



# UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## MEETING NOTES

September 10, 2019

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### ATTENDANCE

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Present:

Chief John Reid, UPD  
Chris Nicodemus, UPD  
Tim Sistrunk, HFA  
Terrance Lau, BSS  
Marvin Pratt, EHS  
Mary Wallmark, Student Life & Leadership  
Farshad Azad, Azad's Martial Arts and Kinesiology  
Mike Thorpe, Risk Manager  
Durbin Sayers (For Mike Guzzi), FMS

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### MINUTES

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1. Review meeting agenda – first meeting of AY 19/20
  2. Review notes from May 7, 2019 meeting & AY 18/19 summary
  3. Monthly summary of UPD activities
    - Two new officers in final phase of FTO. Both officers are Chico State alums and doing very well in the FTO process. Upon completion, UPD will be at full staffing which will alleviate some OT shifts.
      - i. Staffing is currently: 18 sworn officers; 4 in admin (Lt, Commander & Chief), 5 Sgts, 2 officers in FTO and 7 field officers.
    - Several UPD officers recently assisted with the local fire evacuations via mutual aid with other county agencies.
    - UPD attended a multi-agency active shooter training at Chico High School over the summer, with Chico PD, Chico Fire and Enloe EMS.
  4. Current issues facing law enforcement throughout the CSU system as well as the state of California
    - 5-8 year UPD plan will be laid out for committee feedback. Chief Reid feels UPD is staffed accordingly for day-to-day ops/preventative patrol, but when calls for service come in officers are tied up with reports and unable to provide preventative patrol (walking/driving campus).
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- Wallmark asked how staffing contrasts to Chico PD; per Chief Reid, many of their reports are completed online, as there are no officers available to take the reports in person.
  - Chief Reid explained the types of work officers perform: calls for service & on-view (preventative patrol, traffic stops, etc). Chief feels UPD is under-sourced in regards to serving an educational role: programming, participating in lectures, being present at activities/events.
    - i. Currently there is mandatory OT built into the schedule, which puts a strain on officers.
  - Both recently promoted Sgts will be attending an 80 hr POST Supervisory School; Commander and Admin Sgt have developed a multi-year training plan for perishable skills, continuing professional development and career development.
  - Sistrunk inquired about recent CA state law changes in regard to LE; Chief Reid explained the Use of Force law - POST is in the process of implementing new guidelines, etc.
  - Azad inquired about outside jurisdiction for UPD; Chief Reid explained that UPD has authority throughout the state, but jurisdiction is CSUC property plus a 1 mile radius shared with CPD. UPD can take reports of Part 2 crimes and sometimes assists on city calls as backup.
5. Report on any meetings with Academic Senate, Cabinet, various constituency groups
- Chief Reid explained the recent results regarding a CSU administered, campus-wide survey pertaining to UPD services. With over 1500 responses, there were 2 main points to highlight: Respondents felt UPD was an important part of campus, and respondents felt strongly that UPD staff are professional and responsive. Two low scoring opinions were that UPD officers are not accessible/visible enough, and respondents were not sure of UPD's mission. Chief Reid noted UPD is not as connected as he would like, partly due to staffing, but wants to examine other reasons as well. This opinion may lead to fear on campus, and hopes to bring this perception up.
    - i. Chief Reid will ask for feedback from members/groups to help with this goal.
6. Examine recommendations from the Chief of Police concerning matters of public safety
- With the new semester, campus is seeing an increase in thefts of bike and other property.
    - i. Chief Reid would like to partner with Sustainability on bike rack review; locations, add or decrease, reconfigure, consolidate, etc, as well as add video monitoring to those areas. Chief explained the campus's goal of reducing emissions and keeping bikes off campus core while also reducing theft, and noted he has assigned a Sgt to work with Sustainability on this project.
    - ii. Azad pointed out the poor lighting near some racks. Chief Reid advised this would be part of the assessment and will identify items to bring to budget in spring for next FY, and hopes to get proposals by early spring to set in place with FMS for the new budget.
    - iii. Sistrunk commented that AS may have money for sustainability projects as well.
  - New vehicles: Chief Reid explained new patrol vehicles are on a 7 yr/80k mile rotation. Chief expressed possibility of turning to all electric vehicles in next rotation to help with campus goal of zero emissions. Currently UPD has electric motorcycles (zero emission).
  - Body worn cameras: project moving forward; all officers will have this year to record all field contacts. Data is transferred to DA. All CSU's are mandated by the Governor's office to have these, and Chief Reid feels this is a great tool for LE. Possibility of a demo at next meeting.
  - Less lethal weapon system for resistive arrests: new 40 mil launcher - operates like a gun, with optics like a rifle, but shoots up to 60 mph but shoots a hard foam ball with extreme accuracy. System used by CRU for crowd control. This will allow the cover officer to use less lethal force in dangerous situations, ie: subject with knife. Project is in procurement.

- Shot Spotter: Chief Reid is working with CPD Chief O'Brien on electronic alert system for gunshots; sensors on poles instantly alert PD w/GPS location of shots fired. Would cover 3.5 miles, cost of \$250-\$300k/yr, and will include all of campus & south campus, the Aves & DTA.
    - i) Chief Reid noted that less than 20% of actual gunshots are called into 911. This will allow for immediate and accurate response via GPS similar to cell phones.
    - ii) Azad asked who will fund the project; Chief Reid is speaking w/President Hutchinson but does not have all details yet.
7. Committee members to provide recommendations concerning matters of public safety
- Sistrunk questioned the status of new camera system; Chief Reid noted this has not been signed off yet but is in process. Sistrunk discussed the option of signs advising that the area is under surveillance, and Chief Reid noted they will need to consolidate existing signs and replace.
  - Chief Reid announced his Active Shooter Discussion workshop series, available for registration in CSULearn. Azad asked for a flier to be sent out to distribute to staff/students (emailed to committee after meeting).
8. Adjourn – next meeting is October 8, 2019