

Safety and Security Meeting

Friday September 6, 2013

Attendees: Chief C. Moore, Jr.
Kerry Creelman
Beth Olson
Raul Susmel
Carol Ann Ross
Joe Tremont
Daisy Abayomi

Chief Moore opened up the first meeting of this school year with four concerns:

1. Security Enhancement
2. Accreditations
3. Cell Phone Thefts
4. Timely Warning Notices

Chief Moore told the committee about the cell phone thefts that we have had on campus since the beginning of school. He stated that there have been 5 phones stolen and 2 attempted thefts of cell phones. The suspect is walking up to students and asking them to use their phones just to see what type of phone it is. Once he see what type of phone it is, he will run away with the student's phone while they are distracted. Chief Moore stated the best way to prevent this from happening is to not allow anyone you don't know to use your phone. Chief Moore told the committee it is believed that only 1 suspect has committed all these thefts.

Chief Moore also spoke about Timely Warning Notices. He stated that there are several levels of warnings and it takes a trained individual to know when to put the alert out according to the circumstance. We have to asses if it is imminent danger and therefore they need to act immediately. When an emergency alert goes out it needs to be put out in 30 minutes or less, no longer than an hour.

Chief Moore stated that there have been 2 sexual assaults reported on campus so far this semester. The first one was from an assault that happened over a year ago. The second was recently. A female student was out drinking with some guys and once she was intoxicated, they took advantage of her and assaulted her. Our goal is to get the information and work sexual assault cases without embarrassing the victim.

Chief Moore told the committee that he has been approved to hire 35 new Security Officers within the next 2 months. There should be an increase in Security presence and patrol. Security Officers will go from 75 to 111.

Chief spoke about the incident on Scott and Holman. There was a shooting on the Metro bus and the suspect got off the bus and ran onto the University campus, but was quickly apprehended by Metro PD with assist from U of H PD and HPD.

Joe Tremont, the Director of Environmental Health and Life Safety (EHLS) stated that there are 7,000 fire extinguishers on campus. He stated that there is a need to do fire drills once a month on all buildings. He also told the committee about the new fire simulator for training.