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# Complaints About Clery:

Overcoming Obstacles to Ensure Clery  
Compliance Can Lead to a Safer Campus

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# Before we get started....

- This presentation is merely a discussion on some of our own experiences as they relate to our work doing Clery Compliance.
- I am not serving as counsel or advocating that discussion points in this presentation are the only compliant ways to handle situations on your own campus.
- Information presented **does not** serve as legal advice.



# Lets get into it...

- What gives you the most anxiety about Clery Compliance?



# Typical gripes...

- How long is Timely?
- We believe the incident wasn't a legitimate threat- but what would an auditor think?
- Why do we worry about non-campus properties?
- Who reads this, anyway?
- Apples to Apples?
- Our senior leadership doesn't really like to see these stats
- The community demands are more than the Clery obligation calls for



# In the timeliest manner...

- How are we defining “Timely” and is it consistent for each incident?
- Timely may depend on resources, availability, initial investigative information, etc....



# From a recent program review...

- An institution was fined for not sending a notification for a fondling incident, and a few weeks later another fondling incident occurred which showed a pattern of ongoing threat to the community
- While this is may be accurate from the auditor- is it possible, and do we have the resources in place to send a notice for times like this?
- Where is the line between notifying campus and flooding them with messages that aren't likely to have much influence?



# Get away from my property... no seriously just commit a crime over there...

- At a time when many institutions are acquiring more property near their main campus- the footprint can change frequently.
- If a Clery crime occurs one side of a road vs another- is campus safety really impacted?





# Nobody ever recommends the ASR as a lovely little read...

- Pages among pages of policy and procedures
- The time involved in putting it together is massive
- Everyone just skips to the stats anyway
- 71... no 46



# Crime interpretation isn't always apples to apples...

- Consider incidents such as dating violence and domestic violence
- Think about theft of property vs a burglary definition
- Not all schools think of these the same way- and both can be right



# Everyone's going to hate me when I present these numbers...

- We are compliance people- people are going to hate to see us coming
- The numbers are the numbers- we aren't the reason for these police reports, we just tally them
- Always explain that you will give the information to your most senior leadership as the compliance expert- and that can be news they may not be happy to hear.



# The community demands more than the Clery obligation...

- This is a growing trend and one that can be difficult to navigate
- Recent examples at Pitt and Clemson
- How do you appease students and staff, but not create unnecessary chaos?



# Ideas to improve on...

- What can we do today...
  - Improve documentation
    - Make reporting easier
    - Make documenting decisions easier
  - Additional training methods
    - Directive training for your most vital CSA's
  - Use your other colleagues
  - Make sure your policies are what you are putting into practice
  - Improved transparency
    - Mini-reports
    - Partnerships with local media outlets
    - Work with parents when possible
    - An “Update” blog



# Ideas to improve on...

- Wish Lists:
  - A Universal Campus Border
  - Fine's being allocated to improving resources
  - Reconsidering some non-campus reporting obligations
  - What else?



# Closing time...

- Final Thoughts....
- You can receive a full version of this presentation and get added to the Clery Group for the Southeastern Conference (And other institutions) by contacting me at:

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