

**Personal Safety Committee**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Chief Jerry Schoenle, Nicole Volo, Ken Hood, Kathleen Murphy, Bob Innes, Anna Sotelo-Peryea, Toby Shapiro, Sherri Darrow, Mary Clare Fahey, Jane Fischer, Tracey Eastman, Jim Guy, and Shannon Gehen.

I. Lighting Concerns

- a. 19 blue light phones are up and working on the South Campus along with several cameras operating
  - i. New screens added to UPD dispatch to monitor
- b. Emergency notification signs are being placed at the radio tower
- c. Campus lights have been made vermin proof
- d. Hamilton and Audubon light is the only campus light that the switches have not been changed over
- e. Coventry and Millersport light needs to be replaced – working with NYSDOT
- f. Question raised regarding how signs will be worded notifying people of the new security cameras.

II. Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones

- a. Verizon has sent over a list of suggested payphones on campus be eliminated due to low usage
  - i. Committee will over look list and give their thoughts on which phones may or may not be a good idea to eliminate

III. Violence Prevention Team

- a. Universal screenings for sexual assault
  - i. Helps catch cases that would otherwise go unreported
  - ii. Helps to unite survivors and offer additional help
- b. A meeting will be held with the Erie County Crisis Team
  - i. Will talk about possible additional collaboration with various groups involved in process (i.e. police, DEA, lab techs, etc)
- c. Suicide prevention week is this week (9/9-9/13)
  - i. “Missing from the Pack” exhibit displayed
    1. 83 backpacks decorated to represent the 83 student deaths a year due to suicide
    2. Additional information and activities are set up in the Union this week to try to engage students
- d. Alcohol EDU
  - i. Getting a “clean list” of freshmen has proven to be difficult (add/drop, siblings, etc)

IV. Anti-Rape Task Force

- a. Shuttles were running opening weekend
- b. Walk stations opened last week
  - i. This is the soonest that either have been up and operating for the semester
- c. Shuttles will run Sunday – Wednesday, 8pm – midnight and Thursday – Saturday 8am – 1 am
- d. Sign fixtures have been places in various locations on campus
  - i. Will place information in holders once Parking and ARTF schedules are finalized
- e. Take Back the Night will be held Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
  - i. It will be an outdoor event unless it rains.
  - ii. In the process of finalizing plans
- f. The ARTF is now equipped with push to talk cell phones

V. Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee

- a. Safety Fair had a large turnout

- i. Gave out 600 meal tickets and 250 reusable mugs (best way to estimate number of students in attendance)
  - ii. Steady flow of people all day long
  - iii. Room Burn was a popular event
    - 1. Smoke detectors and evacuation information given
- b. Did a Burn demonstration for R.A. training two weeks ago
- c. Was involved in the International Student training, Farmers Market, and Fallfest
- d. Has been speaking with students about problem landlords and passing information on to the students about where they can go for help
- e. Working on refining the Tent Permit Policy
  - i. Documenting clear sites for tents
  - ii. Clearing New sites
- f. Off Campus Student Task Force
  - i. Niagara U has joined along with the Niagara Falls Fire Department

#### VI. University Heights

- a. Great success with students announcing parties on Facebook
- b. Top 10 problem properties
  - i. Housing judge issued warrants
  - ii. Blitz with building inspectors on properties should occur this week
  - iii. Midnight Movies
    - 1. Saturday nights at the Amherst Theater
    - 2. First 200 students in free, all other students after that \$5 each
    - 3. 91 students participated this past Saturday

#### VII. Other Business

- a. More parents attended Orientation this year than in the past
- b. The State Fire Marshall will begin his inspections today
- c. UBreathe Free begins this semester
- d. University Libraries are working to enforce study zones this semester (group, quiet, and mixed)

**The next meeting will be held  
Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in 142 SU.**