



Campus Security and Fire Safety Report

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COORDINATION OF EFFORT

The Illinois College of Optometry is committed to maintaining an environment that is secure and safe. This report is produced in compliance with The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) which mandates all Colleges and Universities compile policy and statistical information related to security and safety at the College. In cases where the College has a residential complex, such as ICO, it also requires publication of an annual fire safety report.

ICO CAMPUS CLERY GEOGRAPHY

Illinois College of Optometry is in the City of Chicago. Our campus includes the Residential Complex (3241 S Indiana), the main College facility at 3240 S Indiana, the Illinois Eye Institute at 3241 S Michigan Avenue, the attached IEI patient parking lot and the access-controlled Parking Garage which serves our students, faculty and staff. Our Campus is bordered to the West by Michigan Ave, to the East by the alley behind the RC, the South by 33rd street and the North by 32nd street. Boundaries extend to the adjacent streets and both sidewalks for same.

ICO CAMPUS SECURITY MISSION STATEMENT

The Illinois College of Optometry Campus Security Office understands and respects the students, faculty, and patient care culture.

- Our office maintains a people-oriented focus versus a systems-oriented focus.
- Our Officers are of the highest integrity as they are screened as Chicago Police Officers. One hundred percent of ICO Security Officers are current or retired Chicago Police Officers.
- Our officers are employees of the institution and therefore maintain pride and loyalty to the mission of securing the entire ICO constituency group.

CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICE—312-949-7633

The goal of ICO Campus Security is to prevent crime and give timely service to staff, students, guests of the College, and patients of the Illinois Eye Institute. Services include, but are not limited to giving assistance, enforcing policies of the College and, when necessary, the laws of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois.

The campus is served by a security force of 33 part-time officers and two full-time officers including the Chief of Security. Each officer is, or has been, a member of the Chicago Police Department. All are familiar with the laws of the City and the State of Illinois.

At least two officers, and up to 6 officers, are always on duty. They monitor the campus by various means: active patrol, surveillance of 114 strategically placed CCTVs, a two-way radio system, an "intercom" system connected to Security from the enclosed parking garage, the main entrance, the loading dock, and the street to the Residential Complex entrance. In addition, electronic emergency alarms are located on campus.

SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS AT THE ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

- Security officers are on active-duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
- All security officers are, or have been, members of the Chicago Police Department.
- The Campus is monitored through active patrols and an electronic surveillance system.
- A secured, enclosed parking garage is available with coded card key access.
- Access to the campus is controlled through ID card keys or monitored entrances.
- All students, faculty, and staff must always wear photo IDs while on campus.
- Security maintains an inventory of lost and found property.
- All visitors to campus must register upon entering and display Visitor/Temporary IDs at all times.
- Fire Safety programs are offered annually.
- Educational programs are offered related to a secure and safe campus.
- Counseling is available.
- ICO is a smoke-free campus.
- ICO is a drug-free campus.

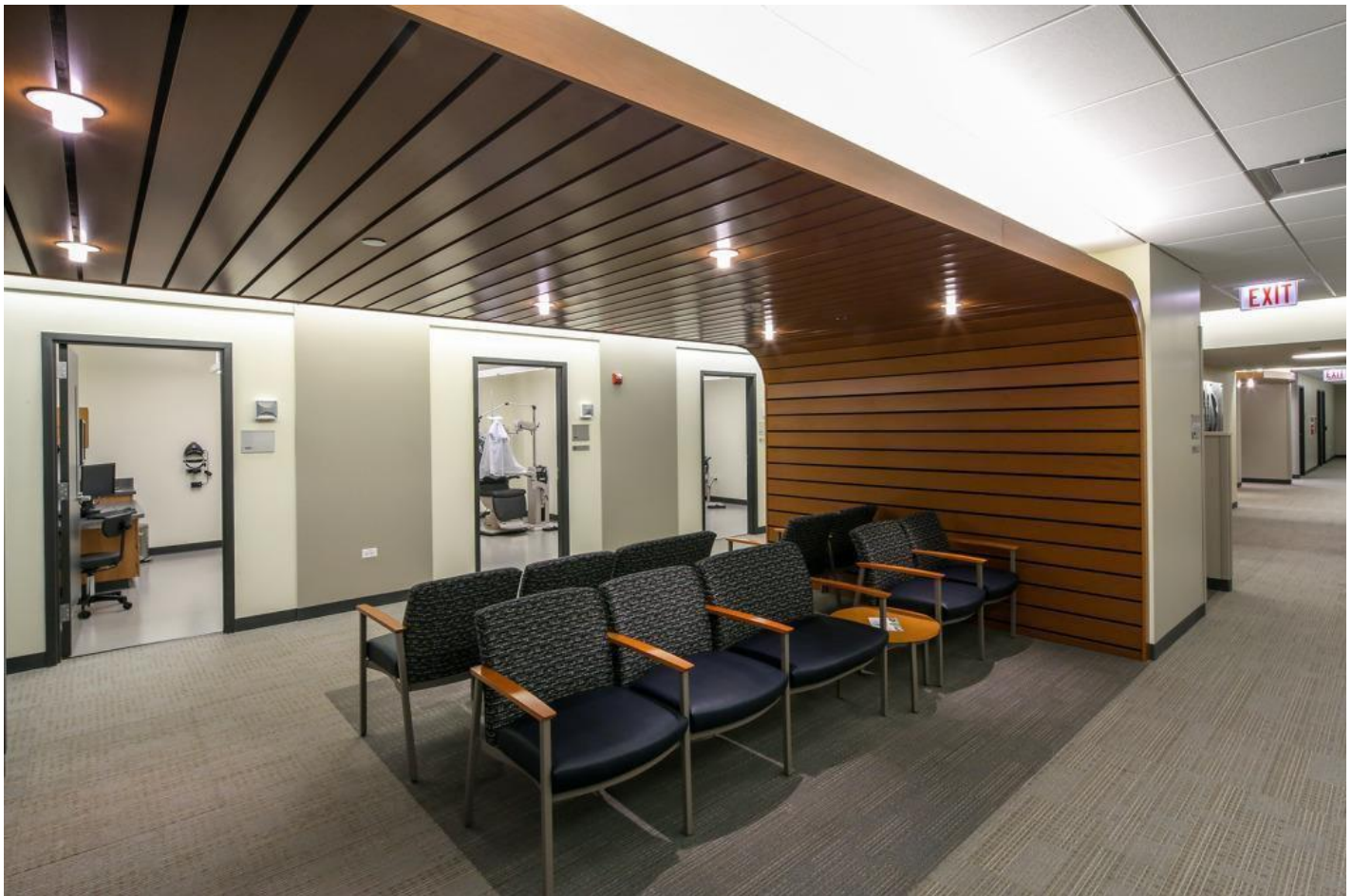
CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES

ICO defines the following individuals as Campus Security Authorities (CSA), in addition to our Campus Security Staff. These individuals will assist students and individuals with reporting crimes or incidents to the proper campus and/or civil authorities. At ICO these include:

- All Campus Security Officers --312-949-7633
- CFO/Vice President for Business and Finance-- 312-949-7020
- Title IX Coordinator / Senior Director of Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement-- 312-949-7311
- Dean of Student Affairs – 312-949-7410
- Asst. Dean for Student Success – 312-949-7415
- Residential Complex Resident Assistants (RA staff)
- Faculty and staff members who serve as advisors to College clubs and organizations

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND INTERAGENCY RELATIONSHIPS

ICO's Security Office is staffed by officers who are current or retired officers of the Chicago Police Department. Campus Security Officers maintain a positive and strong relationship with the Chicago Police Department.



CRIME PREVENTION

CAMPUS ACCESS

Access to the campus is limited to those individuals with ID Cards. Visitors, guests, etc., are issued temporary ID cards, which must be displayed while on campus and surrendered on leaving. If you arrive at the campus and are unable to display your ID, you should report to the Security Office and sign in to be issued a temporary ID. The *Student Guide* contains procedures for replacing a lost ID. Members of the ICO community are reminded to report any unknown individual who is not identified with an ICO ID card to Campus Security immediately.

Public access to the campus is restricted to two controlled entrances: the main College entrance (Indiana Avenue) and the entrance to the Illinois Eye Institute (Michigan Avenue). All patients are greeted by an ICO employee and are given paperwork indicating they have been checked in upon registration. Additional entrances for students and staff include doors from the enclosed parking garage and the street to the Residential Complex entrance. Non-public access is gained with keys, with computer-controlled card keys, or direct admittance by security officers. Keys and card keys are issued to authorized persons only.

Access to the ICO Residential Complex is with secured ID card keys issued to residents and authorized personnel. The Head Resident Assistant is supervised by the Office of Student Affairs but also maintains close contact with the Security Office.

MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

ICO is highly committed to the safety of our campus community. Our Facilities personnel work closely with Campus Security to ensure that external lighting is in good repair. The grounds are maintained to ensure that landscaping shrubbery and trees do not provide concealment. Outside of normal business hours, access to the facility requires key card access.

The Residential Complex has 24-hour staffing. RAs are part-time student employees that report to Student Affairs. The Head RA is assisted by floor RAs and is the primary contact for students living in the Residential Complex. RAs respond to issues that may arise, work to resolve conflict, and respond to any emergencies. In addition, ICO maintains 24-hour on-campus security staff to ensure safety and respond to emergencies that may occur outside of typical office hours.

ICO STUDENT SHUTTLE

ICO has a Dodge 7 passenger van for student transport from campus to local public transit and home locations close to campus. It operates from dusk to midnight seven days a week. To hail the van, a student must let a Security staff member know at the Indiana Entrance, or if possible, call Security in advance at 312-949- 7633.

Shuttle Service Boundaries - These boundaries will include the transportation hubs of the Red, Green, Orange, and Blue L lines, and Metra station at 35th and LaSalle.

- West to Halsted
- East to Martin Luther King Drive
- North to Roosevelt
- South to 35th Street

Students seeking transportation via the shuttle should visit the Security office and sign in on the log sheet. Prior to boarding the shuttle, the student swipes the card reader adjacent to the main entrance. There may be a wait for a ride if the van is already engaged. Alcohol is not permitted on board. This service is not to be used for transportation to parties or shopping or other events not sanctioned by ICO.

TRANSIT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

ICO provides periodic security and safety tips to our campus community on an ongoing basis. Members of the ICO community are reminded to follow practical safety tips when utilizing public transportation including staying awake and aware of your surroundings, using caution when using electronic devices that may distract you from noticing safety hazards, and to always report suspicious activity to proper authorities.

Students living off campus are reminded to follow normal safety procedures including making sure that doors and windows are locked. Cars should not be left unattended with windows open and/or doors unlocked. Valuables should be secured in the trunk of vehicles and not left in plain sight.

REPORTING CRIMES

HOW TO REPORT A CRIME OR EMERGENCY

In case of immediate risk of injury, such as a life-threatening medical emergency, dial 911 from any campus phone and the Security Office will be automatically notified. Campus Security officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Campus Security Office can provide immediate assistance to anyone who feels they have witnessed, have information relating to, or been a victim of a crime or other campus related emergency.

In all cases, especially sexually related offenses, it is vital that you report the incident as soon as possible. It is important to preserve any physical evidence for proof of criminal activity. Contact with local law enforcement, medical personnel (if necessary), and prosecutors will be encouraged.

If you are not sure whether a crime or sexually related offense has occurred, you may discuss the incident with the Title IX Coordinator and/or the Dean of Student Affairs or their designate to determine if an offense or crime has occurred prior to deciding whether to report the activity to Campus Security or local law enforcement. The Title IX Coordinator is the Senior Director for Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement and is responsible for enforcement of ICO's anti-harassment efforts and response. Sexually related offenses can also be reported to any employee designated as a Campus Security Authority (CSA).

All incidents reported to the Campus Security Office will be fully documented in a Campus Incident Report. The Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook will be utilized to determine whether a documentable crime has taken place. If you report a crime to Campus Security you may, of course, request anonymity to the extent practicable and permitted by law. You have the option of reporting the incident to Campus Security or the Student Affairs Office who will assist you in notifying local law enforcement authorities if you request the assistance of these personnel.

The ICO Security Office maintains liaison with the Chicago Police Department and informs local districts of reported criminal activity. Although you may prefer to report incidents directly to local law enforcement agencies, and are encouraged to do so, you are also encouraged to file reports with Campus Security.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

ICO encourages anyone who believes s/he has been the victim of or witness to a crime to promptly report the incident to Campus Security. If you report a crime to Campus Security, you may request anonymity to the extent practicable and permissible by law. Confidential reports can be made to the Asst. Dean for Student Success or the Senior Director for Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement, ICO's Title IX hotline or the Chicago Rape Crisis hotline. You can find more information in our Campus Conduct Policy.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS AND TIMELY WARNINGS

The Illinois College of Optometry utilizes mass notification technology which can send out a message via email, text and/or multiple phone contacts to all students, faculty and staff of the College upon confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on the campus and in surrounding geographic area that involves an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. Some examples of significant emergencies or dangerous situations are:

- criminal activity in the neighborhood
- fire in one of ICO's buildings
- outbreak of communicable or other serious illness
- approaching tornado or other extreme weather conditions
- earthquake
- gas leak
- terrorist incident
- armed intruder
- bomb threat
- civil unrest or rioting
- explosion; and nearby chemical hazardous waste spill

Examples of situations that would not necessitate an emergency notification under the *Clery Act*:

- power outage, snow closure, string of larcenies

Additionally, the College's campus phone system can be activated to immediately broadcast audible messages to all phones throughout the campus. ICO maintains pre-written emergency notification messages for multiple possible scenarios. These processes are initiated with a single phone call to the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Senior Director of Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement and/or the Security Department.

These processes can be initiated by using a mobile device App. ICO will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

Either the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Senior Director of Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement or the Security Department are notified of an event requiring the use of mass notification technology. Anyone can contact the Campus Security office to make notification of a possible emergent situation. Campus Security will verify the situation and respond accordingly which may include contacting the Vice President for Business and Finance or the Senior Director of Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement or directly implementing the mass notification system.

Additionally, Campus Security will notify the Chicago Police and/or Fire Department to enlist professional emergency service assistance and alert our neighboring schools (IIT, Vandercook, De La Salle) and other members of the greater community.

The emergency notification system is tested annually. Each test includes a sent message and a tracking mechanism to identify who may have been missed and how long messages take to be delivered. We work with our vendor to enhance the service when issues are identified.

Titles of individuals involved in emergency preparedness and response:

- Senior Director of Compliance, Risk Management and Quality Improvement
- Director of Campus Security
- Vice President for Business and Finance
- Senior Director of Physical Plant Operations

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION

ICO practices emergency response and evacuation.

MISSING STUDENT POLICY

Campus Security should be notified immediately if a student residing in the RC is perceived to be missing. If Campus Security officials determine that a student, for whom a missing person report has been filed and has been missing for more than 24 hours, will, within the next 24 hours, validate the report and initiate any necessary contacts. If Campus Security confirms that the student is validly considered “missing” (has been reported absent for 24 hours or more without any known reason), Campus Security will file a report with the Chicago Police Department. In addition, Campus Security and Student Affairs will notify the “missing student” emergency contact identified by the student.

Each student living in the on-campus student housing facility (the RC) has the option to register a confidential contact person to be notified in the event that the student is determined to be missing. Only authorized campus officials and law enforcement officers in furtherance of a missing person investigation can access this information.

If a non-RC resident student is reported missing, the College will follow the same protocol and will attempt to validate the report, notifying local law enforcement when Campus Security is able to validate the missing student report.

Campus Security and Student Affairs will work together in the event of any missing student report.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Information provided by the State concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained via the Illinois State Police website:

<https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor/Disclaimer>

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Policies of the Illinois College of Optometry are published in the *Student Guide* and various other manuals. The *Student Guide* is revised annually and is available electronically on the SharePoint site. The *Employment Handbook for the Employees of the Illinois College of Optometry* is also available electronically on the SharePoint site under Human Resources.

The *Campus Security and Fire Safety Report (Clery Report)* is issued electronically annually (by October 1st) via the College's public website (ico.edu/consumer-information) to all current and prospective employees (via Human Resources or Compliance) and students (via the Dean of Student Affairs or Compliance). It is provided upon request to all potential employees and students. Electronic copies are also available in the Consumer Information section of our College website: <https://www.ico.edu/consumer-information>. Printed copies can be requested from the Office of Student Affairs and the Campus Security Office.

It is College policy to make timely reports to the campus community regarding occurrences of crime on campus. This information, when necessary, is published in the student newsletter, *The ICO Insider*, which is available to all members of the campus community. Depending on urgency, this information may also be communicated via email.

A daily summary of criminal activity is prepared by the Campus Security Office and submitted to the Dean of Student Affairs and Vice President for Business and Finance on a regular basis. This information is available to the campus community upon request. Criminal activity should be reported immediately to the Chief of Campus Security.

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Programs and information are offered by the Student Affairs Office. The programs described below are available to students and College employees and emphasize campus security procedures, crime awareness, crime prevention, self-defense, dealing with sex offenses and alcohol and drug abuse. These programs are conducted at the start of the academic year primarily during New Student Orientation. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend. Special sessions are held for Residential Complex residents emphasizing crime awareness, prevention, and fire safety in the dormitory setting.

Crime awareness and prevention programs: Routine College security procedures are reviewed. The need for a secure campus with limited access and proper identification of all individuals on campus is stressed. Members of the campus community are informed of their responsibilities for their own safety and for the safety of others. Our goal is to educate and motivate everyone to take an active part in protecting themselves and report any suspicious activity to Campus Security. The sessions emphasize practical things which can be done to provide protection from and prevent crimes such as burglary, theft, assaults, purse snatching, automobile crimes, and sex offenses. Attention is given to alternatives available if one is confronted by an assailant and what action, if any, should be taken.

Alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs: In accordance with the Drug Free Schools and Campus Act of 1989, the College is dedicated to the prevention of illegal possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages and drugs by the campus community. The campus is committed to the vigorous enforcement of State and Federal drug laws and state underage drinking laws. These programs deal with elevating awareness of alcohol and drug abuse. Students are encouraged to contact the Asst. Dean for Student Success for individual counseling with any concerns for themselves or their peers regarding alcohol or drug-related problems. If necessary, the student will be assisted in locating professional counseling services.

Programs on sexual offenses: These programs include information about sexual harassment, acquaintance rape, and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. Definitions and awareness of each of the above in addition to preventative measures are covered. Procedures students should follow if a sex offense occurs or is suspected, including who should be contacted, and when the incident should be reported as well as the importance of preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense. Additional resources available in the community such as rape crisis intervention centers, social service personnel, and local law enforcement are covered.

Literature, videotapes, and other educational materials on all the above topics, as well as personal and confidential counseling are always available from the Asst. Dean for Student Success and the College Library.

COUNSELING

Any student wishing to obtain counseling related to being victimized by criminal activity or a sexually related offense is advised to meet with the Asst. Dean for Student Success or [UWILL](https://app.uwill.com) (ICO's provider for student counseling services, <https://app.uwill.com> at 833-434-1217). The College will make every effort to provide immediate counselling to you, as well as assist you in locating professional counseling assistance (if desired) and other appropriate services. In cases of extreme emotional distress, it may be desirable for you to take a Leave of Absence from professional studies as provided in the *Student Guide*.

In the event of an alleged sex offense, the College will make every reasonable effort to change a victim's academic schedule and living situation, if those changes are requested by the victim. Examples might include, but are not necessarily limited to, release from a College housing contract or re-assignment to a different laboratory section or clinical area. Resources are available to assist you in your search for off-campus living.

DISCIPLINARY RESPONSE

DETERMINING POLICY VIOLATIONS AND POTENTIAL DISCIPLINARY RESPONSE

All reports of sexual and relationship violence will be addressed in a prompt, fair and impartial manner through the existing applicable College policies and processes, namely the Campus Conduct Policy. This will include making determinations as to whether this policy has been violated, and, if so, potentially imposing discipline.

If the report indicates that a staff member or student employee may have violated this policy, a violation of this policy will most often also be a violation of the Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, and a determination as to a violation will be made through those procedures.

SANCTIONS

The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) reviews alleged cases of student and employee misconduct and prescribes sanctions and discipline in accordance with the Campus Conduct Policy. Any student or employee accused of violating the Campus Conduct Policy, on or off campus, is subject to referral to the Behavior Intervention Team.

In cases where a student is accused of committing an alleged sex offense (rape, acquaintance rape or other forcible or non-forcible sex offense) both the accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during the BIT Hearing proceedings. Both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the BIT. Only the final determination and any sanction imposed against the accused will be provided to the accuser.

An employee accused of committing misconduct as referenced herein is governed by the Campus Conduct Policy and the *Employment Handbook for the Employees of the Illinois College of Optometry*. Disciplinary action for employees follows policies contained in this publication.

Following a final determination of misconduct, if any, the College may impose sanctions up to and including dismissal or termination of employment.

REPORTS

CAMPUS CRIME LOG

A Campus Crime Log is available for review in the Security Office, located on the second floor above the lecture center. The log may be viewed Monday- Friday, between 8:30am – 5pm. The log contains a case number, classification of the type of crime, date of report, date and time of occurrence, general location and disposition.

CRIME STATISTICS

Campus crime, arrest and referral statistics include those reported to Campus Security, designated College officials and local law enforcement agencies. The following reported statistics, in compliance with the Clery Act, cover the period of January 1- December 31st each year, are informational.

Each year, this report is distributed electronically to all current students, staff and faculty. The College notifies applicants for admission and job applicants. Printed copies of the report are also available by requesting them from the Campus Security office or the Compliance Office.

ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS

Annual crime statistics that occurred on campus, (including Residential Complex) and any college-controlled property are presented below in accordance with the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1991*. The Universal Crime Reporting (UCR) System definitions are utilized to determine whether a crime has been committed.

OFFENSE	YEAR	ON- CAMPUS Property	ON- CAMPUS RC	NONCAMPUS PROPERTY	PUBLIC PROPERTY
MURDER / NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, FORCIBLE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES, NON-FORCIBLE	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2025	0	0	0	1
	2024	0	0	0	1
	2023	0	0	0	1
BURGLARY	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2025	1	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	2
	2023	0	0	0	3
ARSON	2025	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0
ARRESTS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING, ETC.	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
ARRESTS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
ARRESTS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS: LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2025	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
	2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

VAWA	On Campus			On Campus RC			Non-Campus Property			Public Property		
Year	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023	2025	2024	2023
Incidents of Domestic Violence	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incidents of Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incidents of Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Any number after a slash (/) in designated categories represents the number of incidents that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity for each of these issues.

**Burglary: a person commits burglary when without authority he/she knowingly enters, or without authority, remains within a building with intent to commit a felony or theft therein.

*** Expanded to include crimes of larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, and destruction /damage/vandalism of property to list of hate crime statistics, to be reported.

DEFINITION OF CRIMES

The following definitions are taken from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting handbook as required by Clery Act regulations:

Arson—any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Criminal Homicide-Negligent Manslaughter—the killing of another person through gross negligence.

Criminal Homicide-Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter—the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

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.

Motor vehicle theft—the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Weapon Law Violation—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); synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Benzedrine).

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.)

SEX OFFENSES DEFINITIONS

For sex offenses only, definition from the FBI National Incident-Based-Reporting System (NIBRS) Edition of the UCR is used.

SEX OFFENSES

Any sexual act directed against another person without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

- A. **Rape**—the carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- B. **Sodomy**—Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- C. **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, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- D. **Fondling**—The 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 his/her consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

SEX OFFENSE- NON-FORCIBLE

Unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse.

- A. **Incest**—Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
- B. **Statutory Rape**—Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the age of consent.

HATE CRIME

For hate crimes, definitions from the FBI's Universal Crime Reports Hate Crime Data Collection Guidelines and Training Guide for Hate Crime Data Collection are used.

A committed criminal offense that is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias(es) against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity; also known as a Hate Crime.

Note: Even if the offender was mistaken in his or her perception that the victim was a member of the group he or she was acting against, the offense is still a bias crime because the offender was motivated by bias against the group.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) INCIDENTS

The Higher Education Act defines the new crime categories of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in accordance with section 400002 (a) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and reauthorized in 2014, as follows:

Dating Violence—The term “dating violence” means violence committed by a person –

- A. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
- B. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of the following factors:
 - a. The length of the relationship
 - b. The type of relationship
 - c. The frequency of interaction between the people involved in the relationship

Domestic Violence—The term “domestic violence” includes felony and misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic

or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant money, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

Stalking—the term “stalking” means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a person to (a) fear for his or her safety or the safety of others; or (b) suffer substantial emotional distress”.

FIRE SAFETY REPORT

REPORTING ON FIRES

All fires must be reported to Campus Security. Calls to 911 immediately alert ICO Security. Reporting any instances of fire **allows** the Security Office to appropriately respond and report the event in our annual compliance report.

Smoke and fire alarms have been installed throughout the campus. When an alarm is activated, the source is relayed electronically to the Chicago Fire Department and to the Campus Security Office. Occupants should evacuate to the nearest exit as indicated by the emergency exit route maps which are posted throughout the campus. Return to the building is permitted only after an “All Clear” is given by the Fire department and communicated by Campus Security or Facilities personnel.

FIRE LOG

The Campus Security Office maintains a log of reported fires and all fire drills in the Residential Complex.

RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The RC is serviced by an alarm system which incorporates the following: Once an alarm is activated ADT Security notifies the Chicago Fire Department and fire safety equipment is dispatched. The alarm simultaneously notifies Campus Security. Campus security procedures call for security personnel to immediately respond to the RC and assist if a bona-fide situation exists. Upon hearing an alarm, residents will evacuate immediately to the Lecture Center. Exits will be made via the North and South doors, as indicated by the Emergency Exit Route maps which are located throughout the complex. Campus Security personnel will be stationed at the entrance of the RC to admit the Fire Department. The main control panel is in the lobby.

The Residential Complex is equipped with a fire sprinkler system, as well as an independent fire pump which can be utilized by the fire Department as an alternate water source. All four floors also have 4 handheld fire extinguishers. Each room has a sprinkler, fire alarm speaker/horn/light, and fire detector.

Fire drills are planned every fall by the head RA and Campus Security each year. All RC students are directed out of the RC to ICO lecture hall where Security then has students watch a 15-minute educational video on fire safety.

The following are prohibited within the RC:

- High amperage electrical appliances, such as hot plates, conventional ovens, or other food preparation appliances
- Full-sized refrigerators
- Halogen lamps with exposed bulbs
- Candles or open flames of any kind
- Any food preparation appliances that pose a fire hazard

Inspection of all Complex quarters by Resident Assistances and other College staff will be conducted to ensure conformity with College and municipal fire regulations and all other safety regulations. Failure to comply with such regulations is a breach of contract and will be grounds for eviction. Additional safety information is available in the RC Student Manual and Housing Contract.

If anyone has information on a fire incident contact Campus Security at 312-949-7633 with the information.

Currently, no fire safety improvements are scheduled for the RC.

ICO Annual Fire Statistics

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Number of Fires	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injuries/Deaths due to fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage due to fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Campus Security (312) 949-7633

Student Affairs Office (312) 949-7401

Emergency 911

PERSONAL SAFETY REMINDERS

1. When studying or working late contact Security and let them know where you are and when you plan on leaving.
2. Do not hesitate to contact Security for an escort.
3. When walking off campus try to walk with someone. Do not wear earphones when jogging or walking. Be aware of your surroundings.
4. When walking to your vehicle, have your car keys in your hand prepared to open the door. Once inside your vehicle, lock your doors.
5. You are encouraged to contact the Security Department immediately if you should observe a suspicious act. Security on campus phone x7633.

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Questions or concerns about campus activities may be directed to the Office of Student Affairs (312) 949-7401 or to the Campus Security Office (312) 949-7633.

The information contained within this report is offered as part of the College's dedication to the safety and security of members of the campus community and in accordance with the *Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990*, as amended.

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