University Town Hall Meeting on Campus Safety

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UCR Safety Town Hall Meeting

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Crimes, Arrests – Data from January 2013 to Present

- Since January there have been four robberies on campus property and nine near campus (on city property).
- Nine of those 13 cases have been solved. Eight suspects were arrested and booked into jail. The remaining four cases are under investigation.

Beginning in January, UCR has taken several actions to address this unprecedented level of criminal activity. Police Chief Lane will discuss these actions later during the Town Hall presentation.
Law-enforcement officials from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., are again sounding an alarm over mobile-phone thefts, demanding that the wireless industry, resellers and lawmakers take new steps to quash the thriving black market for boosted devices.

San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón recently held an acrimonious conference call with the nation’s largest wireless carriers and their lobbyists. “They refused to even entertain the idea of a technological solution to this,” Gascón said about the February call. “I told them in no uncertain terms that I believed they were motivated by profit and not social responsibility.” He plans to meet this week with representatives of Apple, maker of the iPhone, which is a major target of cellular thieves, to press his case for new technology that would allow phones to be permanently disabled after a theft.

In Washington, police chief Cathy Lanier says new federal laws are needed to mandate that all wireless carriers participate in new database systems that make it difficult to resubscribe stolen phones to cellular service. She is also pushing to shut down third-party buyers and resellers of phones, which she blames in part for a recent uptick in...
University Task Force on Safety – Charge:

- To review and comment on existing UCR programs, initiatives, and efforts to provide a safe and secure campus environment. **COMPLETE.**

- To provide specific comments on UCR’s and the City of Riverside’s various partnerships to provide safety and security in the areas immediately surrounding the campus.

- To provide specific comments on UCR’s physical environment, campus policies, and other areas where safety might be enhanced.

- To provide specific comments on safety related communications and messaging and ensuring campus faculty, staff, and students are aware of and utilize all resources available to them to enhance safety.

- **To prioritize any and all observations, thoughts, and input and communicate which potential actions might have the greatest benefit in addressing those areas that pose the most significant risk to the UCR community.**
University Task Force on Safety – Timeline:

- April 2\textsuperscript{nd} – \textit{First Task Force Meeting}
- April 4\textsuperscript{th} – \textit{UCR Safety Town Hall Meeting}
- April and May – \textit{Task Force Meetings, Second Town Hall Meeting (May 14\textsuperscript{th}), and Prioritization of Findings}
- End of May / Early June – \textit{Submission of Task Force Report to Chancellor and Provost and the Development of an Action Plan}

As the University Task Force on Safety considers various ideas to help ensure the safety and security of campus faculty, staff, students, and visitors, \textit{it is important to note that UCR is responding immediately (and has responded immediately since January) to crimes and other campus safety and security issues.}

The Task Force web site is http://safety.ucr.edu/taskforceonsafety/
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- **Increased UCPD Patrols**
  - Extra officers (both reassignments and on overtime basis) are saturating impacted areas.

- **Bicycle Patrols**
  - 24 Hour Bicycle Patrols in the impacted UCR Housing areas.

- **Partnership with City in Response to Recent Incidents**
  - UCPD and RPD have partnered to identify, arrest and file charges on individuals connected to robberies and burglaries committed on and near the campus.

- **Partnership with the Surrounding Community**
  - UCR and apartment owners are meeting with law enforcement to consider joint actions.
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- **Enhancements - Lighting/Visibility, Signage**
  - Replacement of stairwell lights in campus bldgs. with longer lasting LED lighting.
  - Night time lighting is being reviewed and will be improved where needed.
  - Foliage and shrubbery pruning along sidewalks to increase openness, light levels.
  - New illuminated directory signs are being designed and will be installed over the next several months.

- **Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) Outreach to Faculty/Students - Discussions about Possibilities**
  - Campus is reviewing options for a new campus / neighborhood van system to drop students off at apartment complexes (in the evenings). Also planning for enhanced campus bicycle protection program.
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- **Implementation of Open Area Cameras**
  - A new open area camera system was installed in cooperation with City of Riverside with planning completed for the addition of several additional cameras.

- **Communications Efforts**
  - New public awareness efforts launched, focusing on pedestrian safety corridors, and personal safety actions that can be taken.

- **Establishment of UCR Task Force on Campus Safety**
  - Meetings begin on April 2nd with a Town Hall gathering on May 14th; the Task Force will produce a report prior to the end of the Spring quarter.
Questions, Discussion, and Dialog

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