On September 30, 2014, the Southern Illinois University Department of Public Safety released the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report as required by the federal Clery Act, formally known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The report includes three years of statistical data for certain types of crimes reported to have occurred on campus, in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by SIU Carbondale, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to campus.

The Clery statistics for on-campus burglaries decreased from 64 in 2012 to 24 in 2013. Alcohol arrests rose from 33 in 2012 to 73 in 2013, and drug arrests increased slightly from 62 in 2012 to 92 in 2013. Alcohol referrals rose from 211 in 2012 to 476 in 2013. Drug referrals also increased from 366 in 2012 to 439 in 2013. Increases in alcohol and drug arrests and referrals can be attributed to proactive enforcement.

The SIU Department of Public Safety (DPS) implemented two new initiatives in 2013. DPS started the Community Resource Officer and Police Liaison Programs to maintain a commitment to keep SIU safe.

The Community Resource Officer Program is a collaboration of services between University Housing and DPS. The program dedicates two police officers to University residence halls. Officers work to resolve community issues impacting safety and security within Housing. The Community Resource Officers work to promote positive, trust-based relationships among students, staff, and guests.
The Police Liaisons are sworn SIU police officers who are assigned to residence halls, Greek organizations, and other campus buildings. Police Liaisons deliver educational programs for students, staff, faculty, and community members in the topics of crime prevention, safety, alcohol and drug abuse, and violence prevention. Police Liaisons assigned to the residence halls attend housing staff meetings, coordinate special presentations, and provide relevant safety information to the members of the community, in addition to the work being done by the Community Resources Officers. The Police Liaisons seek information and input from students, staff, faculty, and guest as to specific or varying needs of each housing area, student organization, academic building, or other areas of campus.