher Education Act of 2008 requires institutions that provide on-campus student housing to establish a missing student notification policy and procedures. Wingate University takes student safety very seriously. The following policy and procedures have been developed in order to assist in locating Wingate students living in university-owned, on-campus housing, who have been determined to be missing, based on the reports and circumstances known to the University at the time the report is made.

Missing person reports are usually the result of a parent, concerned family member, or friend not being able to reach a student. This is often due to a student changing his or her routine or behavior without informing friends, family members, or roommates of the change. Anyone who believes a student to be missing for 24 hours should contact the Office of Campus Safety or Residence Life or a Resident Assistant. Every report made to the University will be followed up with an immediate investigation to determine whether the student is missing. Students are under no obligation to notify the University of plans to spend time away from their residences.

Student Affairs will have the name of a confidential contact person to be notified in the case that a student is determined to be missing. The information that is obtained will only be provided to authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers in furtherance of a missing person investigation. This emergency information will be kept on file in the Office of Student Affairs. The contact information will be updated each academic year. The student is responsible for ensuring that the contact information is up to date and accurate. Wingate University will notify local law enforcement for all students, even

if they have not registered a contact person, if a student has been determined as missing.

If a student is determined to be missing and has designated a contact person, the contact person will be notified no later than 24 hours after the determination. If a missing student is under the age of 18, and not an emancipated individual, the University is required to notify the parent or guardian of the missing student no later than 24 hours after the determination is made that the student is missing. Campus Safety will notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency when the student is determined to be missing.

The Vice President of Operations or his/her designee will notify the appropriate emergency contact person listed for a missing student.

# Procedures Wingate University will follow when a student who resides in an on-campus student housing facility is determined to be missing for 24 hours.

- The University official who receives a report that a student is missing, or has reason to believe that a student is missing, will report the information, or evidence immediately to the Office of Campus Safety. The Office of Campus Safety will then notify the Vice President of Operations.
- Upon notification that a student may be missing, Wingate University may use any or all of the following resources to assist in locating the student.
- Contact the missing student via his or her cell phone, e-mail, and any other social media, which may be used as a medium for communication (e.g. Facebook, Myspace, Twitter/X, etc.)
- Go to the room of the missing student to verify his or her whereabouts and/or wellness, and, in some cases, deliver a message to contact a parent or family member who is searching for them.
- Key into the room to perform a health and safety check. While in the room, the staff members will look for visible items (e.g. wallet, keys, phone, etc.) that may provide clues to the missing student's whereabouts.
- Talk to the student's Resident Advisor, roommate(s), and floor mates to see if they can confirm the missing student's whereabouts and/or confirm the date, time, and location the student was last seen.
- Check all possible locations mentioned by friends such as the library, residence hall lounges, other friends' rooms, etc.
- Check all University parking lots in an attempt to locate the student's vehicle, if applicable.
- If no information is gained by visiting the missing student's room, and speaking with the other occupants of the house, the Office of Student Affairs and/or Dining Services will be contacted to determine the last time the student used his/her Student ID card to access the cafeteria or fitness center.
- Information Technology Services may be contacted to ascertain the last log in or access of the PC network.
- If there is sufficient evidence to suggest that the student may be in danger or if foul play is suspected at any time during this process, the Office of Campus Safety will immediately contact the appropriate local law enforcement agencies. If it is necessary to contact local or state authorities, police procedure and protocol will be followed by the University.

The Vice President of Operations may receive information regarding students who are reported missing by persons of interest, including family, friends, faculty, and other staff members. In an effort to ensure that these reports are given the appropriate attention and investigation, the University will implement the following process:

Any reports of students missing should be directed to the Office of Residence Life. All reports made after hours should be directed by Resident

Assistants and Resident Directors to the Residence Life on-call staff member. The Residence Life on-call staff member will initiate protocol and attempt to contact the student. This staff member will gather as much information as possible concerning the individual, as well as contacting others who might have additional information regarding the student's whereabouts, in order to generate a comprehensive Missing Person Incident Report. At that point, a member of the Residence Life staff will immediately notify local law enforcement and the Office of Campus Safety. After determining the validity of the Missing Persons Incident Report, the University will, within 24 hours, notify the emergency contact person confidentially designated by the student. If the student is under 18 and not an emancipated minor, the University will immediately notify the student's custodial parent or guardian that the student is missing.

In addition to local law enforcement efforts to locate the student, Residence Life and Campus Safety will continue to investigate the report, which may include the following practices:

- Contacting those indicated to be friends or associates who could provide important information regarding the missing student's whereabouts
- Using all available means of communication to attempt contact with the missing student
- Searching the missing student's room or apartment for information
- Utilizing University resources (i.e. card swipes, meal exchanges, etc.) to gain information

If the missing student is contacted, they will be instructed to contact the individuals who brought the report forward. The on-call professional will facilitate informing all involved individuals as to the conclusion of the process.

# **CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS**

In compliance with the Clery Act, Wingate University maintains records of all criminal offenses by type to provide University crime statistics for the three most current years to all students and employees, and upon request to any prospective student or employee.

CRIMINAL O	FFENSES BY FBI CATEGORY & VENUE			
CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Sex Offense – Forcible - Rape	Total On Campus Incidents	5	2	3
	In Residential Facilities	5	2	2
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	1
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Incest	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0

## **CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY FBI CATEGORY & VENUE**

CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Fondling	Total On Campus Incidents	4	11	4
	In Residential Facilities	4	7	4
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	4	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Robbery	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	Total On Campus Incidents	5	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	4	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	1	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Burglary	Total On Campus Incidents	36	4	1

## **CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY FBI CATEGORY & VENUE**

CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
	In Residential Facilities	35	3	1
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	1	1	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	5
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	5
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Arson	Total On Campus Incidents	1	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	1	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	1

## **CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY FBI CATEGORY & VENUE**

CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	1
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
<b>Dating Violence</b>	Total On Campus Incidents	3	5	10
	In Residential Facilities	3	5	10
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Stalking	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	1
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	1
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0

CATEGORY	VENUE		RACE		(	GENDE	R	R	ELIGIO	N		SEXUAI IENTAT			HNICIT		DI	SABILI	ΓY
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
Murder/Non- Negligent Manslaughter	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Rape	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Robbery	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

CATEGORY	VENUE		RACE		(	GENDE	R	R	ELIGIO	N		SEXUAI IENTAT			THNICIT	-	DI	SABILI	ГҮ
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Burglary	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Arson	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

CATEGORY	VENUE		RACE		(	GENDE	R	R	ELIGIO	N		SEXUAI IENTAT			HNICIT	-	DI	SABILI	ΓY
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Larceny-Theft	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Intimidation	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

CATEGORY	VENUE		RACE		(	GENDE	R	R	ELIGIO	N		SEXUAI IENTAT			HNICIT	-	DI	SABILI	ΓY
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Stalking	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

CATEGORY	VENUE		RACE			GENDE	R	R	ELIGIO	N		SEXUA IENTAT			THNICIT		D	ISABILI	TY
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Fondling	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Incest	Total On Campus Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Campus Non- Residential Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

# **TOTAL ARRESTS**

CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
Illegal Weapons Possession	Total On Campus Incidents	1	1	2
	In Residential Facilities	1	0	1
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	1	1
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	Total On Campus Incidents	1	4	4
	In Residential Facilities	1	3	4
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	1	0
Alcohol Law Violations	Total On Campus Incidents	0	1	0
	In Residential Facilities	0	1	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0

## PERSONS REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

CATEGORY	VENUE	2021	2022	2023
Illegal Weapons Possession	Total On Campus Incidents	1	0	0
	In Residential Facilities	1	0	0
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	0
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Drug Law Violations	Total On Campus Incidents	50	50	29
	In Residential Facilities	46	45	26
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	4	5	3
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	0	0	0
Alcohol Law Violations	Total On Campus Incidents	167	66	70
	In Residential Facilities	166	66	69
	On Campus Non-Residential Facilities	0	0	1
	Non-Campus Building Or Property	0	0	0
	On Public Property	1	0	0

#### **Definitions of Crime Categories:**

*Murder and non-negligent Manslaughter*: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. As a general rule, any death due to injuries received in a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime.

*Manslaughter by Negligence:* The killing of another person through gross negligence. This offense does not include "Vehicular Manslaughter" which is reportable as "All Other Offenses".

**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:** 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.

**Burglary:** The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes, this definition includes unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

*Motor Vehicle Theft:* The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, including joyriding and all other cases where automobiles are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned.

**Weapon Law Violations:** The violation of laws or ordinances dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: 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, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs.

*Liquor Law Violations:* The violation of laws or ordinances 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; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition.)

*Hate Crimes:* The criminal offenses of murder, non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson, and destruction or vandalism of property that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity, as prescribed by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (28 U.S.C. 534).

Sex Offense – Forcible - Rape: 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.

*Incest:* It is sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

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

**Domestic Violence:** Includes asserted violent misdemeanor and felony offenses committed by the victim's current or former spouse, current or former cohabitant, person similarly situated under domestic or family violence law, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

**Dating Violence:** Violence by a person who has been in a romantic or intimate relationship with the victim. Whether there was such relationship will be gauged by its length, type, and frequency of interaction.

**Stalking:** A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or others' safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

**Arson:** It is 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.

**Fondling:** It is touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of her/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

## Numbers You Should Know...

	Emergency Con	ntact Information	
Union County Communications Center	911 (9-911 landline)	Campus Safety	704-233-8999
Union County Communications Center Non-	704-289-1591	Wingate Police Department Non-Emergency	704-233-1697
Emergency			
Title IX Coordinator	704-233-8065	Wingate University Switchboard/After Hours	704-233-8000
Atrium Health Union	980-993-3100	Counseling Services	704-233-8246
Rape Crisis	704-283-7770		
	Student Ser	vices and Programs	
		Director of Academic Resource Center	704-233-8366
Associate Dean for Residence Life	704-233-8028	Academic Resource Center	704-233-8265
Residence Life	704-233-8245	Office of Student Life	704-233-8241

Counseling Services	704-233-8246	Career Services	704-233-8249
Student Health	704-233-8102	Student Government Association	704-233-8970
Campus Ministries	704-233-8026	Academic Advising	704-233-8266
		Gateway (Wingate 101)	704-233-8056
	Emplo	yee Services	
Human Resources Coordinator	704-233-8710	Employee Assistance Program	1-800-633-3353

#### **Location Definitions**

**Campus:** Any building or property owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls and any building or property that is within or reasonably contiguous to the area identified in paragraph (i) of this definition, that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor).

**Non-Campus:** Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, off campus houses and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

**Housing:** Residence Halls or other college-owned residences.

**Public Property:** "Public property" is defined by the Clery Act regulations as all public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that is within the campus, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. This includes the sidewalk across the street from your campus, but does not include public property beyond the sidewalk.

# FIRE SAFETY ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires all eligible institutions, defined as those that maintain on-campus housing facilities, to produce and publish an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire related on-campus statistics. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Wingate University.

### Fire Log

The purpose of the Fire Log is to document any reported fire that occurred in any student housing. The Fire Log contains the following information:

- The date the fire was reported.
- The nature of the fire.
- The date and time of the fire.
- The general location of the fire.

A copy of the Fire Log may be obtained from the Office of Campus Safety.

### **University Owned/Controlled Student Housing**

At Wingate University, all residential halls and apartment buildings are monitored by smoke detectors and a sprinkler system. Newer residential halls, which have been built since the year 2000, are monitored by an alarm company 24 hours a day/7 days a week for fire. Fire and life safety features of the buildings shall comply with all applicable standards of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and state building codes. The Union County Fire Marshal's Office conducts yearly inspections of all campus buildings. Some buildings may be inspected more frequently as deemed necessary. Upon completion of the yearly inspection, Campus Safety sends a work order list to the Maintenance Department to correct any deficiencies that were noted as a result of the inspection. In the event of a fire, Wingate University will communicate and coordinate with the Wingate Fire Department and the Union County Fire Marshal's Office in the investigation of the incident. Fire extinguishers are kept up to date and maintained by Campus Safety and the Maintenance Department.

## **Fire Regulations**

- Wingate University is a tobacco free campus. The use of tobacco products is strictly prohibited on campus.
- The use of hot plates, grills, sunlamps, halogen lamps, and toaster ovens are prohibited.
- The electrical and electronic devices in any room may not draw more than 15 amps when all such devices are in use simultaneously.
- Candles (for decoration or burning), incense, and open flames are not permitted.
- Grills (propane or charcoal) are not allowed on campus. This includes charcoal, propane tanks, lighter fluid, or other combustibles.
- Trash should not be allowed to accumulate in rooms. Fire hazards and/or pest issues will be noted in room inspections. Corrective measures should be taken immediately.
- Fire extinguishers are placed in various locations in all buildings.
- Students will not tamper with fire safety equipment, including, but not limited to, fire alarms, pull stations, smoke detectors, or make, or cause to be made, a false alarm. Any unreported or unnecessary use of a fire extinguisher can result in a Community Standards violation.
- In buildings equipped with fire alarms, students should follow evacuation procedures. In other buildings, these procedures should be followed at first indication of fire.

#### **Fire Drills**

Periodic drills will be held on the campus. For the safety of all residents, students will be expected to follow all fire drill instructions issued by Residence Life staff, in addition to the fire safety instructions posted on interior room doors, and to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion. Participation by all students is mandatory.

## **Evacuation Procedures**

In case of fire or civil defense evacuation drill, students living in residence halls and apartments should exit quickly and orderly from the facility. If possible, the last person out should close room doors and external doors. Students should move away from the building into designated locations as indicated by staff.

#### **Reporting A Fire**

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any suspicion of fire immediately by calling 9-911 from an on-campus phone or 911 from a cell phone. Non-emergency fire-related reports can be made to any staff member of Campus Safety or Residence Life by calling (704) 233-8999 or (704) 233-8245, respectively.

### **Fire Safety Training Offered**

All Residence Life and Campus Safety staff receive annual training on the location and operation of fire extinguishers and water cans. This is basic training designed to teach staff how to properly handle many small fire situations that may arise on campus. Additionally, several Lyceums are held each year on fire safety and education for students, faculty, and staff.

#### **Current Plans for Future Fire Safety Improvements**

Wingate University is constantly looking for ways to improve the safety of the campus community and its members. One way we are currently enhancing fire safety is by placing more fire extinguishers in residential halls and apartments. Our goal is to equip our structures with sufficient resources to allow students and/or employees to handle minor incidents before they become major if safe to do so, thus minimizing the extent of damage and danger to individuals. The University is putting centralized, monitored alarm systems in all its new residence halls for a more streamlined approach to contacting emergency personnel in the event of an emergency.

#### **Policies Related to Fire Safety Measures**

**Open Flames:** Students are strictly prohibited from using any object with the capability to create an open flame in the residence halls.

Candles and Incense: In conjunction with the open flames fire safety policy, all candles, incense, oil burners, etc., are strictly prohibited in the residence halls.

**Fireworks:** The University strictly forbids the use or possession of fireworks, firecrackers, or any other type of explosive.

**Decorations:** The University strictly prohibits LIVE Christmas trees. In addition, holiday and decorative lighting is prohibited as decorations in the rooms as this does not comply with fire safety regulations.

**Electrical Equipment:** In the event that students need additional outlets or plugs, surge protectors with an automatic circuit breaker are accepted electrical devices for use. All other plug extenders or multipliers are prohibited. Extension cords may not contain multiple plug ends or be connected to other extension cords.

**Appliances and Cooking:** The University has approved only a limited number of appliances that may be used in the residence halls. The following appliances are strictly prohibited: Open coil burners (hot plates), griddles or grills, regular toasters, electric hamburger or hotdog cookers (including George Foreman grills), indoor/outdoor grills or hibachis, and any high heat appliance capable of heating cooking oil to the boiling point.

	FIRE STATISTICS TABLE											
RESIDENCE HALL		202	1		202	2		2023				
	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE			
Alumni	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Beam	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Belk	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Bennett	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
CM Black	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Bridges	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Byrum	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Cannon	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Cannon Dorm Annex	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
East Wilson	0	-	_	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Faculty Dr 1	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Faculty Dr 2	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Haskins	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Helms	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			
Hendricks	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-			

# FIRE STATISTICS TABLE

RESIDENCE HALL	2021				202	2	2023			
	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	
Hilltop	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Holbert	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
GA House	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Laney	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Lowery	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
McIntyre	0	-	<del>-</del>	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Northeast	0	-	<del>-</del>	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Rushing	0	-	<del>-</del>	0	-	-	0	-	-	
Sherwood	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	_	
JM Smith	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	_	
Tucker	0	-	_	0	-	_	0	-	_	
UPA 123 Pearl Cir.	0	-	_	0	-	_	0	-	_	
UPA 115 Pearl Cir.	0	-	_	0	-	_	0	-	_	
UPA 125 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
UPA 131 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	1	10/20/2022 at 7:38 pm	-	0	-	-	
UPA 138 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
UPA 141 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	
UPA 145 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	

# FIRE STATISTICS TABLE

RESIDENCE HALL	2021				202	2		2023			
	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE	# FIRES	DATE & TIME	CAUSE		
Welborn	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
West Wilson	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
118 E. Wilson	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
645 N. Main St.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
644 N. Main St	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
511 N. Camden Rd.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
407 N. Main St	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
503 N. Main St	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
134 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
136 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
142 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
144 Pearl Cir.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
109 Faculty Dr.	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		
106 Old Williams Rd	0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-		

# FIRE RELATED DEATHS, INJURIES, DAMAGES

RESIDENCE HALL	TOTAL # FIRES				URIES REQU MENT AT M FACILITY		# DEATH	S RELATED	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	
Alumni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Beam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Belk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bennett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CM Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bridges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Byrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cannon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cannon Dorm Annex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
East Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Faculty Dr 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Faculty Dr 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Haskins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Helms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hendricks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hilltop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Holbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GA House	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Laney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lowery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
McIntyre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Northeast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rushing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sherwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

# FIRE RELATED DEATHS, INJURIES, DAMAGES

RESIDENCE HALL	TOTAL # FIRES				# INJURIES REQUIRING TREATMENT AT MEDICAL FACILITY			S RELATED	VALUE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE	
	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	
JM Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tucker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 123 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 115 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 125 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 131 Pearl Cir.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 138 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 141 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UPA 145 Pearl Cir.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Welborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
West Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
118 E. Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
645 N. Main St	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
644 N Main St	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
511 N. Camden Rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
407 N. Main St	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
503 N. Main St	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
134 Pearl Cir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
142 Pearl Cir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
144 Pearl Cir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
109 Faculty Dr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
106 Old Williams Rd.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

# RESIDENCE HALL/HOUSING FIRE SYSTEM INFORMATION

RESIDENCE HALL	ADDRESS	FIRE ALARM MONITORING	FIRE SYSTEM MAKE	FIRE SYSTEM MODEL	SPRINKLER SYSTEM	SMOKE DETECTION	FIRE EXTINGUISHER DEVICES	EVACUATION PLANS AND/OR PLACARDS	# FIRE DRILLS FOR REPORTING YEAR
Alumni	226 Cedar St.	Yes	Simplex Firedite	4001 4002	-	Yes	6	-	4
Beam	508 N. Main St.	Yes	Notifier	AFP-200	Yes	Yes	6	_	4
Belk	121-A E. Wilson St.	Yes	Ademco	810km	Yes	Yes	3	-	4
Bennett	105 Oak St.	_	-	_	_	Yes	2	_	3
CM Black	135 E. Wilson St. 129 E. Wilson	Yes	Notifier		Yes	Yes	9	-	4
Bridges	St.	Yes	Ademco	810km	Yes	Yes	3	_	4
Byrum	504 N. Main St.	Yes	Notifier	NFS 320	Yes	Yes	8	-	4
Cannon	207 N. Camden	Yes	Simplex	4002	Yes	Yes	6	-	4
Cannon Dorm Annex		Yes	Notifier	200	_	-	6	_	4
East Wilson	300 E. Wilson St.	Yes	Edwards Technol- ogies	EST-IO- 64	Yes	Yes	15	-	4
Faculty Dr 1	104 Faculty Dr.	_	-	_	_	Yes	4	_	3
Faculty Dr 2	102 Faculty Dr.	-	_	-	_	Yes	4		3
Haskins	121 E. Wilson St.	Yes	Ademco	810km	Yes	Yes	6	-	4
Helms	309 E. Wilson St.	Yes	Simplex	4001	_	Yes	5	-	4
Hendricks	518 N. Main St.	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	4	-	3
Hilltop	1608 E. Roosevelt Blvd	Yes	Honeywell Vista	128FBF	Yes	Yes	3	-	0
Holbert	117 Oak St.	-	-	_	-	Yes	2	-	3
GA House	106 E. Elm St	-	-	-	-	Yes		-	2
Laney	104 Oak St.	-	-		Yes	Yes	4	-	3

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Lowery	516 N. Main St	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	4	-	3
McIntyre	514 N. Main St.	_	-	_	Yes	Yes	4	_	3
Northeast	319 E. Wilson St.	Yes	Lei	H10F2V	Yes	Yes	22	-	4
Rushing	109 E. Wilson St.	Yes		810km	Yes	Yes	3	-	4
Sherwood	115 E. Wilson St.	Yes	Ademco	810km	Yes	Yes	6	-	4
JM Smith	409 N. Camden St.	Yes	Notifier		Yes	Yes	19	-	4
Tucker	.115-A E. Wilson St.	Yes	Ademco	810km	Yes	Yes	6	-	4
UPA	123 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	5	-	2
UPA	115 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	4	-	2
UPA	125 Pearl Cir.	-	-	_	_	Yes	5	_	2
UPA	131 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	1	-	2
UPA	138 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	1	-	2
UPA	141 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	1	-	2
UPA	145 Pearl Cir.	-	-	-	-	Yes	1	-	2
Welborn	512 N. Main St.	Yes	Notifier	AFP-200	Yes	Yes	8	-	4
	216 E. Wilson		Edwards Technol-	EST-IO-					
West Wilson	St.	Yes	ogies	64	Yes	Yes	15	-	4
118 E. Wilson (house)	118 E. Wilson St.	-	-	-	-	Yes	1	-	

#### **Definitions**

On-Campus Housing Facility: Housing that is owned by the University and is used by a student of Wingate.

*Fire:* Any instance of an open flame or other burning in a place not intended to contain the burning or in an uncontrolled manner.

Fire Drill: A supervised, simulated practice of actions taken in the event of a fire. (i.e. Mandatory Evacuation)

False Alarm: The fire alarm system was intentionally activated when no fire or danger existed, or the system malfunctioned.

*Unwanted alarm:* The fire alarm was activated as it was designed to do, though the ultimate cause of the alarm was false.

*Fire-related injury:* Any instance in which a person is injured as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire. The term "person" may include students, faculty, staff, visitors, firefighters, or any other individuals.

*Fire-related death:* Any instance in which a person is killed as a result of a fire, including an injury sustained from a natural or accidental cause while involved in fire control, attempting rescue, or escaping from the dangers of the fire or dies within 1 year of injuries sustained as a result of the fire.

*Fire safety system:* Any mechanism or system related to the detection of a fire, the warning resulting from a fire, or the control of a fire, including sprinkler systems, fire detection devices, smoke detectors, and devices that alert individuals of the presence of a fire such as bells, horns, or strobe lights and fire doors and walls that help reduce the spread of fire.

*Value of Property Damage:* The estimated value of the loss of the structure and contents, in terms of the cost of replacement in like kind and quality, including contents damaged by fire, smoke, water, and overhaul, but does not include indirect loss, such as loss of business.