PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines and administrative controls for the documentation of incidents and crimes.

PROCEDURE

Anytime an officer is dispatched to or informed of an incident on campus, that incident must be documented on a hard copy or computer-generated Public Safety Incident Report.

Step 1 – If the incident is an emergency, immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency by calling 911.

Step 2 – Gather all the pertinent information in regard to the incident. The following questions should be answered: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?

Step 3 – Obtain the next sequential Incident Report # from the Incident Report Log.

Step 4 – Organize the information and write the report.

Step 5 – Refer to your Peace Officer’s Guide to Florida Statutes to determine if the incident is a crime. If further information is needed, refer to the Florida Statutes books located in the Public Safety Office. If the status of an incident is still questionable, immediately contact the Manager of Public Safety or the Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance for consultation.

Step 6 – If the incident is a crime, it must be reported to the appropriate local law enforcement agency identified below:

- Contact the Ocala Police Department for crimes occurring on the Ocala Campus and at the Hampton Center
- Contact the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office for crimes occurring on the Citrus Campus
- Contact the Levy County Sheriff’s Office for crimes occurring at the Levy Center
Inform all parties involved that the incident is being reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and request that they remain at the scene until a law enforcement officer arrives. If the complainant chooses to leave, obtain as much information as possible, and turn it over to the responding law enforcement officer. In the event the law enforcement officer reviews the information and decides not to make a report, note the officer’s decision, the officer’s name, and the time of day or night in the body of the incident report.

Once the incident report is written, it should be reviewed. If the incident is a crime, it is required that it be entered as soon as possible in the Campus Crime Log. The College Crime Statistics should also be updated on a monthly basis.

**COMPLETED REPORTS**

The completed reports, as well as any photographs or other relevant information, should be filed with daily paperwork.

**NOTIFICATIONS**

If it is determined that the incident is a crime or a serious incident, immediately notify the Manager of Public Safety. If unavailable, notify the Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance at the number shown on the emergency phone listing.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of each public safety officer to ensure that incident reports are properly written, documented, and in the event of a crime, reported to the proper law enforcement agency.