

Public Safety Oversight Committee Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes of
April 13, 2010

Committee Members in Attendance: Russell Carey, Justin Cohen, James Green, Christopher Harwood, Bruce Holt, Margaret Klawunn, Stephen Lynch, Mark Porter, James Simmons and Valerie Wilson.

Committee Members Absent: Bochay Drum, Matthew Gillette, Evan Holownia, John Ryan, Richard Rodrigues, Tracey Simon and Cory Walker

Meeting Minutes: The Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2010 were approved.

Welcome: The committee welcomed new member Justin (Jesse) Cohen to the PSOC.

Chief's Report: Colonel Porter provided a crime report comparison chart for academic year, September thru March for 2008/09 to 2009/10 for major crimes. The chart indicated the following:

- **Robberies:** A total of three (3) robberies were reported in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of seven (7) robberies reported in 2008/09, resulting in a 57% decrease in robberies from the previous year.
- **Aggravated Assault:** A total of two (2) aggravated assaults were reported in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of one (1) aggravated assault reported in 2008/09, resulting in a 100% increase from the previous year.
- **Simple Assault:** A total of six (6) simple assaults were reported in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of fourteen (14) simple assaults reported in 2008/09, resulting in a 57% decrease from the previous year.
- **Sex Offenses:** There was one (1) report of a sexual offense reported in 2009/10 and one (1) reported in 2008/09, no change in the number of sex offenses reported from the previous year.
- **B&E/Burglary:** A total of fifty-three (53) B&E/Burglaries were reported in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of forty-seven (47) B&E/Burglaries reported in 2008/09, resulting in a 13% increase from the previous year.
- **Larceny:** A total of eighty-six (86) reports of Larceny were reported in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of ninety-six (96) reports of Larceny in 2008/09, resulting in a decrease of 10% from the previous year.
- **Motor Vehicle Theft:** There was one (1) report of a motor vehicle theft in 2009/10, in comparison to a total of four (4) reported motor vehicle thefts reported in the 2008/09,

resulting in a 75% decrease in the number of motor vehicles thefts reported from the previous year.

- Laptop Thefts: A total of sixteen (16) laptops have been reported stolen in 2010.
- Monthly CCURE Alarm Chart: Chief Porter provided a Monthly Alarm Chart that listed the total number of Building and Dorm alarms that come into the DPS Communication Center on a monthly basis. The majority of door alarms are activated during the day, they are questioning whether some doors should be alarmed at all during the day, especially in areas where repeated alarms are active due to doors being held open or propped open with an object and it activates the alarm. Chief Porter noted that the high number of alarms is placing a toll on his officers and the department. The department is focusing their efforts in this area and looking at non-priority alarms vs. priority alarms as well as panic, burglary and instruction alarms.
- Citizens Complaint Report: There was one (1) Citizens Complaint filed in 2010, the investigation concluded the complaint finding as Not Sustained.
- Investigatory Field Stop Data Report: The 2010 First Quarter Report indicated a total of twenty-four (24) reports of investigatory stops consisting of a total of thirty-nine (39) persons. The comparison chart indicated a total of sixteen (16) investigatory stops of consisting of a total of twenty-two (22) persons. The Annual and Quarterly Investigatory Field Stop Data Reports are posted on the DPS Website.
- Training Update: The committee received a copy of the Training Update Report for April 2010, listing the various training provided to DPS officers and staff from January to date, as well as a list of upcoming training sessions for 2010. The department currently has two (2) officers assigned to the Providence Police Department's Training Academy and one (1) officer assigned to the RI Municipal Police Training Academy.

Results of Campus Community Survey of Public Safety: The committee received a copy of the 2009 Community Survey administered by the Department of Public Safety and completed last fall by over 2700 students, faculty and staff. The results included the following:

- Over half of the respondents had interacted with DPS officers within the past three years, and 95% were positive about that interaction.
- Well over 90% felt DPS officers were very professional and knowledgeable, and that they received a clear explanation of what was happening at the time of the incident.
- Respondents said DPS officers were respectful to the community, and over 90% were satisfied with the visibility of officers on the street.
- 95% of students, faculty and staff reported feeling safe on the Brown campus.

Most people who interacted with DPS were satisfied with the response and members of the Department of Public Safety were seen as courteous, professional and knowledgeable. Programs highly rated included: Safewalk, R.A.D. Basic Self-Defense Training for Women, Brown Building Security Initiative, and Operation I.D. Respondents noted that they would like to see

more programs about personal safety. A third of the respondents had visited the DPS website; commonly visited pages were the homepage, crime reports, safety tips, and incident summaries. It was noted that respondents felt generally safe at Brown. The Community Survey is available on the DPS website.

Pedestrian Safety Review Update: Margaret Klawunn and Russell Carey provided an update regarding the ongoing work of the pedestrian safety review committee. The committee consists of students, faculty and staff and was formed following the death of a student earlier in the semester in a pedestrian-motor vehicle accident. The committee has focused on two general areas:

- campus infrastructure (signage, crossings, traffic calming, etc);
- education, awareness and enforcement for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The committee will continue to work this semester, with the goal of making improvements in both areas for the start of the 2010-2011 academic year.

CALEA Accreditation Visit Update: The CALEA visit is scheduled for May 1-4, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Geneva Ferrell