

**BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Policy on the Issuance of Community Safety Alert Bulletins

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the issuance of "Community Safety Alert Bulletins" in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act's "Timely Warning" requirement.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of Bridgewater State University to alert the campus community – via the issuance of "Community Safety Alert Bulletins" – to the occurrence of certain crimes or other safety issues occurring on campus, or in the immediate vicinity of the campus.

- A. Community Safety Alert Bulletins ("alerts") are required for all incidents constituting "Clery Act crimes" that are considered to represent a serious or potentially continuing threat to the campus community. These crimes include: Homicide, rape and other sex offenses, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, arson, intimidation, hate crimes, vandalism; and any other crime that results in bodily injury. Federal crime definitions apply even if state law differs from federal law.
- B. Alerts may also be issued for:
- Crimes other than Clery Act crimes that pose a serious or continuing threat to the campus community (e.g., kidnapping);
 - Non-criminal emergencies that pose a serious or continuing threat to the campus community or a segment of the campus community (e.g., weather related emergencies, environmental health and safety issues, etc.).

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUANCE

In all instances, the university's executive vice president will decide whether an alert should be issued. If it is determined that an alert will be issued, the executive vice president will approve the content, timing, and dissemination method of the alert.

IV. MEANS OF DISSEMINATION

Dissemination methods may include but are not limited to the following:

- Campus-wide email
- Inclusion in “Community Announcements” and “Student Announcements”
- Paper alert posters
- University homepage (www.bridgew.edu)
- Police webpage (www.bridgew.edu/police)
- Release to campus newspaper

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