



University of Houston  
Safety and Security Committee

Minutes  
July 9, 2009

1. Presidential Task Force on Safety and Security
  - Chief Davis discussed the task force with the group. He shared that they will be looking at criminal statistics, identification for the campus community, card access, barriers to define the campus, etc. Chief Davis asked that if anyone on the committee has any comments or concerns related to the task force that they send those directly to him so that he can share with the task force.
  
2. A&F Committee Kick Off
  - The division of Administration & Finance will be working with the departments within their division to bring awareness to all the committees under Administration & Finance. We ask that if possible come to the event and support your Safety and Security Committee. You will be able to meet other individuals that you represent as a member of the Safety and Security Committee. The time and date of the event will be distributed soon.
  
3. Fire Marshal's Office Update
  - The primary focus is on the opening of Calhoun Lofts. Fire Marshal's Office personnel are working to bring the entire building up to code before it opens.
  - The State Fire Marshal will be visiting the campus August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Administrators are discussing the HAZMAT program on campus and whether or not they will be able to keep the program going.
  - The Higher Education Act will require that fire related incidents be reported annually on dormitories and residents halls.
  
4. Committee Discussion
  - The group discussed the occurrence of fire incidents on campus with Fire Marshal Bob Bowden. FM Bowden stated that the campus has experienced four major fires. Three of the four were smoking related and the other was caused by a candle.
  - The Fire Hydrant System was discussed. The question concerned the processing and testing of the hydrant. Fire Marshal Bowden mentioned that it is the responsibility of the university to check the ones on campus and the responsibility of the city to check the ones on city property. The UH Fire Marshals' Officer conducts tests on the hydrants located on campus.

- The CERT and Student Medical Response programs were discussed. If students are interested in creating a program on campus, then those students would be responsible for the creation and maintenance of that program. Chief Davis would be more than willing to assist the student in any way possible to get the programs off the ground.
- A couple of traffic items were discussed. First was the insertion of speed bumps in front of Moody Towers. Since that entrance is a part of an emergency access speed bumps you not be an options. The second item was the pedestrian crosswalk at Holman and Cullen. UHDPS continues to work with the City of Houston on the problem. The Department of Public Safety is aware of the concerns in that area.
- The Student Government Association *SafeWalk* proposal was presented. The group was informed that the proposal has been shared with the President's Task Force on Safety and Security. The proposal is also being discussed within the Department of Public Safety. More on this program will be available at the next Safety and Security Committee Meeting.

Fall Meeting Dates:

First Friday of the Month at 1:00pm

September 4, 2009, 1:00PM

October 2, 2009, 1:00PM

November 6, 2009, 1:00PM

December 4, 2009, 1:00PM

Location:

Department of Public Safety Building