Public Safety Oversight Committee Meeting
March 13, 2014
Faculty Club
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Russell Carey, Mark Porter, Bruce Holt, Liza Cariaga-Lo, Charles Carroll, Jarod Ferreira, James Green, Amy Greenwald, L. Peter Gromet, Peter Holden, Margaret Klawunn, Reese Middler, Daniel Resnich-Ault, John Ryan, Timothy Shiner,

Committee Members Absent: Kapil Dev, Aditya Kumar, Kathleen Nelson, Michelle Nuey, Justin Pace, James Simmons.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for November 6, 2013 were approved.

Introductions: Russell Carey provided an overview of the Public Safety Task Force Committee & Interim Report. The February, 2014, assault report involving visiting professor was discussed. Suspects were identified with cameras and arrests were made with jointed efforts between the Brown Police and the Providence Police. Colonel Porter mentioned that the assault was similar to the “knock out game”, best known for in NY. With warm weather coming, we will increase APG Security and will continue to locate best areas for cameras. With DPS and PPD patrolling together, word gets around, hopefully deterring suspects from coming to campus. URC funding was used to improve technology on campus, which includes license plate readers (LPRs). LPRs are used throughout the country. This technology will assist DPS and PPD to identify vehicle patterns on campus; and continue to focus on lighting and educating the community; researching “commercial” campus safety modules, getting all safety information into one application, which would be inviting for students to use.

Question: Will LPRs track stolen cars?
Yes, information from State PD can be transferred into the system.

Question: Would we use to track unpaid parking tickets?
This is not our initial focus, but possibly down the road.

Chief’s report:

Campus Crime and Service Activity Report:

- Calls for Service: (every call that comes into the DPS Communications Center)


Aggravated Assaults: January 2014 to February 2014 – 1 vs January 2013 to February 2013 - 0

Laptop Thefts: 201 – As of February 28, 2014, we have had 1 laptop stolen.

Citizens Complaints and Field Data Reports:
Information posted on DPS’s website - how to file a complaint and what avenues to take if not satisfied.

Citizen complaints data: in 2012- 8 (eight) complaints were filed with 1 (one) sustained, 2013 - 13 (thirteen) complaints filed 1 (one) sustained. Time period January 1, 2014 to February 28, 2014 – 1 (one) complaint was filed with 1 (one) sustained.

Question: Are some complaints dealt with on the Sergeant level? Yes, they are educated on how to deal with these issues.

Russell Carey noted vehicle stops will increase complaints because the community is not expecting this from DPS and this will produce more interaction with non-community members. He also noted that motor vehicle field stops will increase over time in our attempt to decrease robberies.

Field Stop data: January 1, 2014 to February 28, 2014 – 14 (fourteen) total field stops with 23 (twenty-three) persons documented. 50% increase 2013 - 137 total field stops with 213 person’s vs 2012 - 68 total field stops with 125 persons.
Motor Vehicle Stops: January 1, 2014 to February 28, 2014 – 169 motor vehicle stops
Colonel provided several situations for vehicle stops. Revenue does not go to Brown.
Approximately 90% of vehicle stops are traffic related.

Training Report: To-date, DPS has reached all of their goals for hiring and training.
Consistently filling positions, as they become vacant. New hires in 2013: three campus police
officers, two communication control officers, two sergeants and one lieutenant. In spring, the
bicycle review training will be scheduled along with professional development training.
Reached out to RIC and URI and stressed importance of training in order to be an armed
agency.

DPS had a productive accreditation on-site in May of 2013. In November, 2013 DPS was
awarded reaccreditation. Providence Police is currently in their initial phase of accreditation.

Community Outreach: New programs are on-going. DPS has sent out a community survey;
updated website will be launched soon; Facebook; Twitter and Instagram great tool to get
information to community.