



2016 Annual Fire Report

1. Residence 2016 Fire Statistics

Name of Residential Facility	On Campus Address	Number of Fires	Cause of Fire	Reason to Cause of Fire	Number of Injuries	Number of deaths	Property Damage
Dorms	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	1	Suspected Arson	Trash Can	0	0	\$19,500
Outback	Lincoln Ave	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Fort Awesome	Lincoln Ave	1	Unintentional	Toaster	0	0	\$1-\$250
New Apts - Phase II	Phase II Drive	3	Unintentional Unintentional Unintentional	Cooking Cooking Candle	0 0 0	0 0 0	\$1.5-\$2 Mil \$1-\$250 \$1-\$250
Olde Apts - Phase I	Lincoln Ave & Brigid Flanigan East Rd	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
Alumni Village	Brigid Flanigan East Rd	1	Unintentional	Cooking	0	0	\$1-\$250

2. Student Housing Facility Fire Safety Systems

Smoke/Heat Detectors are present in all student housing areas in accordance with the New York State Fire Code. Sprinkler protection is installed as follows:

Dormitories - partial

Outback - full

Fort Awesome – full

Phase I (Olde) – none

Phase II (New) – none

Alumni Village –full

Campus Center North – partial

(partial indicates sprinklers located in janitor closets only)

3. Fire Drills in 2016

Residential Buildings - 194

Other Buildings – 62

4. Policies regarding portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in student housing facilities.

Following are prohibited in all residence areas and it is explained in the 2016-2017 License Agreement:

- Smoking in any residence area, or within 25 feet of the building—students will be billed up to \$270 for cleaning/painting should smoking occur in the living space
- Burning incense, candles, or any other open flame devices
- Cooking and cooking appliances (except a MicroFridge, coffee pot with auto shut-off feature, or hot pot) in residence hall areas. (this does not apply to apartments or kitchen suites in Outback).
- High wattage electrical equipment (i.e., halogen lamps, sun lamps, air conditioners, etc.)
- Firearms, explosives, weapons, fireworks, swords, bb/pellet/paint/air guns, daggers, exacto knives, nunchakus, or other dangerous articles or substances injurious to person or property
- Flammable/combustible substances (Christmas trees, lighter fluid, propane, paper decorations, acetone, oil paints, paint thinner, flammable solvents, etc.)
- Gasoline operated vehicles
- Smoke/Fog machines
- Tampering with or disabling fire equipment, fire alarms, or fire exit doors are a violation of law as well as College policy

5. Evacuation procedures for student housing may be found at

<https://www.purchase.edu/offices/environmental-health-and-safety/campus-fire-evacuation-procedures/>

6. Policies regarding fire safety education and training provided to students and employees

All residence rooms, suites, and apartments should be provided with the fire evacuation plans for the specific area.

Office of Community Engagement Professionals and Paraprofessionals participated in a half-day Fire Safety training provided by the NY Fire Prevention and Control Office and our campus Environmental Health & Safety Officer.

Residence Coordinators and Resident Assistants work with UPD to ensure proper completion of fire evacuation drills.

The Office of Community Engagement provided fire safety pot holders to place in every apartment kitchen unit on campus. The pot holder highlighted 6 Safe Cooking Tips:

1. Never leave any cooking food unattended and use a kitchen timer.
2. Turn pot handles into the center of the stove.
3. Always double check that you turned off the stove and oven.
4. Make sure your oven is clean and empty before preheating.
5. Keep cooking areas clean.
6. Never put water on a grease fire.

All students and staff living on campus received several communications from The Office of Community Engagement highlighting significant policies connected to fire safety, as well as regarding the fire safety equipment, such as sprinklers, in each residential space.

Additionally, a campus-wide fire safety day program was organized by The Olde RA staff in October.

7. Titles of each person or organization to which students and employees should report that a fire occurred.

Students and employees should report fires immediately to the University Police at extension 6911 (914-251-6911).

8. Plans for future improvements in fire safety.

We are planning to develop a more comprehensive fire safety training for all new students during Welcome Week in August. Additionally, we would require additional training for all students that are moving into an on-campus apartment regarding proper cooking/cleaning to minimize fire safety concerns. Additional paperwork needs to be installed on many residential spaces regarding the fire evacuation procedures, as well as routes in the residence halls.

Meetings between the campus Environmental Health & Safety Officer, Office of Community Engagement staff, facilities staff, University Police and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control are intended to develop new plans for the safety of campus constituents.