

Security Advisory & Advocacy Committee  
Minutes  
February 10, 2012

Members Present:

V.P. Bernice Lindke, Chair	Interim Chief Heighes – Public Safety
Anita Amrhein – UAW1975	Mark Wesley – Emergency Management
Elizabeth Bucciarelli – Faculty Senate	Bob Goffeney - IT
Michael Powers – SEEUS	Susan Procter – UAW1976

Bernice opened the meeting with introductions for new members. Bernice held a brief discussion on Chief O'Dell's untimely death and how it shocked our community. Interim Chief Bob Heighes discussed the DPS departmental debriefing that was held January 3, 2012. He said DPS members are very supportive of each other and the department is moving forward.

Bernice commented on the cut-outs of police officers which are moved about in strategic places on campus. Ted Coutlish is head of this marketing strategy for TruEMU to promote the Department of Public Safety, and humanize the perception of our officers. These life size cut-outs are of Officer Susan McLennan, Officer Andrea Elliott, and Officer Ken Hardesty. Discussion was held and some reported hearing negative reactions along with comments related to feeling intimidated by these cut outs. Bernice will share the negative reactions with Marketing.

Bernice said that winter term is starting out very quietly, with the exception of the Halle pipe burst. Interim Chief Heighes commented that overall crime is lower by comparison to last year. The recent robbery alert should be updated soon due to camera observations. The CSC (criminal sexual conduct) that happened back in October and recently reported is under active investigation.

Interim Chief Heighes was asked about the "Safety Alerts" that have been going out. He said a safety alert is sent as information for everyone to read. Timely Warnings go out ASAP, as required by the Clery Act. DPS sends out updates/resolutions as soon as information is available to release.

Interim Chief Heighes is working with Echo reporters on an article about making false police reports and the seriousness of doing so. Echo reporters are very active with DPS. The Department of Public Safety will prosecute those that falsify a police report.

Susan Procter asked about the Halle alarms and if there is a concern that the internal speakers would just stop working. Mark Wesley reported that following the full system test conducted on January 27, 2012, individual testing was done on all buildings with the Voice over Fire Alarm capability. Halle was tested on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Emergency Management had two observers in the building for that test; one at the IT HelpDesk area, and another that moved about the area. The observer that was in open areas reported the system functioned as expected but did note that the volume of the message was not as loud as it had been in other buildings. The IT Helpdesk observer did not hear the message in their area. Mark discussed that there are areas of Halle that have only strobes and not speakers, so the message coverage is not 100% in the building. Location and type of alarm box are determined by Physical Plant, not by Public Safety. Public Safety does conduct the testing and makes note of the findings, which are shared with Physical Plant. Building occupants with concerns should contact Physical Plant, Kevin Abbasse, Interim Chief Heighes stated the alarms are tested twice a year (January and September).

Susan Procter asked if there was going to be any lasting tribute planned beyond the memorial services for Greg O'Dell. Interim Chief Heighes responded that the DPS staff discussed purchasing a bench to be placed at the Eagle Crest Golf Course. He wants to check with Eagle Crest to make sure that this initiative will be acceptable to them. Susan asked if it would be possible for the University community to contribute to it. Interim Chief Heighes will update the committee of his finding from Eagle Crest.

Susan Procter asked about the Munson sidewalk grate, as it is getting worse, and the West Circle Drive steaming sidewalk. These two issues are on the Health & Safety Committee's concerns. Kathryn Wilhoff, Chair of the Health & Safety Committee, sent the following updates:

- Munson sidewalk grate has been reported to the Physical Plant. Chris Grant is working on repairs however repairs are more extensive than previously thought and won't take place until this spring. A cone has been placed in the hole as an alert so no one trips or is injured.
- West Circle Drive steaming sidewalk – The Physical Plant is aware of this issue and repair is planned for spring break. This area is currently caution-taped off. They may have to shut down W. Circle Drive for repairs.

***The next meeting is 1pm Friday, March 9, 2012, 1 pm, 217 Halle Library  
(Student Center full)***

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, April 13, 2012, 1 pm, 204 Student Center

Friday, May 11, 2012, 1 pm, 302 Student Center

Friday, June 8, 2012, 1 pm, 217 Halle Library (Student Center full)

Friday, July 13, 2012, 1 pm, 302 Student Center