Division of Finance and Administration

Campus Safety Overview

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Department of Public Safety

- Full-service law enforcement agency dedicated to the safety and security of the University community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

- The first internationally accredited university law enforcement agency in North Carolina - Only five universities are currently accredited in the state, and only 64 universities hold this distinction nationwide.

- 207 permanent employees (including 53 sworn police officers) and 127 temporary employees (including 20 sworn reserve police officers).

- Community Oriented Policing department - create and foster problem solving partnerships to address crime, fear of crime, and other public safety issues.

- Statutory jurisdiction on all property owned or leased by the University, and on all roadways the pass through or border those properties. Extension of jurisdiction allows response to crimes that occur in an officer’s presence while on duty within a defined downtown area, gives city-wide jurisdiction during joint operations and training with CHPD, and primary jurisdiction at Granville Towers.
Areas of Responsibility

• Emergency Preparedness
• Patrol
• Investigations
• Security
• Special Event Operations
• 911 Communications
• Crime Prevention
• K-9
• Clery Act Compliance
• Parking Services
• Transit Services
• Transportation Planning
Charge:

1. Evaluate current policies and practices on the campus and system levels.
2. Gather and evaluate best thinking and practices.
3. Develop recommendations for system-level policies, tools, and training.
4. Identify solutions that result in consistent and effective responses and awareness across each campus.
5. Address role of alcohol and drug use.
6. Evaluate and improve responses to sexual assault and other violent crimes.
7. Identify resources needed for implementation.

Work Groups:

- Campus Public Safety
- Security Reporting and Awareness
- Responding to Offenses Against Persons
Campus Public Safety Work Group

- Review policies/procedures for criminal investigations of offenses against persons.
- Evaluate relations with campus community, local law enforcement and other entities.
- Identify needs for education and training.
- Assess staffing & resource needs for campus law enforcement
Security Reporting and Awareness Work Group

- Evaluate approaches to gathering, classifying and reporting crime and security information.

- Consider need for ensuring accurate and timely reporting of campus crime and security information, with particular focus on compliance with federal requirements.
  - Review how campuses fulfill obligations
  - Evaluate need for system-level policies or procedures
  - Identify best practices, systems, and procedures

- Review compliance and auditing practices.
Responding to Offenses Against Persons work Group

- Review system-level policies for due process.
- Consider impact of new state law requiring campuses to permit attorneys to “fully participate” in disciplinary proceedings.
- Evaluate interaction with criminal justice procedures.
- Consider role of students in hearing disciplinary cases.
- Review investigative procedures and qualifications of investigators.
Initiative Deliverables

- Single report, including recommendations and resource needs.
- Presentation to the Board of Governors.