

Personal Safety Committee

September 11th, 2007

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Gerald Schoenle, Ken Hood, Toby Shapiro, Renee Greene, Sherri Darrow, Mary Clare Fahey, Marilyn Kramer, Jane Fischer, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The South Campus Security Assessment is completed. A comprehensive installment of lights will begin to take shape soon as well as security cameras. A North Campus lighting project will begin once the South Campus has been done. A lighting tour will be scheduled after November 3rd.
- II. **Safety Survey** – No new updates.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – Included in the South Campus assessment was the replacement of all blue light phones.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – More questions were added to the College Health Assessment to cover the issues of any unwanted sexual advance, not limited only to rape. Percentages are low, 4% of men and 8% of women who took the survey experienced any unwanted sexual occurrences in the last school year and 43% of those incidents were on campus. Suicide prevention week is this week. There will be strength screenings and discussions and also ongoing training. There are also wellness grants for student groups. AlcoholEdu was implemented again this year, including transfer students. Statistics show that attitudes were changed and students made healthier choices. The Men's Program will come to UB in the beginning of October to educate men, students and faculty, and women about sexual assault. Chief Schoenle brought up the idea of having a counselor on campus to talk to sexual assault victims who make reports to help them to prosecute their assaulter.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – Van service started last night. The UPD is providing drivers and navigators. There was a lot of interest in volunteering this semester compared to others. Questions were brought up about extending the vans hours till 2am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Maybe after Thanksgiving break if there is enough man power they will be open later during exam weeks. Walk stations will be open by the last week of the month. They received new vests and signs for the stations. Take Back the Night will be held on October 18th, the first planning meeting will be this Friday at 1:00pm. There will be a training session for responsible/sensitive journalism in late October.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – No new updates.
- VII. **University Heights** – Parties were the main complaint of the University Heights residents the first few weeks of school.
- VIII. **Safety Fair** – No new updates.
- IX. **Other Business** –
 - The University Police Station went through an assessment and it is found to be too small for such a police force. The University is in need of an emergency center and an updated communications center.
 - Chief Schoenle would also like to see a more visible Police Sub-Station on South Campus
 - Lockwood library will open next week; Capen and Lockwood are not fully completed yet. Computer based info kiosks will be available. Security swipe cards, cameras, fire alarms and tv monitors will be installed.
 - The Parking department is thinking of moving the visitor parking lot on south campus due to the lack of visitors parking there.