



UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

November 10, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Interim Chief Matthew Dillon, UPD
Chris Nicodemus, UPD
Tim Sistrunk, HFA
Terence Lau, College of Business
Marvin Pratt, EHS
Mike Thorpe, Risk Management
Mary Wallmark, Student Life & Leadership
Farshad Azad, Azad's Martial Arts and Kinesiology
Mike Guzzi, FMS
Kiley Kirkpatrick, Associated Students
Curtis Pahlka, Staff Council
Karen Acker, UPD (note-taker)

MINUTES

1. Review meeting agenda
2. Review notes from previous meetings (all notes available to view online; last meeting 12/19/19), introduction of members
 - Due to long lapse between meetings, new Interim Chief Matthew Dillon asked the group for feedback on what types of issues and info they would like to be presented with going forward, and if anyone would like to volunteer to chair the committee in lieu of the COP (who is ex-officio). After discussion, it was decided that AS rep Kiley Kirkpatrick would co-chair with Mary Wallmark as mentor/support. Interim Chief Dillon will present the idea to President Hutchinson to formalize.
3. Summary of UPD activities
 - As discussed at previous meetings, UPD will have fully operational less-lethal 40mm launchers with sponge tip ammo in 45-60 days. UPD will be the only agency in Butte County with less-lethal (other than Tasers) in each unit. Interim Chief Dillon explained the effectiveness and accuracy of the launchers and the importance of officers being equipped with this option especially in light of recent national and local events. The group discussed the reasons for lethal

vs non-lethal options and questions were raised re policy, which Interim Chief Dillon explained can be found on the UPD website, and referenced CA law (AB392) which encourages less lethal.

- Commander Nicodemus gave an update on body cameras, which were introduced earlier in 2020. This piece of equipment has been a great piece of technology and helps with transparency. Questions were raised re PRA's and policy re access by the public to video footage, which Interim Chief Dillon explained comes from the CO (system-wide).
- Interim Chief Dillon expressed his hope to bring a citizen's academy to Chico State, such as he ran at CSU Stanislaus. He is looking at next year due to Covid restrictions, and hopes for input from PSAC and to incorporate faculty.
- Interim Chief Dillon explained the new Presidential Task Force on University Policing, which is in the beginning stages of development and is designed to address policy as viewed through the lens of anti-racism. The task force will have access to all UPD stats and info and will present recommendations to the President and COP. The steering committee has met to begin planning, and the official task force will meet for the first time in Dec.
- Safety Walk: after much discussion re the annual Safety Walk, the group agreed it could go forward with Covid protocols in place. Kiley/AS will work with Marvin/EHS, Guzzi/FMS and Mary Wallmark to coordinate small groups for the event, with a proposed date of 12/03. In early Jan, a virtual debrief can take place to advise the public of the findings and recommendations.
(*Update 11/16/20: Safety Walk to be postponed due to county tier moving back to purple)

4. Current issues facing law enforcement

- UPD investigated an attack on the dept in May, which led to the arrests and subsequent conviction of the three involved suspects. Interim Chief Dillon felt the officers did great work on the case.

5. Committee members to provide recommendations concerning matters of public safety at next meeting

6. Adjourn – next meeting is December 8, 2020