

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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Media Response to Allegations of Hazing at UTC

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is deeply troubled by the allegations of hazing by some of its members at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Delta Sigma Theta has a zero tolerance policy towards hazing. Members are forbidden from engaging in any activity or conduct that could be described as hazing, and prospective members are forbidden from allowing themselves to be hazed. This policy is communicated to members continually and through various means. To ensure that any candidate for membership also understands the policy and Delta's commitment to enforcing the policy, Delta conducts extensive training for the candidates about the policy and has each candidate to sign a statement attesting that she has read and understands what constitutes hazing; that she understands the numerous ways she can report hazing; and that she agrees she will not allow herself to be hazed.

Delta will initiate an investigation into the allegations at UTC immediately, and any members who are found to have participated in hazing and/or failed to report allegations of hazing will be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions. Further, Delta will cooperate fully with the police or prosecutors and University officials.

All members of Delta are fully informed about Delta's zero tolerance towards hazing policy and not only are forbidden to participate in hazing, but are obligated to report allegations of hazing to officers of Delta.

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