

CPSC Attending:

Cody Graham (by phone)
Clint Culpepper
Leia Hertel
Marcy Hunt- Co-chair
Alex Herrera

Betty Brickson
Willie Halliburton
Heather Randol
Meggie Kirchner

CPSC Absent:

Amy Donaldson
Keith Kaufman
Robert Winthrop
Carmen Suarez- Co-
chair

CPSC Staff:

Cathy Kirchner
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

CPSO Chief Phil Zerzan
Assistant Chief Vince Elmore
Officer Craig Whitten
CPSO Staffer, Stacie Potter

Campus Public Safety Committee (CPSC) - February 17, 2017

Convened: 1:05 pm

Topic: Welcome and introduction of new student member Meggie Kirchner

Topic: Review of meeting notes from 1/20/17 meeting

Action: The meeting notes were approved without revision and are ready for posting to the website.

Topic: The Chief's report

Discussion: CPSO continues to staff up and is on track to have enough sworn officers to provide 24/7 coverage by July 1. Three officers are currently training at the Police Academy with one more to begin soon. While officers are at the Academy, the number of public safety officers on campus is reduced.

Assistant Chief Elmore spoke of his community outreach work, particularly with international students who have concerns about the Trump administration's recent executive order on immigration. Most of the questions coming from these students have to do with PSU's status as a sanctuary campus: i.e. what does sanctuary status mean for students, what protections does it provide, etc. He also talked about a collaboration with OHSU around gun violence as a public health issue. The collaborative -- which includes faith-based organizations -- will be hosting a large community meeting on this subject in April.

Regarding community engagement, a CPSC member is working on an outreach presentation and would like to use photos that show the diversity (especially female officers) of CPSO.

Action: CPSO to provide photos.

Topic: In response to a CPSC request for information, Chief Zerzan compiled and shared total CPSO service call data (disaggregated by type) for 2016. From 1/1/16 to 12/31/16 CPSO responded to 3363 service calls.

Discussion: The committee reviewed the data and asked a clarifying question pertaining to Clery reporting categories. Also, several categories sparked conversations about how CPSO was responding to specific service call types as well as community resources that were available to students and others in need. For example, in response to a question about the “Community disruptions, Drugs, Mental Health” category of the service calls data, a CPSC member talked about the roll-out of UNITY, a new mental health facility in N.E. Portland. UNITY is a collaboration of OHSU, Legacy Health, Adventist Health and Kaiser Permanente. At 80 beds, UNITY will not increase the number of beds available for patients, but it will facilitate triage and referrals, by centralizing services.

Action: Staff to post service calls data to CPSC Website.

Topic: Locks on Classrooms briefing paper

Discussion: The CPSC workgroup on Classroom Locks presented a summary of their research, findings and recommendations. Discussion focused on push button locks (and portable barricades) on classroom doors. Chief Zerzan expressed concern that push button locks and portable barricades would complicate the work of first responders, since they would need to breach a locked door (could be several) to get to victims and/or a shooter. In contrast to locking doors, U of O active shooter trainings have focused on access control. Also, they have emphasized faculty/staff/student trainings on how to shelter in place. The theory being that these trainings may give faculty/students/staff more knowledge about how to protect themselves, thereby increasing their confidence to do so...which may be the most effective deterrent of all.

Umpqua Community College’s legislative ask for additional security funding was discussed. Chief Zerzan noted that the Umpqua ask was denied by the legislature, but that a higher education taskforce has been convened with representation from throughout the state to develop a more comprehensive state-wide ask. If funded, PSU would receive \$800K in new money to improve campus security.

At the conclusion of this discussion, the Co-chair asked if the Chief had ideas for other ways we could secure classrooms; short of locking them. Chief Zerzan responded that in his opinion, the best strategies were preventative. That threat assessors should collaborate in three specific areas:

- Early identification (of potentially violent individuals)
- Prevention (through deterrents such as access control)
- Intervention (through sworn officers on campus)

In Chief Zerzan’s experience, active shooter situations did not just happen, there was a long ramp up to the violence during which the three strategies listed above could be utilized.

Topic: Access Control Presentation (Craig Whitten and Stacie Potter, CPSO)

Discussion: CPSO has two full time employees working on access control. CPSO's plan is to perfect access control to buildings such that individual students and employees will have their access limited to their work and scheduling needs (for employees) and buildings and classroom needs (for students) depending on their academic schedule.

Because it is a repository of information and PSU's motto is "let knowledge serve the city," there is sentiment on campus that access to the library should be the same for community members as it is for enrolled students. In the past, library hours have varied and more recently, it has been open until 12pm. Due to an increase in assaults and other dangerous behaviors, the VP FADM has decided to close the library to general admission at 9pm, after which it would only be open to those with id card access.

VP FADM Kevin Reynolds would like the CPSC to discuss the issue of access control to buildings in general, and to the library in particular. Questions Kevin would like CPSC Feedback on:

- What does the CPSC think about open access in the library? Is 9 pm the right time to go to access control, or would another time be better?
- In general...how "far down the road" should PSU go with access control?
- How do other libraries deal with access control and security?

Action: CPSC to discuss access control in general and library access in particular.

Action: Staff to post the Whitten and Potter access control powerpoint to the CPSC website.

After the CPSC has had an opportunity to deliberate, Kevin would like to revisit the access control issue (especially with the library) and have a longer/deeper talk with CPSC about it. Also, both Chief Zerzan and VP Reynolds would like the CPSC to do a building by building analysis of access control. Specifically, they want the CPSC to opine on whether the timed opening and closing of individual buildings should change...and if so...to what?

Action: Staff to acquire library study VP Reynolds referenced in discussion (see Emma Stocker in Emergency Management) as well as a master list of the buildings and their access control schedules (see Whitten and Potter in CPSO).

Old Business: Security Cameras on campus. VP Reynolds would like the Committee to review the security camera standards and policies used on campus....see Officer Whitten for standards.

Adjourned: 2:40 pm