

**Public Safety Oversight Committee Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes of
April 27, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Brenda Allen, Russell Carey, Daniel Feinglos, James Green, Matthew Gillette, Christopher Harwood, Bruce Holt, Margaret Klawunn, Thomas Lasater, Stephen Lynch, Mark Porter, John Ryan, James Simmons, and Corey Walker

Guests:

Natalie Basil, Associate Director, Residential Life, and Richard Bova, Senior Associate Dean of Residential and Dining Services

Committee Members Absent:

Bochay Drum, Curtis Harris and Tracey Simon

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes of February 25, 2009 were approved.

Chief's Report:

Chief Porter provided the committee with copies of the following campus reports, statistics and updates:

Campus Crime Update: The campus crime update provided statistics on the number of robberies, burglaries, larcenies and assaults reported to DPS over the previous three-year period (2006, 2007 and 2008) and the first quarter of 2009. A review of the first quarter statistics for 2009 and the same period last year, indicated:

- One robbery, versus none in the same time period the prior year
 - 82% decrease in assaults
 - 31% decrease in larcenies
 - 35% decrease in burglaries
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- **Assaults and Robberies:** The chief provided a breakdown of the number of assaults and robberies reported from January 2008 to April 15, 2009. There were a total of 38 assaults reported and 29 of the victims were Brown students; a total of 14 robberies were reported and included 15 Brown student victims.

 - **Laptop Thefts:** For the first quarter 2009, there was a 37.5% decrease in laptop thefts when comparing 2008 to 2009. There was a total of 92 laptop thefts reported in 2008. There have been 22 laptop thefts reported from January to April 2009, compared to 33 laptop thefts reported during this time last year.

 - **Discussion of Recent Crime Activity and Alerts:** The chief provided an update on a number of recent incidents including:

A community notification was issued on April 8, 2009, regarding a robbery of a male student on Jencks Street near Pratt.

A communication notification was issued on April 17, 2009 to residents of both Emery and Woolley halls due to laptop thefts that occurred in Emery Hall. Both residence halls were notified due to the connection giving access to the entire area. The email regarding the notification went to all counselors related to Emery and Woolley as well as the community director.

Residence Hall Security: The committee discussed the issue of residence hall security, the issue of lost and/or stolen residence hall keys, and ways to prevent unauthorized individuals from gaining entrance into residence halls. The committee discussed various options including installing keyless locks with personal pin numbers and audible door alarms that will sound if left open longer than thirty seconds; installing and utilizing CCTV cameras at the entrances to residence halls; and increasing the number of security guards patrolling the area around residence halls. It was also suggested that the committee look at best practices used at other colleges and universities as well as implementing a student security initiative to get the students perspective and ideas on monitoring the residence halls. It was also noted that students must take more responsibility for their safety by not leaving doors unlocked, not leaving exterior doors propped open or letting other's follow them into buildings (tailgating), and to call DPS when they see any suspicious persons or activity in the resident hall.

First Quarter Stop Data Report: A review of the field stop data report for the first quarter indicated the following:

- 393 Incident reports generated
- 1,008 Building/room unlocks
- 446 Alarms
- 113 Escorts/transport
- 4,467 Building checks
- 16 Investigatory stops of persons

Citizen Complaint Report: The report indicated that as of April 27, 2009, there was one (1) complaint reported. The complaint was in regard to a student's interaction with a Sterling employee who questioned a student about his using a room in the Library designated for persons with disabilities. The findings indicated that the incident occurred, but the employee's action was proper based upon the instructions given to them by the Library staff. The proper procedures have been put in place to ensure this type of encounter does not happen again.

DPS Training Update: The committee received a copy of the training report which included a breakdown of the training provided to members of the department for the first quarter of 2009, and included a list of upcoming training sessions. Three (3) new officers have been hired and two (2) security officers have completed the field training. The chief stated that he is very happy with the current DPS staffing levels and he noted that there are many hours of training provided to new employees.

Community Relations and Outreach Bureau Report: The committee received a copy of the report which provided an update on diversity training, activities, outreach, and crime prevention and communications provided by the department for the first quarter of 2009.

Law Enforcement Technology Initiatives Status Report: The chief provided an update on the status of the communication center project. The communication center project is moving forward, the center will temporarily be moved to the DPS headquarters building at 75 Charlesfield Street. Once the center is relocated, a blue light telephone and signage will be installed at the Waterman Street site. Sterling officers will be assigned to patrol the area.

Additional Items: Graduate Students/Graduate School: The committee will review the list of issues relating to the Graduate School.

Russell Carey informed the committee that today would be the last PSOC meeting for Brenda Allen, who will be leaving Brown to become the new Provost at Winston-Salem University and Daniel Feinglos who will be graduating in May. Russell and the committee thanked them for the many contributions they made to the PSOC and wished them well in their endeavors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geneva Ferrell