## ALASKA BIBLE COLLEGE CAMPUS SECURITY AND FIRE REPORT OCTOBER 2023

Alaska Bible College is committed to the safety and security of its students, staff, and visitors. Prevention efforts include campus housing security reminders, fire safety warnings, fire drills, protection and identification of personal property and community alerts.

**Safety Information:** Alaska Bible College has a commitment to safety and security on campus. Alaska Bible College is in compliance with the Student Right to Know and Campus Safety Act of 1990, and its amendments.

**Security:** Alaska Bible College does not have campus law enforcement. The Palmer Police and/or Alaska State Troopers provide law enforcement. Alaska Bible College refers all parties interested in reporting off-campus crimes or seeking off-campus crime statistics to the Palmer Police Department located at 423 S. Valley Way, Palmer, Alaska.

Palmer Police – (907) 745-4811 Alaska State Troopers/Palmer – (907) 745-2131 EMERGENCY - 911

Campus Security: We want to maintain a friendly and welcoming atmosphere on campus, so visitors will be greeted warmly. At the same time, we need to be aware of the presence of unauthorized people on campus. When unauthorized people or vehicles are observed on campus, especially after campus buildings are secured, it should be reported to Campus Security Authorities (CSA) as soon as possible. If any person or situation poses any threat to security on campus, the Palmer Police should be contacted by calling "911" immediately. The CSA will report any crime considered to be a threat to students, staff and/or faculty as soon as circumstances warrant.

## **Campus Security Authorities:**

On Campus:

Dave Ley - President Matthew Coté - Business Administration Dean Justin Archuletta - Student Dean

On-Campus Housing:

Dan and Kathie Jarrell – Resident Assistants

**Building Security:** Our building has two main entry points. One on the north side and one on the south side of the building. Both doors have an integrated locking security system that allows for scheduled automation and user buzz-in features through an app, RFID card, or PIN code. The students each have a personal user access account enabled through the app, RFID card, or PIN code that can be used to buzz open either door during student access times for early class entry, or after hours library use and throughout the normal business hours of the day. The doors remain locked at all times. Students do not have an all-access feature and are restricted to those hours deemed appropriate for student access from the college administration.

In addition, our building has an HD camera at both entry points with a secure backup and NVR. As such, if unauthorized access were to occur, we would have a record of the intruder. The cameras record based upon motion.

**On-Campus Student Housing Facility Security**: Each student residing in the campus housing facility utilizes the same door access app for access to the quadplex. Campus housing access times are not restricted and students not residing in the campus housing do not have door access. Sharing access codes is considered a serious breach of security and will result in disciplinary measures including, but not limited to, the loss of access codes.

The residential staff will be notified of any non-ABC maintenance personnel who are allowed on campus during secured times. Maintenance personnel are not authorized in the women's apartments unless accompanied by the Women's Residence Assistant or a person appointed by a member of the Student Development Office.

**Missing Student Notification:** Students who reside in campus housing managed by the Student Development office are subject to certain missing student notification procedures. Anyone suspecting that a student has been missing for 24 hours must immediately notify the Student Dean. If the Student Dean is not aware of the whereabouts of the missing student, and the student has been missing for 24 hours, the Alaska State Troopers will be notified. If the missing student is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the college will notify the custodial parent or guardian.

**Crime:** Alaska Bible College collects information about any criminal activity that occurs on its campus and campus housing. This information is available upon request to all current students, staff and faculty and to any applicant for enrollment, employment or service.

The CSA will report any crime considered to be a threat to students, staff and/or faculty as soon as circumstances warrant. In the event of an assault, either physically or sexually, it will be reported immediately to the Student Dean and the Palmer Police Department.

The CSA will issue a timely warning to members of the campus community. This will occur in cases of reported murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft and any hate crimes (manifesting evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity) of murder, forcible rape or aggravated assault, in cases where the

college administration determines there is a continuing threat to the Alaska Bible College community. Timely reports or warnings will be issued through email announcements, text messages, posting of flyers, in-class or community event announcements, or other appropriate means.

**Sexual Harassment/Assault and Racial Harassment/Violence:** Alaska Bible College believes that the Bible is the Word of God and that faculty, staff, and students should demonstrate character and lifestyles consistent with Scripture. Alaska Bible College is committed to creating a safe learning, living and working environment. The college has adopted policies to maintain this standard. These are available in both the Student and Staff Handbooks.

Alaska Bible College will not tolerate sexual harassment or sexual violence, or racial harassment or racial violence or abusive behavior in any form. When such incidents occur, the standards of our community, as well as the criminal laws of Alaska are violated. Appropriate action, including suspension or termination, will be taken against anyone found to have violated this policy. Persons reporting sexual or racial assault or violence will be treated with care, concern and confidentially.

Registered Sex Offenders: The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted sex offenders enrolled at or employed by institutions of higher education. The Act's intent is to extend the protections of sex offender registries to college campuses. The State of Alaska maintains a database of all registered sex offenders in Alaska that can be accessed on the Alaska Department of Public Safety homepage (http://dps.alaska.gov/sorweb/sorweb.aspx). To learn the identity of registered sex offenders on or near the Alaska Bible College campus, or anywhere in Alaska, visit the Sex Offender Database and search under zip code 99645.

**CLERY ACT:** Alaska Bible College became Title IV Federal funding eligible in 2009. In doing so, Alaska Bible College has agreed to meet all mandatory standards and crime reporting mandates of the Clery Act. Accordingly, the following crime statistics are posted in compliance with the Clery Act and the Code of Federal Regulations.

Offense	Year	On-Campus	Residential Facilities
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0

	2022	0	0
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Sex-Offenses, Non-forcible	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Robbery	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Burglary	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Arson	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0
Hate Crimes	2020	0	0
	2021	0	0
	2022	0	0

**Drug Use and Substance Abuse:** In compliance with Section 5145 of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, as added by Section 22 of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Alaska Bible College has adopted and implemented the following drug prevention program that, at a minimum, includes:

Students and staff are expected to conform to the standards of conduct prescribed by the College, to fitly represent Jesus Christ, and to avoid those practices which can mar a Christian testimony.

Students at Alaska Bible College, in compliance with the above stated standards, are expected to practice a policy of total abstinence from all illegal substances while they are enrolled at the college.

The College degree application requires students to respond to the following statement: "ABC recognizes that adherence to the College's guidelines for conduct does not improve a person's standing before God. It does, however, strengthen the life and testimony of both the student and the College. Therefore, the use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited while enrolled as a student at Alaska Bible College. Substances that are legal for those over 21, including marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco in any form, are not permitted on campus, in any Alaska Bible College facility, or at any Alaska Bible College-sponsored event." Those persons found in violation of these policies will be appropriately counseled, and those failing to respond will be subject to dismissal from the College.

The College understands that spiritual struggles in these areas do exist. Students who find themselves unable to meet these standards are encouraged to speak to the Resident Coordinator, the Student Dean, or the Chaplain. ABC desires that all students live healthy lives, and is willing to help them accomplish this. When these standards are broken, the school will establish the conditions under which the students can remain in school and successfully cope with the spiritual struggle. In some cases, the offense may be so significant that dismissal from school is appropriate. When a student is dismissed, conditions are established under which the student can return to ABC. The conditions will include completion of a drug abuse prevention program and an abstinence period. When the student is re-enrolled he/she may be required to meet with the Student Dean, the Chaplain, or another faculty/staff member on a regular basis.

Set Free Alaska serves as the official drug abuse prevention program for Alaska Bible College.

**Alcohol Use:** In Alaska it is against the law to sell alcohol to anyone under 21, or to an already intoxicated person. It is also illegal for an individual under 21 to present false identification in an attempt to purchase alcohol.

Drivers suspected of intoxication must cooperate if requested to perform breath, blood, or urine testing for alcohol content. This falls under 'implied consent laws' that are automatically enforced when one signs for a driver's license. Refusing to cooperate can result in penalties such as mandatory suspension of the driver's license for up to a year.

Alaska enforces minimum mandatory penalties for those convicted of DUI with a BAC of .16 over the legal limit of .08 percent or drivers who refuse to submit to chemical testing to determine intoxication. A driver's license may be suspended or revoked by the Department of Motor Vehicles for 90 days for the first DUI offense; for the second offense, one year; for the third offense, three years. With a second conviction the driver's vehicle may be confiscated, and installation of an ignition interlock device. Mandatory alcohol education and assessment or treatment is a possible penalty. DUI is a misdemeanor crime until the third conviction, when it is raised to a felony.

**Drug Use:** Under federal sentencing guidelines, federal courts can sentence simple-possession first offenders to one year in prison and \$100,000 fine. Penalties for subsequent convictions are significantly greater [21 U.S.C. 844(a)]. A sentence of life imprisonment can result from a conviction for possession of a controlled substance that results in death or bodily injury. Possession of more than five grams of cocaine can trigger an intent-to-distribute penalty of 10 to 16 years in prison [U.S.S.G.S. 2D2.I (b)(1)].

**Firearms**: Living in Alaska provides opportunities for students to hunt or recreate with firearms. Firearms are permitted on campus providing the student has passed a state approved firearm or hunter safety course. All firearms brought or kept on campus by students must be registered with the Student Development Office. Students will be required to provide evidence that they have passed an approved safety course when registering. A schedule for hunter/firearms safety classes will be provided by Student Development.

For safety and security reasons, students are not allowed to carry firearms on campus open or concealed. For students living in campus housing, firearms may be stored in the ABC gun safe in the Academic Building. Any student transporting a firearm into the Academic Building to store in the gun safe must have the breech open and/or bolt, magazine or cartridges removed and in an approved gun case. Ammunition must be stored separately in a safe in the campus housing. Firearms are only released to the registered owner on file.

Firearms are not to be discharged within the city of Palmer. Violation of these rules will be met with strict consequences; dismissal from school is possible and legal charges may be filed.

**Other Weapons:** It is very common for Alaskans to carry a small knife in their pocket or Leatherman on their belt for practical purposes. These "weapons" are allowed but must not be "obvious" and/or "intimidating."

**Fire Safety:** If fire, smoke or suspicious odor occurs on campus, the fire department should be contacted by dialing "911" immediately. The fire should then be reported to a CSA as soon as possible.

No fire whatsoever is permitted in the main building or in campus housing. This includes candles, burning incense, matches or lighters, and smoking. This does not include cooktops for the DEC regulated commercial kitchen, or other plant maintenance systems.

Fire drills are held unannounced each semester. Fire exit maps are posted in each room on campus. Students should familiarize themselves with the fire exits of each building on campus. It is essential that we practice immediate exits. During a fire alarm, evacuate the building by using stairs and moving away from the building and gather in the parking lot on either side of the building. Do not block the parking lot entrance areas, as emergency responders may need these. Student Development will evaluate fire drills for their effectiveness.

Fire prevention is the concern of all personnel at Alaska Bible College. All college facilities are non-smoking and this will be strictly enforced. Any hazard or potential hazard shall be promptly reported to the Student Development office and Business office. Corrective actions will be taken immediately.

There were no reported fires on campus or at the on-campus housing the last three years.