

CPSC Attending:

Marcy Hunt- Co-chair
Betty Brickson
Meggie Kirchner
Clint Culpepper
Keith Kaufman
Dana Walton- Macaulay

Willie Halliburton
Shirley Jackson
Luis Baldera-Villagrana
Cody Graham

CPSC Absent:

Carmen Suarez- Co-chair
Robert Winthrop

CPSC Staff:

Cathy Kirchner
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

Chief Donnell Tanksley
Lieutenant Vince Elmore
PPD Homicide Detectives: Rico Beniga and Scott Broughton

Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) – January 19, 2018

Convened: 1:05 pm

Topic: Welcome and review of meeting notes.

Discussion: The CPSC approved the 12/15/17 meeting notes without changes.

Action: Staff will post the notes to the Committee’s website.

Topic: CPSO/PPB Homicide Detectives Presentation

Discussion: PPB detectives Beniga and Broughton joined the CPSC at CPSO’s invitation to discuss the recent homicide on campus. Although no PSU students were involved, the campus community has been shaken by this event. Since the case was opened, two people have been arrested, one of whom has been charged with murder.

According to both CPSO and PPB, the police response to this even was well coordinated. CPSO officers were commended for responding quickly to the crime and protecting the integrity of the crime scene until PPB officers arrived.

Related to this case, CPSC members had a host of questions, most pertaining to improving campus communications; for example:

- When a homicide happens on or near campus, how should we make information on the case available on campus?
- Should we send out mass email or emergency alert messages?
- What type of communication should go out when the case closes?

- In this type of case, how should CPSO work with the campus media?
- When/if an arrest is made, should an all-campus message be sent out....even when the case is ongoing?

Besides communication questions, CPSC had procedural questions as well; for example:

- Who has jurisdiction when a homicide occurs on campus?
- Should this homicide case be counted in PSU's Cleary statistics?
- In what areas could the cooperation between PPD and CPSO be improved?

Action: CPSO and PPB will continue discussing how best to communicate to the campus when a homicide occurs. Also, the two forces are interested in exploring ways their officers can co-train to improve tactical and crime scene management. Finally, CPSO should implement a CPSC idea to help address the desire for current information by adding an "Information Updated Daily" flag to the communications page of the CPSO website.

Topic: CPSO Update

Discussion: Chief Tanksley presented *Timely Warning Vs. Emergency Notification: What's the big difference?* This article continues the ongoing discussion between CPSO and the CPSC on how best to communicate public safety issues with the campus community. It also triggered further discussion on the CPSC's charge to facilitate public safety educational meetings on campus. Currently, the question is what format these meetings should take. Should they be organized as Town Halls, or in some other format?

Chief Tanksley asked CPSC members what they thought about his hosting a "pop up" office on campus as an informal way to connect with students, faculty and staff. He would also like to invite select groups to listening sessions.

Action: CPSC members registered their support for the Chief's outreach plan. They will also continue to develop their own plan for public safety educational forums.

Topic: CPSO Update Continued

Continuing on the theme of communications, CPSO is being trained on the use of Social Media to enhance public safety. In addition, they are looking at opportunities to become more visible on campus. For example, should CPSO be one of the stops on the campus visits and umbrella tours hosted by university communications? Or should they be more visible at parent and student

orientations? These events are an excellent way to make informal connections.....and to answer the question: what is it like for my child at PSU?

Action: If CPSO decides to begin using social media more extensively, then a student group should be formed to help select the appropriate platform and advise on its design.

Topic: Access Control Policy Update

Discussion: Now that the current draft policy has been approved for stakeholder review, the Policy Writing Team will re-convene to organize this process. The CPSC has called for them to begin stakeholder reviews with the university's locksmith and CPSO's Access Control unit. Once these two groups have reviewed the policy and their feedback has been incorporated into the next draft, the updated policy will go to the Co-chairs for stakeholder reviews with Human Resources and the Office of General Counsel.

Adjourned: 2:58 pm