



University of Houston  
Safety and Security Committee

Minutes  
April 3, 2009

1. Security Officer Program Developments
  - a. Chief Davis discussed that the Department of Public Safety was authorized to reclassify three Police Officer positions and create five Security Officer positions. The Police Officer positions that were reclassified had been posted in the HR job sight for over a year. Hiring Security Officers would be more efficient and quickly feasible. The Department of Public Safety received 30,000 calls for service a year; 29,000 of those calls can be handled by Security Officers, leaving the emergency calls to the Police Officers.
2. Burglary of a Motor Vehicle
  - a. Chief Davis shared some of the unfortunate burglary of motor vehicles that happened the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup>. There was no ongoing threat to the community so no security alert was distributed.
3. Frontier Fiesta Follow Up
  - a. The Fire Marshal reported that other than a few tent issues everything at Frontier Fiesta went smoothly.
4. Meeting in May?
  - a. The group approved a May meeting.
5. In Case of Emergency
  - a. The new In Case of Emergency form was presented and shared with the group. Interested parties may obtain one from Ginger Walker.
6. Security Alerts
  - a. The wording on the security alerts has been revised. The alert will have a short synopsis and will include a link to the UHDPS page for details. Student Prince Wilson asked that the location be more visible on the alert as to attract the student's attention.
7. Engineering
  - a. The College of Engineering will be conducting a Campus Wide Assessment on Traffic Safety. They will be reviewing the traffic lights and crosswalks as well as crosswalks without a traffic light.

8. Student Government Association
  - a. The students are concerned about the Light Rail coming on and through the campus. The physical safety at station stops of the students was the main concern. Chief indicated that he would bring up the crosswalks and safety with the administration as soon as it is appropriate.
  - b. There are also concerns about how this will impact parking. Chief said that the plans indicate a start date of 2010 and a completion date of 2012; the new garage will be built and in place before the completion.
  - c. Chief expressed that the representatives of Student Government attending the meetings need to share pertinent information with the representative groups.
9. Fire Marshal
  - a. The Fire Marshal conducted fire drills at the residential facilities on April 1<sup>st</sup> and all went very well.
  - b. The Fire Marshal's office briefly mentioned the new reporting requirements Institutions of Higher Education.
10. Staff Council
  - a. Staff Council did not express any current concerns.
  - b. Chief Davis asked that attention to the need to enter cell phone numbers in PIER from all staff members on campus be addressed at the next SC meeting.
11. College of Business
  - a. Complaints coming in regarding lighting around the parking lots of the College of Business. Chief will check into the lighting near that building.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 1, 2009, 1:00PM  
Department of Public Safety Building