



University of Houston  
Safety and Security Committee

Minutes  
February 6, 2009

1. Police Assessment Center
  - a. Lieutenant Rita Bazile came and spoke to the group about the recently implemented Police Officer Candidate Assessment Center
  - b. Lieutenant Bazile discussed the three areas covered in the assessment; role play, research presentation and the 15 question interview session.
  - c. Lieutenant Bazile mentioned that new process has given positive results.
2. Press Releases
  - a. Ginger Walker discussed the new website and the items which will be added to the website each week.
  - b. Everyone was encouraged to go to [www.uh.edu/af](http://www.uh.edu/af) and see what new things are developing for the DPS and A&F
3. Car Fire on Campus
  - a. Fire Marshal Bob Bowden discussed the car fire which took place a few weeks ago.
  - b. He mentioned that the probable cause for the fire was the cruise control mechanism. The recent recall of Ford Expeditions, Explorers and F-150's was also discussed. The cruise controller is underneath the break system. When the brake fluid drips on the cruise controller, the cruise controller shorts out and ignites.
  - c. Fire Marshal Bowden asked for suggestions on what would be the best way to inform the campus community about this recall. Information Dissemination Suggestions: Daily Cougar, College/Division Business Administrators, Sporting Events, Place Flyers on all Fords in the Parking Lots, Staff Council, Faculty Senate, Student Government Association,
4. Committee Discussion
  - a. Many of the committee members discussed concern with all the security alerts that have been going out recently. Chief Davis will discuss this issue at the next meeting.
  - b. The classes that UHDPS offers was also discussed. AED, First Aid, CPR, Fire Extinguisher etc.
  - c. With regard to fires on campus; Bob Bowden mentioned that fires have dropped by 100% since the No Smoking on Campus Policy was instituted.