

**Safety & Security Committee
Meeting Minutes**

May 1, 2015

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I. Call to order

Ceaser Moore, Jr.; Chief of Police called to order the regular meeting of the Safety & Security Committee at 1:06 p.m. on May 1, 2015 at conference room 102E - UHPD.

II. Roll call

Valarie Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Ceaser Moore, Jr. – Chief of Police
Jacqueline Chee – Accountant III
William Ashley – SR. Writer/Editor UIT
Dina Padovan – Police Sergeant, UHPD
Chris McDonald – Fire Marshal
Beth Olson – School of Communication

III. Open issues

- a) Campus Carry Bill

IV. New business

- a) New Security Director (David Christopher De La Cruz) will be starting with UHPD on 5/13/15.
- b) MDA Photo Investigation – Two security officers were seen sitting at MDA viewing inappropriate material. An unknown student photographed this and submitted the photo to social media sights where it was viewed 3,700 times. The photo was also tweeted to the UH President Renu Khator. Both security officers have separated from the department.
- c) Bin in Lot 16B - Bin found requesting valuable items be placed inside as a “preventative robbery measure”. The location is significant due to its proximity to certain areas of campus, and reinforces the perception that the campus is not safe. (Chief referred to another photo recently released on social media of an ex-security officer watching a music video) Social Media creates a new environment for showcasing negative perceptions of performance.

- d) Escort Program – UHPD has completed a one (1) month analysis of the escort program, and will be making adjustments to how we deliver service based on the findings. Most calls are not security related, with the most common reason for calls being that a destination was “too far” or “it was raining.” Chief Moore asked whether or not the escort program should remain a security program or if it should become a courtesy service. Group consensus was that the program should remain a security function and several ideas surfaced for possible remedies:

Chee - maybe we should cover this topic during new student orientation.

Chee - what about getting RA to call?

Chief Moore stated that most schools don't do what we do. Escorts are only done at night, or that we have a student, volunteer escort service.

Ashley - why don't we do that model?

Moore - we used to have a student escort service like that but students are unreliable.

Ashley - I didn't know the escort service had morphed into this.

Chief - we have considered changing the escort service in various ways to capture information (like swiping a cougar card), but what do we do for a student that breaks his or her leg? What about Staff?

Ashley - it may not be as wide spread. What if it was just repeat offenders?

Moore – Unfortunately, it's not, it's wider spread, although we do have some frequent flyers. “

- e) Chris McDonald took the floor to mention the metro drill scenario which will be a propane truck that gets hit by the rail, during a football game.
- f) McDonald also mentioned that the Coreanos Food-Truck was being investigated after a student reported getting sick after from eating from this truck.
- g) Bill Ashley asked whether or not tickets were being given out to students who jump the Metro Rail fence. Chief Moore responded stating that there are certain rules being enforced, but that may not be one of them.
- h) Lastly, a motion was made to move meetings to Thursday's at 11 a.m. All were in favor, and the meeting time was reassigned to the first Thursday of every month.

V. Adjournment

Ceaser Moore, Jr.; Chief of Police adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Valarie Smith

Minutes approved by: Ceaser Moore, Jr., Chief of Police

