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NEWS RELEASE: NACCOP Announces Award Winners at the Annual Conference on July 21, 2017

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On July 21, at the annual conference of the Association, the National Association of Clery Compliance Officers and Professionals (NACCOP) recognized the outstanding contributions of individuals and institutions in their efforts to maintain compliance with the Clery Act, thus increasing the safety and security of their campuses. The Association created these award categories at the beginning of the year and they will now be presented annually at the conference. There were 30 individuals and institutions nominated for the five award categories.

Dolores Stafford, Executive Director of NACCOP, said “NACCOP is thrilled to have an opportunity to recognize the important work that these individuals and campuses are doing on a daily basis. Compliance work is challenging and often goes unnoticed, which makes this recognition that much sweeter.”

The following individuals were honored with the following awards:

Clery Compliance Officer of the Year (4 Year Institution)

John Ojeisekhoba, Biola University

Clery Compliance Officer of the Year (2 Year Institution)

Martricia Farrell, Mid Michigan Community College

D. Stafford & Associates Excellence in Clery Compliance Award

William (Bill) Lafferty, Gettysburg College

The following institutions were honored with the following awards:

Clery Compliance Program of the Year

Kennesaw State University

Most Improved Clery Compliance Program

Green River College

The nomination process is now open for 2018 awards and will remain open for nominations through April of 2018. Nominations can be submitted by clicking on the Annual Awards link on the NACCOP website at www.naccop.org.



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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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Background on the Award Categories

Clery Compliance Officer of the Year

This award will recognize a current practitioner who has contributed significantly to the development or refinement of a Clery compliance program at the college or university where they work. Eligible nominees should have served as their institution's Clery Compliance Officer (this may or may not be the formal title for the position) for at least one year. Nominations should address the nominee's role in shaping the compliance program and identify specific and substantive improvements to the compliance program that have resulted from the nominee's efforts. **Two awards may be given in this category: one to a practitioner at a 2-year institution, one to a practitioner at a 4-year institution.**

Clery Compliance Program of the Year

This award will recognize an institution that has implemented an outstanding Clery Act compliance program. Nominations should address how the institution has integrated Clery Act compliance into the day-to-day operations of key units that support the compliance effort and should discuss how the institution implements best and emerging practices to ensure compliance with both the letter and spirit of the Clery Act. (Note: if the institution is undergoing a program review, the institution will be expected to demonstrate that no Clery Act or Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act noncompliance findings have been documented in the preliminary Program Review Report).

Most Improved Clery Compliance Program

This award will recognize a Clery compliance program that has significantly improved within the last 3-5 years. Nominations should describe historical weaknesses of the compliance program and detail how the institution has worked to address these shortcomings and enhance the institution's capacity for complying with the Clery Act.

D. Stafford & Associates Excellence in Clery Compliance Award

D. Stafford & Associates is pleased to sponsor this award, which is intended to recognize outstanding contributions of a current practitioner who is transforming Clery compliance on their campus and/or the field through exceptional programs, processes, scholarship, innovation, and/or service to the field or industry. Nominees must have more than 5 years of experience in leading and/or supervising Clery compliance program(s).