NAVIGATING CLERY COMPLIANCE

HOW CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY PRIORITIZES TRANSPARENCY AND SAFETY

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CASE STUDY: Campbellsville University – Campbellsville, Kentucky

CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY

At Campbellsville University, maintaining campus safety is more than a regulatory requirement—it's a commitment to the well-being of every student, faculty member, and staff. In an insightful interview, Kyle Davis, Director of Safety and Security, explains how the university has not only adhered to the mandates of the Clery Act but has integrated these regulations into the core of its safety operations.

FROM A STANDING START

When Davis first joined Campbellsville University, the safety department was a far cry from what it is today. "When I arrived, we had one officer on the third shift and two students who helped out," Davis recalls. "It was just after Virginia Tech, and the university was looking for fresh eyes to come in and develop programs and initiatives."

Davis quickly set to work, transforming the department into a professional and efficient operation. He replaced student workers with trained security personnel, implemented a campus-wide surveillance and access control system, and introduced programs focused on alcohol awareness and sexual assault prevention. Today, Davis leads a team of 25 employees across seven campuses - who work together to keep the university safe.

A COMMITMENT TO COMPLIANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

One of Davis's most significant achievements has been ensuring Campbellsville University's strict adherence to the Clery Act, a federal law that mandates colleges and universities receiving federal funding to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. This compliance is not just a legal obligation but a critical component of the university's commitment to maintaining a safe and transparent environment.

"Clery compliance is something we take very seriously," says Davis. "It's not just about meeting a requirement; it's about being transparent and accountable to our community. We owe it to our students, faculty, and staff to provide accurate and timely information about campus safety."

To achieve this, Davis spearheaded the adoption of the Omnigo software system, which has revolutionized how the university manages its Clery reporting. Previously, reporting was a cumbersome process that involved manual data entry on paper forms and Excel spreadsheets. This not only made the process slow but also increased the risk of errors, which could have serious implications for compliance.

"The introduction of Omnigo was a significant step forward for us," Davis notes. "The software has streamlined our entire workflow, making it easier for our officers to create accurate and timely reports." Officers can initiate reports directly from the field using their mobile devices, a feature that has proven invaluable for ensuring immediate and precise documentation.

Once a report is created, it flows seamlessly into the system, where it is reviewed by trained Clery Compliance Officers. This review process ensures that every report meets the stringent requirements of the Clery Act before being added to the university's official crime log. "The ability to review and refine reports within the system is crucial," Davis adds. "It allows us to maintain high standards of accuracy and consistency across all our documentation."

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TRANSPARENCY IN ACTION

Transparency is a cornerstone of Kyle Davis's approach to campus safety at Campbellsville University, particularly in how the university handles its crime statistics. The university regularly updates its crime log and posts it online for public viewing, fully complying with Clery Act requirements. "We make sure our crime statistics are not only accurate but also easily accessible to everyone in our community," Davis explains. "Parents, students, and prospective students can review these reports, which provide a clear picture of the safety environment on campus. It's important that we are open about the incidents that occur and how we handle them, as this transparency builds trust and reassures our community that we are committed to their safety."

By making safety information easily available, the university not only meets legal requirements but also reinforces the confidence of all stakeholders in the institution's safety protocols.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

As Clery compliance is an ongoing process, Davis and his team continually audit their practices and data. This meticulous attention to detail ensures that all Clery reports are accurate and reflect the true state of campus safety. "We're in the middle of our statistical audit right now," Davis mentions, emphasizing the importance of accuracy and accountability.

In addition to internal audits, Davis remains actively engaged with the broader campus safety community through organizations like the National Association of Campus Safety Administrators (NAACOP). "Our participation in NAACOP has been invaluable," Davis explains. "It keeps us updated on the latest trends, regulatory changes, and best practices in campus safety, which we then apply to our operations here at Campbellsville."

Moreover, Davis actively collaborates with other independent colleges in Kentucky, sharing best practices and discussing the challenges of Clery compliance. This network of institutions provides a valuable support system, particularly for smaller schools that may not have the resources of larger universities.

LOOKING FORWARD

As Campbellsville University continues to grow, so too does its commitment to campus safety. The integration of new technologies, ongoing training for officers, and a proactive approach to compliance are just a few of the ways the university ensures it meets—and exceeds—Clery requirements.
"Our goal is not just to comply but to lead by example," Davis concludes. "By staying ahead of the curve in terms of technology, professional engagement, and transparency, we can provide a safe and secure environment for everyone at Campbellsville University."

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