Memorandum of Understanding Louisiana Delta Community College and its Madison Parish Law Enforcement Partners

Louisiana Revised Statutes 17:3399.14 requires 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 Louisiana Revised Statutes 1733.14.

The responsibilities of the local law enforcement agencies are:

- Maintain communication and contact with LDCC to the extent they are able without hampering or jeopardizing their own investigation, including meeting with the LDCC Police Department 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 LDCC, 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.
- 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 occur on its campuses or involve a student as a victim or an accused.
- 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.

The responsibilities of Louisiana Delta Community College are:

 Maintain communication and contact with local law enforcement agencies 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, 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 or the LDCC Chancellor.

Randy Esters, Chancellor

Louisiana Delta Community College

Downey Black, Chief of Campus Police Louisiana Delta Community College

Buster McCoy, Chief of Police

Town of Tallulah

James Paxton, District Attorney

Sixth Judicial District

Sammie Byrd, Sheriff

Madison Parish