

**VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY**

**ANNUAL FIRE SAFETY REPORT**

**2016**

## **Fire Safety Annual Compliance Report for 2016**

### **Overview**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) became law in August, 2008, requiring all United States academic institutions to produce an annual fire safety report outlining fire safety practices, standards, and all fire-related on-campus statistics related to student housing. The following public disclosure report details all information required by this law as it relates to Virginia Tech as outlined in the initial regulation; subsequent yearly reports will comply with the Act as amended and published October 29, 2009.

### **On-Campus Housing Fire Safety Equipment**

At Virginia Union University, all twenty-five (25) of our buildings to include our seven (7) residence halls are protected by fire detection and alarm systems which are centrally monitored 24 hours/day, seven days/week by Sonitrol, Richmond Alarm Company and Commonwealth Security System. The buildings are also equipped with either emergency generators or lighting fixtures that incorporate backup batteries; upon loss of power, these systems automatically activate to assure adequate egress lighting in hallways and emergency exit stairwells. All seven of our residence halls have sprinkler systems. Carbon monoxide detectors have been installed in all residence hall mechanical rooms where products of combustion could occur. All fire safety systems and equipment are strictly maintained and tested in accordance with applicable national standards.

### **Fire Safety Education and Training**

All on-campus residents will be provided with fire safety training at the beginning of each semester. In addition, quality control program are available with the VUU Police Department and Richmond Fire Department that covers emergency and evacuation procedures is reviewed regularly with the occupants and staff of each respective residence hall. Fire safety information is provided in the 2015 Annual Security and Fire Safety manual, which include information on fire safety and what appropriate action to take during a fire alarm or fire emergency. Fire drills are conducted per semester. Virginia Union University is a no smoking campus. The **National Fire Protection Association** ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)) suggests that all students, staff, faculty and visitors be prepared in the event of a fire on campus. If you hear a fire alarm, leave immediately. Close doors behind you as you go. Know where the fire exits and fire extinguishers are located. Do not damage or hang anything from sprinkler pipes or nozzles.

### **Fire Safety Tips (NFPA)**

- Look for a home or apartment with a complete sprinkler system when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm.
- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the smoke alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing

- Make sure you can hear the building alarm system when you are in your dorm room.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Check school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>FIRE SYSTEM</b>	<b>SPRINKLER SYSTEM</b>	<b>FIRE DRILLS</b>	<b>FIRES</b>
CGP Living and Learning Center	Y	Y	Y	N
Storer Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Huntley Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Hartshorn Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Newman Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
White Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
MacVicar Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Baptist Memorial	Y	Y	Y	N
L. D. Wilder Library	Y	Y	Y	N
Kingsley Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Martin E. Gray	Y	Y	Y	N
Henderson Center	Y	Y	Y	N
Belgian Building	Y	Y	Y	N
Barco-Stevens Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Baptist General Convention Building	Y	Y	Y	N
Community Annex	N	N	N	N
C. D. King Building	Y	Y	Y	N
Ellison Hall	Y	Y	Y	N
Maintenance Building	Y	Y	N	N
University House #1	Y	Y	Y	N
University House #2	Y	Y	Y	N
University House #3	Y	Y	Y	N
University House #4	Y	Y	Y	N
University House #5	Y	Y	Y	N
Power Plant	Y	Y	N	N

### **Fires - On Campus Student Housing Facilities**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
CGP Living and Learning Center	0	0	0
Storer Hall	0	0	0
Huntley Hall	0	0	0
Hartshorn Hall	0	0	0
Newman Hall	0	0	0
White Hall	0	0	0
MacVicar Hall	0	0	0
University House #1	0	0	0
University House #2	0	0	0
University House #3	0	0	0
University House #4	0	0	0
University House #5	0	0	0
	0	0	0

### **Fires – Academic Buildings**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Baptist Memorial	0	0	0
L. D. Wilder Library	0	0	0
Kingsley Hall	0	0	0
Martin E. Gray	0	0	0
Henderson Center	0	0	0
Belgian Building	0	0	0
Barco-Stevens Hall	0	0	0
Baptist General Convention Building	0	0	0
Community Annex	0	0	0
C. D. King Building	0	0	0
Ellison Hall	0	0	0
Maintenance Building	0	0	0
Power Plant	0	0	0