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NEWS RELEASE: NACCOP Launches New Clery Compliance Officer Certification Program

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The National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals (NACCOP) announced today that it is now accepting applications for the newly-created Clery Compliance Officer Certification Program (CCO Certification Program).

The CCO Certification Program is for eligible employees of colleges and universities who want to benefit from NACCOP's unmatched practical expertise in leading and managing Clery Act compliance activities. The program will provide participants with the opportunity to immerse themselves in a comprehensive professional development program that leads to a professional credential from the only association serving the needs of Clery compliance officers and professionals.

Program requirements involve a rigorous combination of educational initiatives, including: successful completion of a self-paced online training program, participation in a series of live webinars designed specifically for the certification program, and a writing assignment. Candidates completing these requirements within two years will be eligible to take the Certification Exam to earn the "Certified Clery Compliance Officer" designation through NACCOP.

Dolores Stafford, Executive Director of NACCOP, said "Today's announcement marks an important milestone in the field of Clery compliance and in the professionalization of Clery compliance officers. This program—the first and only of its kind—will help ensure that institutional officials involved in Clery compliance activities have the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively lead the institution's Clery compliance program."

Applications to the program will be accepted on an ongoing basis, with the inaugural cohort beginning in August 2016 and additional cohorts to follow throughout the year. To learn more about the program, or to apply, visit www.naccop.org.

About NACCOP

The National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals (NACCOP) provides a professional association for Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals to collaborate with each other, share resources and best practices. Members are also offered opportunities to participate in professional development engagements which support colleges and universities in their efforts to comply with the Clery Act. NACCOP delivers members with resources to enhance their knowledge of the Clery Act by offering education and training opportunities for the employees who are acting as Clery Compliance Officers on college and university campuses as well as information about Clery related news and legislative updates. For more information, or to join NACCOP, visit www.naccop.org.

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