

**Public Safety Oversight Committee Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes of
October 1, 2009**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Bochay Drum, Bruce Holt, Elayna Boucher, Evan Holownia, James Simmons, James Green, John Ryan, Margaret Klawunn, Mark Porter, Matthew Gillette, Russell Carey, and Valerie Wilson

Committee Members Absent:

Christopher Harwood, Corey Walker, Curtis Harris, Stephen Lynch, Thomas Lasater, and Tracy Simon

Chief's Report:

Major Crime & Service Response Report: Chief Porter informed the committee that there has been a decrease, across the board for major crimes on campus. In reviewing the statistics, the chief stated that the spike in burglaries in 2008 occurred during April and May and were a result of Laptops and I-Pods being stolen from unattended and unlocked rooms. The department continues to provide awareness to students on the importance of securing rooms and their personal belongings. The Crime Report indicated the following percentage changes:

Robberies:

2006-2007 a 58% decrease, 2007-2008 a 50% decrease, 2008-2009 a 58.3% decrease.

Burglaries

2006-2007 a 3.08% decrease, 2007-2008 a 41.27% increase, 2008-2009 a 57.3% decrease.

Larcenies

2006-2007 a 31.16% increase, 2007-2008 a 1.66% increase, 2008-2009 a 51.1% decrease.

Assaults

2006-2007 a 35% increase, 2007-2008 a 44.4% increase, 2008-2009 a 26.7% decrease.

Investigatory Field Stop Data Report: The chief noted a decrease in the number of field stops reported in 2009. The field stop data report provided a breakdown of field stops by the number of stops, the number of people involved in the stops, by race, gender, day of the week, time of day and Brown affiliation. The report indicated a total of 37 investigatory stops were made with a total of 54 people stopped in mid-year 2009, in comparison to a total of 85 investigatory stops consisting of 130 people during the same time period in 2008. The chief explained that the decrease is part of the overall reduction in crime activity in the community.

Motor Vehicle Stop Data: In January 2008, the Department authorized DPS officers to conduct motor vehicle stops of suspicious vehicles and vehicles posing a danger to the community. The chief noted that motor vehicle stops are the most dangerous stops for officers, for every vehicle stop made, another officer must respond as a backup for the investigating officer. The Field Stop Data Report included statistics for motor vehicles stops with a breakdown by race, gender, Brown affiliation, time of day and day of the week. The 2009 mid-year report indicated a total of 21 motor vehicle stops were made in comparison to a total of 17 motor vehicle stops made in mid-year 2008.

Training Report: The October 2009 Training Report provided a listing of the training provided to DPS officers and staff. The report included all current and upcoming mandatory and specialized training for 2009. The chief noted that with the revamping of the training program in 2006 and the creation of a training coordinator position a great deal of work has been accomplished in this area including enhancements made in file maintenance, tracking and scheduling of department training. It was noted that once completed, training officers will have provided new DPS officers with 3,020 hours of training in 2009. The chief stated that he is pleased with the accomplishments made in this area.

Community Relations and Outreach Report: A review of the September 29, 2009 Update provided an overview of the many activities and community outreach being provided by DPS this year. The chief noted that October is Crime Prevention Month and a new 13 minute Crime Prevention video has been added to the DPS Website. The chief encouraged the committee to review the video and stated that the video can be added to any University Department Website if requested. DPS is also conducting Safety Awareness Programs after hours to accommodate student schedules. DPS continues with the Safety Bulletins, Tips of the Week, Outreach Events and Social Interactions with Students and DPS Officers. The chief stated that he is pleased with the work being provided in this area.

Citizen Complaints: The report indicated a total of Four (4) complaints have been received in 2009. One (1) complaint was exonerated; One (1) complaint was sustained and Two (2) complaints are pending. It was noted that a Citizens Complaint can be submitted online via the DPS Website which includes instructions and a guide to making a citizen complaint. The Citizen Complaint Report is available on the DPS website.

Law Enforcement Technology Initiatives – Status Report: The chief provided an update on the progress of the new DPS communications center. The chief informed the committee that he will provide a demonstration of RAVE, a new safety device being used at other campuses; it's a cell phone application that allows cell phone users the ability to use their personal cell phones as a panic alarm that triggers an alarm with the cell phone user's information at the DPS communications center. DPS is expecting to make the device available to the community this semester.

2009 Annual Campus Crime Report: The committee received a copy of the 2009 Annual Campus Crime Report; the report is produced annually in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Act. The 2009 report provides crime statistics covering the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008. The Report is posted and can be viewed on the DPS website.

Review and Discussion of Graduate Student Issues: There was a brief review and discussion of issues of concern for some Graduate Students living off campus. The list included various building and off campus security related concerns. The issues were compiled and will be emailed to committee members for further review and discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geneva Ferrell