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Georgia Southern University Receives “Crime Free” Housing Designation

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Georgia Southern University received a crime free housing designation from the International Crime Free Association Inc. in March after officers completed training associated with the designation, and because new initiatives were implemented to create safer environments in on-campus residence halls.

The safety initiatives were implemented by University Housing and Facilities Services with support provided by President Brooks A. Keel and the Office of Public Safety. Officers Charles Bowen and Danny Garrigus worked directly with campus departments to ensure the campus residential facilities met the standards set forth by the International Crime Free Association Inc.

“For students who choose to live on campus, this designation means they’ll live in facilities that have enhanced physical security that off-campus housing may not offer,” said Bowen.

To receive the new designation, residence halls were required to meet certain design standards. Door frames, door peep holes and lighting were among the safety points that were addressed during the year it took to ensure that all the standards were in place. University housing “meets or exceeds” the standards set forth, including the use of security camera systems used by the Office of Public Safety with the help of Network Telecommunications.

“While this designation is reassuring of our campus’ overall safety, it unfortunately does not mean crime will be completely eliminated,” a Public Safety spokesperson said, “but it does mean enhanced safety for those living in on-campus housing. Each student is reminded to make sure they practice safety guidelines at all times.”

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