

June 2, 2016

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

1. MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Chief of Police Ceaser Moore, Jr.
- Wayne Brown, Director of Risk Management
- Emily Messa, Associate VC/VP for Administration
- Winnie Zhang, SGA Deputy Chief of Staff

2. OTHERS ATTENDING

- Lt. Bret Collier, UHPD Chief of Staff
- Capt. Russell Miller, UHPD Field Operations Commander

3. COMMITTEE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

- A. Chief Moore discussed the way that the committee was formed, and the importance of the volunteer nature of the membership, as well as the inclusion of several campus constituencies.
- B. Chief Moore gave an overview of the previous committee and its responsibilities.
- C. Chief Moore discussed three primary functions
 - i. Safety escorts on campus

Chief Moore discussed some of the issues with security escorts, and their consecutive doubling in number of the last several years, and the difficulty

caused for the department and campus community, as well as some of the expenses involved with the operation of the program as it is currently.

ii. Police and security visibility

Chief Moore discussed the importance and challenges of maximizing the visibility of department personnel

iii. Operational issues

Chief Moore gave the March 2016 presidential debate as an example of the types of issues that would be discussed with the Safety and Security committee for input in advance of the operation.

Chief Moore discussed that the role of the Safety and Security Committee in the oversight of campus carry issues will also fall under this operational issue umbrella.

4. CAMPUS CARRY

A. Chief Moore discussed that the committee will be responsible for approving exclusion zones for Campus Carry

B. Chief Moore discussed the development of a form for the approval or disapproval of exclusion zones under the Campus Carry policy

Chief Moore tasked Lt. Bret Collier with drafting a form for approval by the group

C. Chief Moore asked the group for input timeframe and methodology for the submission and approval of exclusion requests. The group decided that discussing the requests during meetings rather than trying to collect input via email from the group would be preferable and more efficient, considering the expectation that there will be many requests early in the process.

D. Chief Moore discussed that Emily Messa (present) is responsible for the posted notice aspect of compliance with the law. She estimated that there were roughly 500 locations that might require a posted notice, including temporary locations to be

maintained. Chief Moore discussed the importance of this process to the potential prosecution of violations.

- E. Capt. Miller discussed the secure storage process required by the policy, and how the department will meet those requirements by outfitting a room in the lobby of the station for secure storage. Capt. Miller's outline is included as attachment A.

Chief Moore expressed support for the plan, and gave background on some of the reasons for specific aspects of the plan, specifically the use of biometrics of the gun safes.

- F. Winnie Zhang asked about the length of time for storage in the Secure Storage Areas. It was discussed that there were no existing policy restrictions on length of time for storage, and Chief Moore expressed that he was not inclined to be overly restrictive to the length of time, expressing that
- G. Wayne Brown asked how people will know where to go for storage. Chief Moore advised it was outlined by policy that the primary location will be at the police station.
- H. Winnie Zhang asked about the potential for a storage location at the dorms. Chief Moore said this is not being considered as an option, that a dorm has been designated for residents who wish to carry.
- I. Capt. Miller expressed that he needed to explore getting contact info from people storing their guns. Chief Moore said that it wouldn't be a list or people carrying, rather a group. It was discussed that if people do not want to give ID, that there would be a process for disposing of weapons exceeding the storage timeframe. The group felt that the storage timeframe of 1 year was very liberal, and that it would be a rarity for someone to exceed that period.
- J. Wayne Brown asked about policies on other component campuses. Chief Moore expressed that their policies are similar to ours. He gave an example of UH SL, and advised that there would not be a provision for secure storage there due to the size and specific features of the campus and population.

- K. Chief Moore discussed 3 training components for the community related to Campus Carry
 - i. Armed With Knowledge
 - Training for the community and police and security personnel about the campus carry law
 - ii. Policy training
 - Similar to the law specific training, but addressing the campus policy
 - iii. Implementation training
 - Training in specific areas, such as RA training for residential areas, and training for staff in buildings with exclusion zones
- L. Emily Messa mentioned that contractors in campus buildings will also need training.
- M. Chief Moore asked that the committee attend the policy training when available.
- N. Winnie Zhang asked about mandating training for campus carry training. Chief Moore said that it won't be mandatory as other topics are, but it is covered in new student orientation. Chief Moore mentioned that there is consideration of hand out materials for community awareness purposes. Lt. Collier, Eric Bentley and media will present Chief Moore with a sample pamphlet for distribution.
- O. Emily Messa mentioned that she will add notes from the meeting for consideration in the posted notice implementation process. She also mentioned that she would need feedback from the PD on notice placement for some buildings.
- P. It is Chief Moore's preference to have everything done for Campus carry implementation by July 14th.