Auburn University Crime Log Instructions

The purpose of the daily crime log is to record criminal incidents and alleged criminal incidents that are reported to or identified by the Auburn Police or AU Public Safety & Security Department (AUDPS).

AUDPS receives crime reports from the Auburn Police Department and Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). A crime is entered into the crime log within two business days of being reported to AUDPS. Crimes are recorded in the order they are received by the department, not by incident number or date occurred. If multiple offenses are committed during a single incident, all of the offenses are recorded in the log.

Crime log entries include all crimes reported for the required geographic locations, not only Clery Act crimes. The geographic locations covered by the crime log include on-campus buildings and property, non-campus locations, public property, and expanded patrol jurisdiction (under official agreement with Auburn Police). Occasionally, off-campus crimes are included in the crime log for student and faculty awareness.

Crimes with an incident number that start with “CSA” involve reports received from university members who are defined by federal law as “Campus Security Authorities”. CSA reports often contain non-identifying information that is provided by the victim or witness of a crime. In these cases, the victim does not always file an official police report and therefore it may not be possible to provide all information in the crime log, including a disposition. These incidents are reported to AUDPS for statistical purposes and are posted in the crime log as the information is received by the department.

Dispositions are issued by the Auburn Police Department and are defined as follows:

- Pending: The case is currently being investigated by APD.
- Inactive: All leads have been exhausted, but the case has not been cleared and can be re-opened.
- Closed: Case has no solvability. No further investigative action is required. The case has been resolved.
- Closed/Cleared by Arrest (Juvenile): The subject(s) has been arrested by APD.
- Closed/Cleared by Arrest (Adult): The subject(s) has been arrested by APD.
- Closed/Unfounded: The case is determined through investigation to be false or baseless. No offense occurred nor was attempted.
- Closed/Administratively Cleared: The case has been resolved administratively.
- Closed/Exceptional Clearance: Arrest is justified but not possible.
  - Suspect/Offender Dead
  - Prosecution Declined/Other Prosecution
  - Extradition Denied
  - Victim Refused to Cooperate
  - Juvenile (No Custody)
  - Death of Victim
- Other- See Additional Information: No official disposition.
According to Federal Law, an institution may withhold any of the required fields of entry if any of the following conditions apply:

1. The disclosure is prohibited by law
2. If disclosure would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim.
3. If disclosure would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual.
4. If disclosure would cause a suspect to flee or evade detection.
5. If disclosure would result in the destruction of evidence.

Crime log incidents will not match the annual crime statistics. The crime log is compiled using the Criminal Laws of Alabama, whereas the annual crime statistics are required by federal law to be compiled using the definitions presented in the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook (2004).

An electronic version of the daily crime log is available on the Public Safety and Security website. A hard copy version may be requested by visiting the AU Department of Public Safety & Security at 543 West Magnolia Ave, Auburn, AL. The last 60 days of the crime log is available immediately upon request during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm). For entries older than 60 days, the log will be made available within two business days of the request.