

Providence College Office of Safety and Security Protocol for Determining Whether to Issue a Timely Warning “Crime Alert” to the College Community

Whenever crimes are reported to the Office of Safety and Security from any source, including local police, a Timely Warning assessment will occur. Warnings, via “Crime Alerts,” are issued to inform the campus community about the occurrence of a crime that poses a serious or ongoing threat, and to heighten student and employee safety awareness in a manner that will aid in the prevention of similar crimes. Crime Alerts do not include any information that identifies the victim. The Executive Director (or designee) is responsible for assessing whether a Crime Alert should be issued in accordance with the following protocol.

1. Is the reported crime classified as a “Clery Act” crime?¹
If not, assess whether a Safety Advisory is warranted.
2. Did the Clery Act crime occur within the Clery geography?²
If not, assess whether a Safety Advisory is warranted.
3. Based on the information available, is there a serious or continuing threat to students and employees?
If not, assess whether a Safety Advisory is warranted.
4. If all three (3) above criteria are met, the Executive Director (or designee) shall issue a Timely Warning via a Crime Alert to all members of the community via email. The Crime Alert also will be posted on the Safety and Security Website and remain posted for six (6) months. Depending on the specific circumstances, other methods of communicating the Timely Warning may be utilized.
5. The Crime Alert will contain the following information as best as can be determined at the time of the Warning:
 - Type of Crime
 - Location and Time
 - Physical Description of Suspect(s)
 - Any other pertinent information
6. Depending on the specific circumstances and as more information becomes available, the Executive Director (or designee) will determine whether the community should receive an updated message to the initial Crime Alert.

¹ List of reportable crimes under the Jeanne Clery Act, as amended by the Higher Education Act & Campus SaVE provisions (Sect. 304 of VAWA): Aggravated Assault; Arson; Burglary; Dating Violence; Domestic Violence; Hate Crime based on race, gender, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, or disability; Motor Vehicle Theft; Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter; Negligent Manslaughter; Robbery; Sex Offenses – Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape; Stalking; Drug Abuse, Liquor Law, & Illegal Weapons Violations (disciplinary referrals).

² Crimes that occur in any of the following four locations: on campus; on campus in a residential facility; non-campus property that we own or control; or on public property within or immediately adjacent to campus (sidewalk, street, sidewalk only).