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In compliance with the Annual Fire Safety Report, as required by the Clery Act 34 CFR 66.49(b), the following will include campus fire statistics, a description of fire safety systems in housing, fire drills, policies for housing, evacuation procedures, policies for fire education, reporting positions, and improvement plans.

#### Campus fire statistics

The campus logged 184 alarms and no actual fires in the last year.

#### Description of Fire Safety Systems in Housing

- In Housing 64-74, the buildings have interlinked smoke detectors.
- In Housing 2-6 and 76-80, the buildings are protected by wet pipe fire suppression systems supervised by a fire detection and alarm system.
- In Housing 84-99, the buildings are protected by a supervised fire suppression system and interlinked smoke detectors.
- In Housing 210-216, the buildings are protected by wet pipe fire suppression systems supervised by a fire detection and alarm system.
- All units that have built-in kitchens also have handheld fire extinguishers.
- The Residents and Dining Hall is protected by wet pipe fire suppression systems supervised by a fire detection and alarm system. Several commercial kitchen hood systems with suppression systems also protect the kitchen.

#### Fire Drills

Fire drills are an integral part of fire training. Our procedure is found in the UTPB Fire and Life Safety Plan. At our childcare facility, fire drills are conducted monthly. While our STEM academy is a K-12 school, it is now under the control of the Ector County Independent School District. We coordinate with ECISD to provide fire drills as they are on our campus. UTPB Housing is scheduled to hold a drill in the fall and spring semesters.

In the 2023-2024 year, the K-12 and child care completed 8 of 9 drills, with one canceled due to inclement weather. Most academic buildings had a minimum of one drill during the year.

In the 2022-2023 year, the K-12 and child care completed all drills. Most academic buildings had a minimum of one drill during the year. Housing completed one drill over the course of the year, with 90% completing two drills.

In the 2021-2022 year, we conducted a fire drill for each of the academic buildings, two drills for housing, and monthly drills for Childcare and the STEM Academy.

#### Policies for Housing

Housing has many banned products and activities.

- Grills of all types, fuels, and lighter fluid are all banned
- Candles of all kinds are banned
- Heating sources such as hotplates, foreman grills, griddles, and the like.
- Laboratory or industrial chemicals
- No open flame
- Use of extension cords is minimal in terms of use and duration



- Portable heaters are highly regulated for emergency use only.

#### Evacuation procedures

As defined in the UTPB Fire and Life Safety Plan, there are specific evacuation points for buildings for everyone to gather. In the event of foul weather, the gym is where we will have people wait for the issue to be resolved.

For housing apartments, the evacuation point is across the road from the apartment and out of the smoke. In the event of foul weather, they are to relocate and shelter in the Parker Ranch House. The Residents and Dining Hall will use a posted evacuation point located to the west of the building. In foul weather, the Science Technology Building, which our Police Dispatchers can electronically open, will be used as an alternative.

#### Policies for fire education

The university has several training programs to include

- Fire extinguisher training with a Bull-ex digital fire simulation system.
- Garaventa Evacu-trac, which is a device that can evacuate a person with mobility issues down stairs safely and efficiently.
- In training, people are advised how to find an evacuation path in a building, to have two practiced paths from all the typical places they are in,
- All enclosed stairwells are areas of refuge in that they have a two-hour fire separation from the rest of the building.
- Once evacuated, departments are encouraged to take attendance and report people who may be missing and where they may be to police, fire, or environmental health and safety staff.

#### Reporting positions

The Environmental Health and Safety office maintains all reporting to the Clery reports, the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office, and the local fire department.

- The Director of EHS is also the lead of this program and is a fire marshal for the campus.
- Safety Specialist II position is also a fire marshal and is in charge if the director is unavailable.

#### Improvement plans

The Center for Energy and Economic Diversification's fire suppression and alarm system has been completed. This year, the Mesa will go from 1/8 of the building covered to 100% of suppression, including parking garages. Also, the Mesa Building's fire alarm system is being upgraded to an EST 4 panel.

The university maintains and operates according to schedules, as well as a replacement and improvement schedule, as required by the NFPA. Plans for other unsprinkled buildings have been ranked and estimated for funding purposes. Each year, funding is requested for these improvements.

Respectfully

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