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A Resolution -

To be known as "A Resolution Calling on the Texas State University Police Department to Release all UPD Incident Data since 2016" which demands that the University Police Department provide a nonconfidential release of UPD incident data collected by the department since 2016 and directing the Student Body President to issue a letter to the US Department of Education asking them to launch an official inquiry if the University fails to comply with this resolution.

1 **WHEREAS:** Student Government serves as the official voice for
2 students at Texas State University; and

3 **WHEREAS:** The University Police Department (UPD) serves as the
4 officially recognized law enforcement on the Texas
5 State University campuses¹; and,

6 **WHEREAS:** UPD publicly commits to adhering to a set of values
7 which in part include: **Transparency** - availability of
8 information for effective collaboration and

¹ <https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html>

9 cooperation with our community; **Integrity** - uphold the
10 highest ethical standards²; and

11 **WHEREAS:** In a recent [article published by the Texas Tribune](#) it
12 was revealed that the University Police Department
13 failed to accurately report incidents on campus
14 through the Clery Act including incidents of sexual
15 violence in and around campus; and

16 **WHEREAS:** The crime statistics and public reporting on the
17 University Police Department website under the [60-day](#)
18 [Crime and Fire Log](#) does not include all reportable
19 incidents under the Clery Act; and

20 **WHEREAS:** Laws like the Clery Act are minimum federal guidelines
21 and should not be used as the only industry accepted
22 standard by which to release information to the
23 public, especially students at high risk such as
24 students attending a college or university; and

25 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University prides itself on striving to be
26 better than other institutions in the state, and the
27 University Police Department includes a core value for
28 innovation; and

² <https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html>

29 **WHEREAS:** As such the university administration should never use
30 examples of other institutions failings to deflect
31 from our own shortcomings; and

32 **WHEREAS:** In the interest of transparency and innovation the
33 University Police Department should reform the way it
34 reports and provides information to the public on any
35 incident that occurs on or around campus, including
36 but not limited to those incidents that fall under the
37 Clery Act; and

38 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Student Government at Texas State
39 University, through the advocacy of its
40 Senators and Student Body President,
41 explicitly demand that the University Police
42 Department immediately release all incident
43 information collected by the department or its
44 partners since 2016 in a similar format to the
45 60 Day Crime and Fire Log found on the UPD
46 website with information including the nature
47 of the incident, a case number if one was
48 assigned, date and time reported, date and
49 time occurred, general location, disposition,
50 and any relevant information about any
51 arrested person(s); and

52 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Student Government demands this
53 information be provided to the Student Body
54 President, in a format that is not
55 confidential, within 60 days of passage; and

56 **BE IT RESOLVED:** The Student Government directs the Student
57 Body President to write a letter to the U.S.
58 Department of Education asking them to open an
59 official Review into the University policing
60 policies and practices as well as Clary Act
61 reporting processes and statistics should the
62 University not affirmatively respond to this
63 legislation within the prescribed timeframe;
64 and

65 **BE IT RESOLVED:** This legislation shall be forwarded to the
66 Student Body President for further action.