UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, December 18, 2018

ATTENDANCE

Present:
Chief John Reid, UPD
Tim Sistrunk, HFA
Jen Ross, Staff Council
Marvin Pratt, EHS
Mary Wallmark, Student Life and Leadership
Mike Thorpe, Risk Manager
Sergeant Bryce Davison, UPD
Dr. Ryan Patten, Associate Dean, BSS

MINUTES

• Review of monthly summary of UPD activities for November 2018 (Reid):
  o Qualitative data is recorded through UPD’s work order system.
  o “On view” indicates officer-initiated incidents. Not everything demands an official written report
    but all conversations between officers and dispatchers are recorded in CAD.
  o In November, there were 5 felony reports and 1 arrest.
  o Area checks include building checks.
  o Notice there were 45 door unlock requests over the course of a month.
  o Wallmark: suggestion to provide a comparison to last year’s data or other years.
  o Reid: UPD is currently working on changes for how data is captured. In reviewing the last 6
    months, there are still some categories that need to be updated so that we’re not comparing
    apples to oranges. Chief is working with Shelley Keener to determine overlaps and focus in on
    the 20-50 data points that are most useful.

• 2 new hires will be starting the police academy this year; Haley Gilham and Jon-Mikkal Personius, both
  were students in the CSO program. Sgt. Davison will be their campus liaison as they complete the 12-week
  field training program on campus.

• The Moonlight Safety Walk will be rescheduled in spring 2019. It was previously cancelled due to the
  Camp Fire.

• The Campus Assessment Response and Education (CARE) team completed a 2-day training in November
  2018 at the Student Health Center regarding how to respond to student behaviors of concern and how
  to provide good interventions. We covered protocols and best practices.

• Koffee with the Cops will be rescheduled for spring 2019. This is an event in partnership with AS that is
  held at the BMU and/or Sutter dining where students can have a conversation with a police officer over
a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. In the past this has been a successful way for students and officers to interact. Previously AS provided prompted questions for students to ask and that seemed to open up communication and give ideas for what topics to discuss.

- **Review of current issues facing law enforcement (Reid):**
  - Emailed bomb threats targeting businesses and schools. Some CSUs and a K12 school in Redding were impacted by that but Chico State was not. In those types of situations, there are intelligence sources followed by UPD that are helpful: (1) the FBI crime resource center (informational document that provides risk analysis and intel) and (2) National Situational Information Report (weekly or sometimes daily report).
  - Cal State Northridge received two mass shooting threats during the campus’s finals week. One came in the form of a note; the other in the form of graffiti. Initially, the president at Northridge made the decision to keep the campus open but after receiving pressure from the campus community, made the decision to set up alternative testing arrangements for students for their finals. Systemwide CRU responded with extra patrol. Chief Reid follows and monitors events like this to plan for how Chico State as a campus would respond; he notifies Cabinet and asks that they think about what we would do in similar situations.

- **UPD will participate in upcoming field trainings for response to and control of mentally ill persons.** The California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) is prescribing a number of training actions to ensure operations are best practice. This will include topics such as identifying mental illness and disabilities and using de-escalation strategies. UPD will build a subsequent program to provide training on campus.
  - Thorpe: will this be used for all officers, or just new ones?
  - Reid: all officers as it relates to *Senate Bill 29*. We receive around 8-10 regulation changes each year and it’s important to know what issues are on the forefront so that we can build best practice response protocols. These updates are public information and can be requested from Chief if anyone is interested.

- **Update on recent meetings with executive leadership**
  - On 11/2/18, Chief met with the Academic Senate executive team and Sandy Parsons to discuss the CARE team protocols.
  - In early November, Chief hosted the CSU Police Chiefs meeting. All the CSU police chiefs meet four times per year to work through systemwide issues and discuss best practices.
  - Sandy Parsons and Chief met with Dean Trethewey and the College of Communication and Education to discuss CARE team protocols for responding to students with behavior of concern.
  - Chief will meet in January 2019 with the Provost Advisory Council (PAC) regarding safety trainings.

- **Public Safety**
  - Chief is requesting committee feedback on the security standards document that is being developed by UPD. Our campus does not yet have a robust physical security program, which will include standards for access control and security cameras (funding, installation, repair, approvals, etc).
    - *Action Item: Committee to provide feedback to Chief Reid on security standards document.*
  - Sistrunk: CFA is currently in a ‘meet and confer’ with the Chancellor’s Office about security camera policies. Would our security standards document be embedded in that policy?
  - Chief: likely yes, either embedded or attached to that policy.
  - Physical security including access control and security cameras will be a continued topic of discussion for the Public Safety Committee following the results of the meet and confer.
CRU activity and response during the Camp Fire (Reid and Pratt):
  - On the day that the Camp Fire started, the systemwide CRU team was activated. 35 officers from throughout the state came to Chico to assist. Mobilization occurred quickly, in just 12-24 hours. As the situation evolved and it became clearer that it would be a Chico event, CRU identified the strong need for service and service in reserve at the command post. Search and Rescue teams were still in the process of evacuating. Both of UPD’s officers on duty the night of the fire lost their homes, so there was a great need for relief. The Police Chief and Lieutenant from Sac State immediately drove up to Chico. Eventually there was a need for patrol to prevent looting.
  - CRU’s impressive front-line response for that 5-day period reminded us what a great resource we have with support from this team.