



**Southern Technical College
Port Charlotte Campus
950 Tamiami Trail #109
Port Charlotte, FL 33953**

Southern Technical College prepares this report every year in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act. The campus crime statistics in this report include those reported to campus officials and local law enforcement agencies. Copies of this report can be obtained upon request from the Executive Director.

This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that have occurred on campus, or in public property immediately adjacent to the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as policies concerning sexual assault and alcohol and drugs on campus. This report is published in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

Annual Notice

It is the policy of Southern Technical College to inform current and prospective students, faculty, and staff of criminal activity that may have occurred on campus for the last three calendar years. Current employees and students will be notified at least annually thereafter.

College Policy on Reporting Crimes

It is the policy of Southern Technical College that all criminal actions occurring on or near the campus or at a school related activity are to be reported to the administrative staff who will in turn notify the local police department. Criminal actions that occur outside school operating hours are to be reported directly to the local Charlotte County Sheriff's department at (941) 639-2101. In the event of imminent danger, the use of the 911 emergency call number is strongly recommended. The school will immediately alert the campus community in a timely manner of any crimes involving murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, vehicle theft and/or any of these crimes believed to show evidence of prejudice as prescribed by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

In all situations, a Southern Technical College Incident Report must be completed by the aggrieved person and/or witnesses and forwarded immediately to the Executive Director. Southern Technical College supports the enforcement of all local, state and federal laws and regulations. The school will cooperate with appropriate law enforcement agencies in the investigation of any illegal activity occurring on campus or at a school-related activity. Misrepresenting criminal activity or falsely reporting an incident could result in prosecution.

Drugs and Alcohol

College policy states that no student, employee or guest may possess, use, or sell liquor or drugs on campus or at any off-campus college-related activity. See the Southern Technical College Catalog and



Southern Technical College Employee Handbook for more information. These publications are available in the Learning Resource Center and at the office of the Executive Director. The College will refer students in need of special help with substance abuse problems to the appropriate local agencies for crisis intervention, information dissemination and counseling. For this information, please contact the Student Services Coordinator.

Southern Technical College has a zero tolerance alcohol/drug policy. Southern Technical College reserves the right to required unannounced drug or alcohol testing of any student at any time. Any student determined to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol as evidenced by a positive drug or alcohol test will be terminated from the School. The student does not have to have consumed these substances on campus to be considered under the influence. Under the influence is defined as any value higher than zero on a drug or alcohol test which cannot be verified as an acceptable dosage for substances prescribed by a physician. Any student who refuses to comply with requested drug or alcohol testing or who is unable to provide an adequate testing sample within the allotted time frame will be considered to be an automatic positive result which will result in termination from the School. Additionally, any student selling or distributing drugs or alcohol on school premises (including clinical and/or externship sites) will be terminated and, if appropriate, reported to the authorities.

Clinical Safety Policy

One of the primary responsibilities of the Academics Department is to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, clinical personnel, and patients both in the academic setting and at the clinical site. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to inform their designated academic department chair of any physical or mental condition which might in any way affect the student's ability to safely perform clinical skills on campus or at a clinical site. Any student who has a medical or treatment condition which may impair their cognitive abilities, skills, or judgment should notify the academic department chair prior to entering their designated program or immediately upon onset of the medical or treatment condition.

In addition, the Director of Education has the authority to prevent a student from entering a clinical rotation if the student has exhibited evidence of erratic behavior or impaired judgment in the academic setting. The Director of Education also has the right to remove a student from a clinical site if there is any evidence that the student is exhibiting erratic or abnormal behavior or has been found to exhibit inappropriate judgment in the clinical setting. Any student acting in a manner that is deemed unsafe or a danger to themselves or other persons in a campus course or clinical rotation may be removed from the course and/or the clinical setting. If the condition or behavior is such that it cannot be corrected with additional instruction or medical intervention it may be necessary for the student to be removed from the program of study or the College. The determination for removal will be considered by the Director of Education, along with the Executive Director, on an individual basis.

Sexual Assault and Harassment

Victims of sexual assault should get help as soon as possible. If you are physically injured, seek medical treatment immediately. Contact the school administration or appropriate law enforcement as soon as possible to report the incident. It is important to preserve any evidence of the crime to assist with the investigation. You should not bathe, wash or change clothes if possible before being examined at a



medical facility. If the offense involves another student, disciplinary action may be initiated within the College. Sanctions may include required counseling and/or temporary suspension or dismissal. Both the accuser and the accused are entitled to have others present during any proceeding. The outcome of the proceedings will be provided to both the accuser and the accused for any proceedings where sexual assault is alleged. The College will assist victims of sexual assault in notifying appropriate authorities, if requested. The Student Services department can assist victims of sexual assault in seeking counseling, medical, or other related services. The College will attempt to assist with the victim's requested changes in academic situations wherever possible.

It is the policy of Southern Technical College that it will not tolerate verbal or physical conduct by any student, faculty, or staff member that harasses, disrupts, or interferes with another's education or which creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile environment.

All forms of discrimination and harassment are prohibited, including but not limited to that based on race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual preference or orientation, pregnancy, disability, membership in the armed services, or any other protected status.

Harassment is defined as verbal or physical conduct designed to threaten, intimidate, or coerce. This may include, but is not limited to:

1. Offensive physical actions, written or spoken, and graphic communication
2. Any type of physical contact when the action is unwelcomed by the recipient
3. Expectations, requests, demands or pressure for sexual favors
4. Slurs, jokes, posters, cartoons, and gestures that are found to be offensive by someone else
5. Graphic or suggestive comments about an individual's dress or body.

Any student who believes that the actions or words of an individual or fellow student constitute unwelcome harassment has a responsibility to report the complaint as soon as possible to the Executive Director. The College official will investigate all complaints of harassment in as prompt, impartial, and confidential manner as possible.

Any student who, after appropriate investigation, is found to have engaged in harassment of another student for any reason will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including termination from the College.

Likewise, there is to be no harassment of any form of students by faculty or administrative staff. Complaints by students of any harassing behavior from faculty or staff will be taken seriously and will be subject to investigation and disciplinary action. If you feel you are being harassed, contact the Executive Director.

Weapons on campus

Bringing a weapon onto school property is strictly prohibited. In order to protect all our students, Southern Technical College reserves the right to search any person (and their vehicle) who is suspected



of concealing a firearm or other weapon. Any student involved in this activity will be terminated from the College and reported to the authorities.

Personal Safety

Individuals should always remain aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious or odd activity to the College Administration. Furthermore, the College affirms the right of each individual to protect themselves against imminent danger. Information is available on various safety and security issues through the Executive Director's Office. Questions regarding this report should be directed to Sarah Cruz Mendoza, Compliance Manager, Southern Technical College, 450 Havendale Blvd. Auburndale, FL 33823.

Campus Law Enforcement

Southern Technical College does not maintain its own law enforcement office, but uses the services of the appropriate local police/sheriff's office.

Security and access to campus facilities

Students are required to wear appropriate programmatic uniforms and to have their name badge on them at all times while on campus. This is to help personnel identify persons on campus.

Reported Crimes

In compliance with the Campus Crime legislation, Southern Technical College reports campus crime statistics each year for the last three years. Campus statistics included in this report are for 2023 for the Port Charlotte campus. There are no procedures for the filing of anonymous crime reports or complaints that would render inclusion within this report.

Jeanne Clery Act Crime Statistics:

The following violations are from the school's annual reports required by the Jeanne Clery Act. They are inclusive of the campus facilities at 950 Tamiami Trail #109, Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

SOUTHERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE CRIME AWARENESS & CAMPUS SECURITY ACT INSTITUTIONAL DISCLOSURE The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act require post-secondary institutions to annually inform current and prospective students, faculty and staff of criminal activity that may have occurred on campus for the last 3 calendar years. This report is required to be made available by October 1 of each year. The attached annual report is intended to ensure all concerned parties receive accurate information and demonstrate compliance within the requirements of the Act.

2024 Campus Safety and Security Survey

Institution: (366553005)

User ID: 88G3461

Screening Questions

Please answer these questions carefully. The answers you provide will determine which screens you will be asked to complete for this data collection.

1. Does your institution provide On-campus Student Housing Facilities?

- ☒ **No.**
- ☐ **Yes.** (If Yes is selected, you must enter the number of student housing facilities below and enter Fire Statistics for each facility.)

Number of On-campus Student Housing Facilities:

2. Does your institution have any noncampus buildings or properties?

- ☐ **Yes**
- ☒ **No**

3. Have you combined statistics that you received from the local or state police with your institution statistics for this report? If you answer No to this question, you will be asked to provide the data you received from the local and state police separately.

- ☒ **Yes.** Local and/or state law enforcement agencies provided us with statistics that we are combining with statistics collected by our campus security authorities.
- ☐ **No.** We are not combining the statistics because we cannot determine whether the statistics we obtained from local and/or state law enforcement agencies are for on-campus incidents or public property incidents.
- ☐ **Not available.** We cannot determine if the statistics we obtained from local and/or state law enforcement agencies are for our Clery geography.
- ☐ **Not available.** We made a good-faith effort to obtain statistics from local and/or state law enforcement agencies, but the agencies did not comply with

our request.

Criminal Offenses - On campus

For each of the following criminal offenses, enter the number reported to have occurred On Campus.

Criminal offense	Total occurrences On campus		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Manslaughter by Negligence</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Rape</u>	0	0	0
d. <u>Fondling</u>	0	0	0
e. <u>Incest</u>	0	0	0
f. <u>Statutory rape</u>	0	0	0
g. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0
h. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0
i. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0
j. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u> (Do not include theft <i>from</i> a motor vehicle)	0	0	0
k. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0

Caveat:
If you have changed prior years' data, you must add a caveat explaining the change. Use the following format: "For (YEAR), Line (X) was changed from (A) to (B) because (REASON)."

Criminal Offenses - Public Property

For each of the following criminal offenses, enter the number reported to have occurred on Public Property.

Criminal offense	Total occurrences on Public Property		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Manslaughter by Negligence</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Rape</u>	0	0	0
d. <u>Fondling</u>	0	0	0
e. <u>Incest</u>	0	0	0
f. <u>Statutory rape</u>	0	0	0
g. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0
h. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0
i. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0

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d. <u>Fondling</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. <u>Incest</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. <u>Statutory rape</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
h. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
j. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u> (Do not include theft from a motor vehicle)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
k. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l. <u>Simple assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
m. <u>Larceny-theft</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n. <u>Intimidation</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
o. <u>Destruction/damage/vandalism of property</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Criminal offense	Total	Occurrences of Hate crimes (Category of Bias for crimes)							
		Race	Religion	Sexual orientation	Gender	Gender Identity	Disability	Ethnicity	National Origin

a. <u>Murder/ Non-negligent manslaughter</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
c. <u>Rape</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d. <u>Fondling</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. <u>Incest</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
f. <u>Statutory rape</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
h. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
j. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
k. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l. <u>Simple assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
m. <u>Larceny-theft</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n. <u>Intimidation</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
o. <u>Destruction/damage/vandalism of property</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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f. <u>Statutory rape</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
g. <u>Robbery</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
h. <u>Aggravated assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
i. <u>Burglary</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
j. <u>Motor vehicle theft</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
k. <u>Arson</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
l. <u>Simple assault</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
m. <u>Larceny-theft</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
n. <u>Intimidation</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
o. <u>Destruction/damage/ vandalism of property</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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VAWA Offenses - On Campus

For each of the following crimes, enter the number reported to have occurred On Campus.

Crime	Total occurrences On Campus		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Domestic violence</u>	0	1	0
b. <u>Dating violence</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Stalking</u>	0	0	0

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VAWA Offenses - Public Property

For each of the following crimes, enter the number reported to have occurred on Public Property.

Crime	Total occurrences on Public Property		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Domestic violence</u>	2	0	0
b. <u>Dating violence</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Stalking</u>	0	0	0

Caveat:
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Arrests - On campus

Enter the number of Arrests for each of the following crimes that occurred On Campus.

Crime	Number of Arrests		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Drug abuse violations</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Liquor law violations</u>	0	0	0

Please Note: Do NOT include drunkenness or driving under the influence in liquor law violations.

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Arrests - Public Property

Enter the number of Arrests for each of the following crimes that occurred on Public Property.

Crime	Number of Arrests		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Drug abuse violations</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Liquor law violations</u>	0	0	0

Please Note: Do NOT include drunkenness or driving under the influence in liquor law violations.

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Disciplinary Actions - On Campus

Enter the number of persons referred for disciplinary action for crimes that occurred On Campus for each of the following categories.

Do not include disciplinary actions that were strictly for school policy violations.
If the disciplinary action is the result of an arrest, please do not count it here; count the violation as 1 arrest.

Crime	Number of persons referred for Disciplinary Action		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.</u>	0	0	0

b. <u>Drug abuse violations</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Liquor law violations</u>	0	0	0

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Do not include disciplinary actions that were strictly for school policy violations.
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Crime	Number of persons referred for Disciplinary Action		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Weapons: carrying, possessing, etc.</u>	0	0	0
b. <u>Drug abuse violations</u>	0	0	0
c. <u>Liquor law violations</u>	0	0	0

Please Note: Do NOT include drunkenness or driving under the influence in liquor law violations.

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Unfounded Crimes

Of those crimes that occurred On Campus, in On-campus Student Housing Facilities, on or in Noncampus property or buildings, and on Public Property, enter the number of crimes that were unfounded.

The total number of unfounded crimes should include all criminal offenses, hate crimes, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking incidents that have been unfounded. Arrests and disciplinary actions cannot be unfounded.

	Number		
	2021	2022	2023
a. <u>Total unfounded crimes</u>	0	0	0

Please Note: If a reported crime is investigated by law enforcement authorities and found to be false or baseless, the crime is "unfounded." Only sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel may unfound a crime.

Count unfounded crimes in the year in which they were originally reported.

Caveat:
If you have changed prior years' data, you must add a caveat explaining the change. Use the following format: "For (YEAR), Line (X) was changed from (A) to (B) because (REASON)."