

**Madonna University Student Senate
Resolution**

Senate Resolution: F16-R-3

Date Adopted: September 30, 2016

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SUPPORTED BY: Senators Dimillia and Freemantle

A RESOLUTION TO: *Improve residence hall emergency protocol to better serve student needs, in light of the events the morning of Thursday, September 29, 2016.*

THE MADONNA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE ENACTS:

WHEREAS, nearly three-hundred (300) students live on campus, and;

WHEREAS, the current Residence Hall and campus-wide emergency protocol lacks structure and efficiency, and;

WHEREAS, resident students in particular are largely unaware of emergency evacuation practices, and;

WHEREAS, fire alarm noise levels should be consistent throughout the entire Residence Hall, so as to properly alert students, and;

WHEREAS, the fire alarm should notify the Livonia Fire Department immediately upon sounding, and;

WHEREAS, emergency generators are required to maintain building safety in situations of this kind, and;

RECOGNIZING, the response gathered from widespread student feedback, and;

WHEREAS, miscommunication/conflicts of information from staff and Rave Alert texts resulted in further confusion within the resident population, and;

RECOGNIZING, that clearer, louder, communication better conveys important messages, and;

WHEREAS, Campus Safety should play a significant role in all emergency situations, and;

WHEREAS, the University should seek to avoid inconveniencing its students through miscommunication, inadequate facilities, or any other means whenever possible.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madonna University Student Senate supports the installment of more involved and specific training of Residence Life staff, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madonna University Student Senate supports the establishment of a recognized location to which students may go in emergency situations, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a fire/emergency evacuation drill be performed during the first week of school, so as to adequately prepare staff and students, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new alarm system, that includes consistent noise levels and that alerts the Livonia Fire Department, be installed, and;

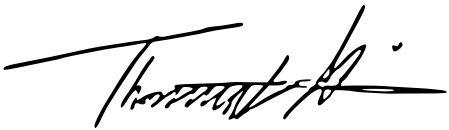
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that emergency generators be employed to avoid further disasters of this magnitude in the future, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a megaphone or PA system be made available, so as to be utilized in the future to better communicate with a large body of students, and;

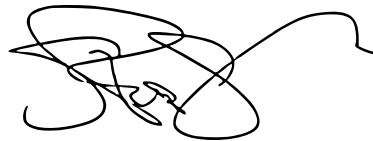
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Campus Safety be sufficiently trained for emergencies of this kind in order to properly act and take on a primary role when situations arise, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Madonna University Student Senate and its members support making these changes to Residence Hall and campus wide emergency protocol, taking into consideration the population it serves and the University community as a whole.

**SENATE VOTE TOTALS:
15-1-2**



**Thomas Martin
PRESIDENT**



**Stefanie Papasoglu
VICE PRESIDENT**