

Campus Personal Safety Committee End of Year report 2015 – 2016

Meeting Dates: 10/2, 11/6, 2/2, 3/23, 4/13

Members Attending Meetings: Prof. Aaron Heap, Dave Norton, Courtney Volturno-Havens, Tamara Kenney, Jacob Sherry, Alexandra Athens, Sandy Yates and Steve Mott

Conduct an audit of the location, use and effectiveness of all surveillance cameras used for recording and monitoring of public areas for non-instructional purposes and disseminating the results of that audit to the college community.

- Discussions were held regarding the topic of the use of IP video on the SUNY Geneseo campus. Professor Heap submitted for the review of the committee a Surveillance Camera Sub Committee Report. (see attachment) The committee further discussed the result of the report as well as the concept of integrating IP video within the college community In addition we discussed possible ways to determine locations and installation priorities all within the framework of current policy. The committee will continue discussions concerning IP video application and installation

Objective partially met

Coordinate the annual Campus Safety Walk and prepare a report on the walk.

- A Campus safety walk was conducted on Monday, November 9th 2015 at approximately 6:00pm. There were college administrators, faculty, staff and students who participated in the walk. There was a brief address of the group citing the importance of their involvement. The safety walk is held annually and provides participants with the opportunity to point out safety, accessibility and lighting concerns across campus. Approximately 29 members of the college community participated in the event which toured the south side of campus taking note of their observations of lighting that was inadequate or were not working properly, foliage that was in need of being trimmed back as well as grading and refinement of curb cuts and sidewalk areas for improved accessibility. Everyone who participated was present for a common goal that being greater safety, accessibility and improved lighting conditions. All observations were detailed in a separate report (attached)

Objective met

Develop a system for converting campus safety walk observations into Facilities Services work orders as warranted, monitoring the completion of related work orders and providing the President with progress reports on said work orders in January, March and May of each year.

- The committee collaborated with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities to develop a mechanism that would monitor the completion of work orders related to observations made during the Safety Walk. A status update for the first quarter of 2016 was provided to President Battles indicating that almost half of the 31 deficiencies listed have been completed by March 31st. As required a Safety Walk status report for May will be included as a separate document contained within this report.

Objective met

Assess how the opening and use of the College stadium has impacted on campus safety, including pedestrian safety and communicate concerns to Facilities as warranted.

- The committee approached Lieutenant David Schwan, the supervisor having responsibility over Traffic safety for the University Police Department to conduct an assessment of how the opening of the stadium has impacted campus and pedestrian safety. In his response to the committee Lieutenant Schwan indicated that other than the inaugural soccer game where attendance was at capacity the impact on traffic and pedestrian thoroughfares was minimally impacted for other events scheduled throughout the season. The Lieutenant further indicated that since the stadium has become fully operation lighting in and around the area has been enhanced significantly from before and has had a positive impact on overall safety of the surrounding area. Lieutenant Schwan did pass along a recommendation to add bicycle racks at the stadium to accommodate patrons attending events who choose to bicycle in lieu of travelling by other means. Last, it was also indicated that there were no reports of concern that would need to be directed to Facilities Services regarding the venue or surrounding area.
- *Objective met*

Develop and implement a plan to educate campus constituents on the College's University Police forces' preparedness and procedures for addressing active shooter incidents.

- Discussions were held at the committee level with regard to developing a plan to educate campus constituents on the University Police forces' preparedness in addressing active shooter incidents. As an initial part of the plan Chief Kilcullen and Assistant Chief Kenney conducted presentations on this topic for members of the Provost's cabinet as well as Student Association student leadership in an effort to educate attendees and address any questions or concerns relating to the topic. Lieutenants Scott Ewanow and Matthew Austin who are firearms instructors within the department were designated to take the lead in this initiative and have taken an aggressive approach with regard to arranging for enhanced training for our staff on active shooter response protocols so as a department we are much better prepared in event of an incident of this nature. In addition Lieutenants Ewanow and Austin have worked on an outreach strategy to include tabling in high traffic areas, scheduled ongoing classroom presentations during the all college hour as well as responding to individual office and group requests as well. The training will incorporate a classroom presentation; a video that was produced by the FBI entitled *The Coming Storm* which through optics provides the viewer the perspective as though they were on scene. The outreach is slated for full implementation during the Fall 2016 semester.

Objective met

Conduct an assessment of the interior locking capabilities of all classroom doors.

- At the direction of the committee members of the University Police Department led by Lieutenant David Schwan did an assessment of the interior locking capabilities of all classroom doors. The list of Buildings surveyed were Bailey Hall, Fraser hall, Integrated Science Center, MacVittie College Union, Milne Library, Newton Lecture Hall, Schrader Sports and Recreation Building, South Hall, Sturges Hall, Wadsworth Auditorium and Welles Hall. The survey examined the following features of each classroom to include door closures, availability of a 2nd exit, exit by window, mechanical lock, electronic lock, key in lock, no lock, hazardous materials and fixed window in door or wall at entrance. In addition to the assessment that was done by staff from the University Police Department, a sub committee consisting of Chief Kilcullen, David Norton, Sandy Yates and Courtney Havens conducted a site review of several select academic buildings. A copy of the assessment conduct by the University Police Department is included as a part of this report.

Objective met

Miscellaneous Discussions

- Safety of students in 24/7 computer labs, appropriate use of cross walks that was followed by a discussion regarding a goal of the police department to conduct a traffic study of pedestrian crosswalks on campus and the addition of a promotional item in the form of a Safety Folder intended for dissemination to faculty and staff