

UPSOC Attending:

Michael Alexander
Thomas Lockett
Julie Caron – Co-Chair
Andres Guzman
Michael Walsh
Yolonda Salguiero – Co-Chair
Clint Culpepper
Jill Townley
Christopher Carey
Zachary Mettler
Constantin Severe
Jay Auslander
Eduardo Chavez - Solis
Amy Ruff
Antonio Recillas

UPSOC Absent:

Joshua Childs
Dana Walton-Macaulay

UPSOC Staff:

Teresa Niedermeyer
Mark Wubbold

Guests:

CPSO Chief Halliburton

University Public Safety Oversight Committee (UPSOC) – March 18, 2021

Convened: 3:02 pm (via Zoom)

Topic: Review of meeting notes

Discussion: The February 18, 2021 meeting notes were approved as written.

Topic: Chief’s Report

Discussion: Chief Halliburton’s monthly report covered the following topics:

Personnel

- Current officer applicants are completing their pre-hiring evaluations. Chief Halliburton is awaiting the results of medicals before making hiring offers. He plans to hire three of the current candidates.
- One of the Public Safety officers has left to pursue other opportunities.
- The new Security Manager is doing well.

Action: For next month’s agenda, Chief Halliburton would like to introduce the manager to UPSOC.

Policies

- Chief Halliburton and Lieutenant Modica reviewed CPSO's policy changes with their peers at the Portland Police Bureau (PPB). The review is in preparation for signing a service agreement. Due to the complexity of the agreement, instead of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), PPB has asked for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The IGA will need to be presented to - and approved by - the Portland City Council.

UPSOC Q: Does PSU have an MOU or IGA with OHSU? Should we?

A: There are a couple of areas an MOU would be helpful with OHSU: sharing the cost of training and having access to healthcare and mental healthcare resources that could augment our own. Chief Halliburton expressed an interest in exploring this idea.

Administrative

- CPSO has made the promised uniform change, eliminating the tactical outer vest, and returning to wearing an interior flack-style vest only.
- Lieutenant Modica has been very effective in his mentoring and administrative role. His help has enabled Chief Halliburton to focus on Chief-level work; Halliburton would like to extend his contract.

Topic: CPSO's Annual Public Safety Report

Discussion: Chief Halliburton presented CPSO's annual report. It covers operations, personnel, training, Cleary statistics and service call data, use of force incidents (if any), complaints (if any), and community engagement.

Due to Covid, the report included several significant changes from last year, for example:

- CPSO's internship and ride-along programs were suspended for the year.
- Only two Student Ambassadors were hired.
- Vandalisms and break-ins were up.

UPSOC members had the following questions about the Annual Report:

Q. Why does CPSO report separate categories for stops and arrests?

A. This is a requirement of national Cleary statistics reporting.

Q. Are student stops referred to the Dean of Students?

A. No – if they involve criminal activity and are not related to student conduct.

Q. Who decides the race for reporting purposes when a person is stopped?

A. When people are stopped by CPSO officers, they are asked their race. If they do not respond, or refuse to share this information, their race is categorized as "unknown" for Cleary purposes.

Q. Can the race categories be expanded?

A. There is interest in expanding race categories, but this would have to happen at the institutional level.

Q. Can the gender categories also be expanded? Right now, they are limited to male/female?

A. Yes. Global Diversity and Inclusion will be sharing additional gender categories with CPSO soon.

The annual report listed two use-of-force incidents. UPSOC members had the following questions about these incidents:

Q. When a use-of-force incident occurs, who decides whether use-of-force was warranted within policy?

A. CPSO, with review and recommendations from the UPSOC subcommittee on use-of-force.

Q. Is the use-of-force incident description language taken from the after-action report?

A. Yes

Q. When an officer handcuffs a suspect for their own safety, or the officer's safety, does this trigger a use-of-force report?

A. Whenever handcuffs are used to restrain a person, it is considered use-of-force and requires a report.

Other CPSO business:

- Due to personnel shortages, officers will continue to patrol with firerms until new officers are hired.
- Command staff are not patrolling with guns.
- Covid reduced community engagement. An UPSOC member stated they knew of more orientations of international students than were listed in the community engagement data.
- Chief Halliburton will provide UPSOC with a new liaison officer soon.

Action: UPSOC Training subcommittee has requested a meeting with Chief Halliburton to review manuals and ask questions.

Topic: Redline Policy Review

Discussion: The full committee reviewed policies in Use of Force sections 300.2.1 through 318.2. Many suggestions were offered to clarify the language. The UPSOC co-chairs will discuss these suggestions with Chief Halliburton and Lieutenant Modica. The full committee was not able to review all the redlines in the section before they had to adjourn. The Co-Chairs asked them to continue the review on their own and submit their suggested edits no later than Monday 3/22.

Adjourned: 5:02 pm