



University of Houston
Safety and Security Committee

Minutes
February 5, 2010

1. Fire Safety Update
 - a. Fire Marshal Bob Bowden discussed the daily inspections that are happening on campus.
 - b. He also mentioned the new reporting requirement for residential facilities on campus.
 - c. The State Fire Marshal was in town for an inspection of the university to work on the Annual Fire Safety Report.
 - d. *Have an Exit Strategy* will be gearing up again soon.

2. Blue Ribbon Task Force on Safety and Security Update
 - a. Chief Davis reported on the implementations from the Task Force. He mentioned that he will be making a report to the Board of Regents on the implementations.
 - b. The Department of Public Safety was given \$400,000 to implement some of the recommendations from the task force.
 - c. This fiscal year 5 Police Officers, 4 Security Officer and 2 Kiosks. Chief hopes to have all 5 Police Officers ready by the start of the fall semester. The Security Officers will be needed to staff the Kiosks
 - d. The Safety and Security Committee will receive a copy of this presentation at the next meeting.
 - e. FY2011 recommendations will include 3 Kiosks, increasing the number of security cameras at Cullen from MacGregor to 45 and Wheeler from Spur 5 to Scott, fencing on Cullen near MacGregor to Wheeler which will be open 24/7 with controlled access after hours and fencing along the 43 acre wooded area on MLK.

3. Budget Restrictions for the Department of Public Safety
 - a. The University of Houston will be preparing for a 5% reduction in state funding. At the present time none of the Task Force implementations will be impacted by this reduction. More on this issue will be presented in the coming months.

4. Campus Threat Assessment Conference
 - a. The Department of Public Safety recently assisted with the hosting of Campus Threat Assessment Conference. This conference showed how to deal with situations when students, faculty or staff members act out in a way that is threatening or dangerous. Chief shared some indicators of threaten behavior such as change in appearance, changes in routine or patterns and sudden isolation. When these things occur it is time to contact DPS who can in turn gather the Crisis Intervention Response Team (CIRT). More developments on CIRT will be announced in August.

5. Crime Prevention Program – Vehicle Report Cards
 - a. Chief Davis shared the new Vehicle Report Cards that were created by Police Officer Matthew Wilson. DPS will be using these report cards to raise awareness on campus and give tools to improve crime prevention.

6. Metro Update
 - a. Chief Davis reported on the developments of Metro and how it will impact the University of Houston. Over the next few weeks along Wheeler between Calhoun and Cullen utility work be done. This is expected to impact the traffic flow in and around campus. The Department of Public Safety will post traffic updates on their traffic twitter site. If you have concerns regarding safety and Metro; send those to Ginger Walker (gkwalker@uh.edu) and she will ensure that those concerns are forwarded.

Next Meeting Date:
March 5, 2010, 1:00PM

Location:
Department of Public Safety Building