TO: Deans, Directors and Department Heads

FROM: Eric S. Plummer
Associate Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police

DATE: January 2, 2015

RE: Crime Statistics

According to a federal law known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the University of North Dakota is required to disclose “statistics concerning the occurrence of certain criminal offenses reported to local law enforcement agencies or any official of the institution who is defined as a “Campus Security Authority.”

The law defines “Campus Security Authority” as: “An official of an institution who has significant responsibility for student and campus activities, including, but not limited to, student housing, student discipline, and campus judicial proceedings.” An example would be a dean of students who oversees student housing, a student center, or student extra-curricular activities and has significant responsibility for student and campus activities. Similarly, a director of athletics, team coach, and faculty advisor to a student group also has significant responsibility for student and campus activities. A single teaching faculty member is unlikely to have significant responsibility for student and campus activities, except when serving as an advisor to a student group. Clerical staff, as well, are unlikely to have significant responsibility for student and campus activities.

The criminal offenses for which we are required to disclose statistics are murder/non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, liquor law violations, drug abuse violations, and/or illegal weapons possession. We are required to disclose statistics for offenses that occur on-campus, in residence facilities, in or on non-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by our institution, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to our campus.

We are also required to report statistics for bias-related (hate) crimes for the following offenses: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking,
larceny-theft, vandalism, intimidation, simple assault, and damage/destruction or vandalism of property.

Please forward this letter and the attached forms to all of those individuals in your department who fit the definition of a Campus Security Authority, as previously described. If those individuals are aware of any crimes that were reported to have occurred on-campus in 2014 that were not reported to the University Police Department, it is important that they forward the information to me no later than March 1, 2015. If it’s available, provide the date, location, and a brief description of the incident so that I can appropriately classify it in accordance with the crime definitions published by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

If you have any questions about this request or you would like to discuss the specifics about an incident, please feel free to contact me at 701-777-3391.

Thank you for your assistance in complying with this federal law. Please return all completed forms to me at 3851 Campus Road Stop 9035, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202.