

**Memorandum of Understanding between River Parishes Community College
and its
Local Law Enforcement Partners & Local District Attorney**

Act 172 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and Act 472 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature require that all public institutions of higher education enter into memorandum of agreement with local law enforcement agencies to clearly delineate the responsibilities and share information, in accordance with applicable state and federal confidentiality laws, regarding sexually-oriented criminal offenses, including trends occurring against students at institutions of higher education. Prior collaborations among the different agencies, until this time, have been informal and unwritten arrangements. With signatures to this MOU, all representatives are demonstrating a commitment to the requirements of Acts 172 and 472.

The responsibilities of the local law enforcement agencies are:

1. Maintain communication and contact with RPCC to the extent they are able without hampering or jeopardizing their own investigation, including meeting with the RPCC security personnel to assist that institution in resolving sexually-oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused, and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence.
2. Notify RPCC, to the extent they are able with respect to any confidentiality requirements, of any report of a sexually oriented criminal offense that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused.
3. Coordinate investigations, to the extent that they are able without hampering or jeopardizing their own investigation, to assure that any reported incident involving sexually oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on their campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused is fully investigated.

The responsibilities of the local law enforcement agencies and/or the local district attorney are:

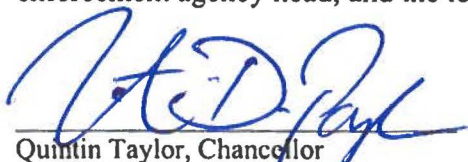
1. Assist in the development and implementation of training for the institution for sharing information and conducting investigations into sexually oriented criminal offenses that may occur on its campuses or involve a student as a victim or an accused.
2. Share general information about sexually oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused in order to improve campus safety.
3. Include information on its police report regarding the status of an alleged victim as a student at an RPCC campus.

The responsibilities of River Parishes Community College are:

1. Maintain communication and contact with local law enforcement agencies and the local district attorney's office to the extent that it is able without hampering or jeopardizing their own investigation to assist the institution in resolving sexually oriented criminal

- offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused and to promote the proper methods of preservation of evidence.
2. Notify local law enforcement agencies and local district attorney's office, to the extent it is able with respect to any confidentiality requirements, of any report of a sexually oriented criminal offense that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or an accused.
 3. Coordinate investigations, to the extent that it is able, to assure that any reported incident involving sexually oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student or an accused is fully investigated.
 4. Assist in the development and implementation of training for the institution for sharing information and conducting investigations into sexually oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a student as a victim or as an accused.
 5. Share general information about sexually oriented criminal offenses that may have occurred on its campuses or involved a as a victim or an accused to improve campus safety.
 6. Develop and support policies and procedures to establish and maintain the communication between all signatories to this MOU.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect until cancelled. This MOU agreement may be cancelled at any time by any party upon written notice to the law enforcement agency head, local District Attorney or the RPCC Chancellor. In addition, this MOU shall be reviewed annually by the RPCC Chancellor, The RPCC Title IX Coordinator, and the local law enforcement agency head, and the local District Attorney.


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