Dear Campus Community Member;

We would like to inform you of a crime that has recently occurred in the campus area so you have the information you need to take the appropriate precautions. We are issuing this Campus Safety Alert in accordance with the “Timely Warning” provision of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1998. We are sending this message to heighten your awareness, to enable you to take actions which can help increase your safety, and to aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

REPORTED OFFENSE:

The Gettysburg College Department of Public Safety has received a report on October 2, 2016 that a student was the victim of an incident of domestic violence. This incident was reported to have occurred within a college recognized residential facility.

SUSPECT(S):

The suspect is a student known to the victim. The College is continuing its investigation into the incident.

CRIME CLASSIFICATION/DEFINITION:

For crime reporting purposes, this incident is being classified as Domestic Violence.

The federal government defines Domestic Violence as - a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed:

- by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or
- by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred

CRIME REPORTING:

DPS can be contacted by calling (717)337-6912 or (717)337-6911 for emergency purposes. Additionally, criminal incidents can be reported to the Gettysburg Borough Police by calling 911. Incidents of a non-emergency nature can be reported by completing the on-line community concern form at: http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/college_life/care/submit-a-concern/ or by calling the DPS crime tips hotline at: (717)337-8477 (TIPS).

How to Be an Active Bystander:

Bystander intervention means safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Bystander intervention includes recognizing situations of potential harm, understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence, overcoming barriers to intervening, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene.

Procedures Institution Will Follow In Response to a Report of Domestic Violence:

| Domestic Violence | 1. Institution will assess immediate safety needs of victim  
|                   | 2. Institution will assist victim with contacting local police if victim requests AND provide the victim with contact information for local police department  
|                   | 3. Institution will provide written instructions on how to apply for Protective Order  
|                   | 4. Institution will provide written information to victim on how to preserve evidence  
|                   | 5. Institution will assess need to implement interim or long-term protective measures to protect the victim, if appropriate  
|                   | 6. Institution will provide the victim with a written explanation of the victim’s rights and options  
|                   | 7. Institution will provide a “No trespass” (PNG) or “No Contact” directive to accused party if deemed appropriate |

The Gettysburg College community is a strong one, and we have a collective responsibility to support people who have experienced sexual violence and/or to step in if we are in a position to prevent sexual violence. For more information on sexual violence prevention or Title IX, reporting sexual violence or misconduct and how to support survivors please visit Violence Prevention and Title IX. Additional sexual assault prevention and awareness resources can be found by visiting Sexual Assault Resources and the Sexual Misconduct Resource Site.