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Re: 2007 Public Safety Status Report

USF Leadership Team:

In order to provide critical campus-wide information about all aspects of campus safety by means of periodic crime bulletins and emergency preparedness updates, the following informational format was developed. This installment reflects the status of campus safety for the calendar year 2007. This information will hopefully continue to serve as a proactive means to inform the university community regarding crime conditions on campus and the extent of services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Our vision is to create a culture of personal accountability surrounding crime prevention and emergency preparedness.

USF Department of Public Safety Staff:

- 13 Full-time uniformed officers
- 7 Part-time uniformed officers
- 4 Full-time dispatchers
- 3 Full-time community service officers

We staff a minimum of 2 public safety officers, 1 dispatcher, and 1 call taker 24/7.

All public safety officers and dispatchers have completed a California accredited academy.

All of our reserve officers are active SF Police Officers or SF Sheriffs.

Many of our full-time officers are retired California Police Officers.

All of our uniformed officers have full arrest powers on duty per our memorandum of understanding with S.F.P.D.

Statistics for Public Safety (patrol, dispatch, and parking and transportation) from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.

Total documented calls for service by USF DPS Dispatch Center – 48,204

Service Related Incidents: Major Categories

- Alarm Related Incidents (audible, silent, fire, etc.) - 1,786
- Medical Escorts - 120
- Safety Escorts - 889 total
 - Male - 186
 - Female - 680
 - Walking – 19
- Business Money Escorts – 553
- Disability Escorts – 1,464
- Lockouts – 1,726
- Passing Calls – 12,669
 - Visits by patrol officers to specific locations (i.e. residence halls, parking lots, special events, etc.)
- Campus Shuttle Requests – 5,990
- Investigate 2911 hang ups - 560

Crime Related Incidents: Major Categories

- Burglaries-28 (total in 2006 - 13)
- Calls for Parking Violators – 1,259
- Citations Issued – 5,762
- Disturbing the Peace - 186
- Drug and Alcohol-Related - 78
- Incident Reports **made by officers** - 470
- Robberies - 0
- Sexual Assaults – 1
- Aggravated assaults - 0
- Suspicious Activity – 1,294
- Thefts - 158
 - From building (over \$400) - 25
 - From building (under \$400) - 21
 - From locked vehicle - 4
 - Stolen Vehicle - 5

These statistics indicate a normal crime pattern on a relatively low- crime campus. Assaults and robberies are down, but burglaries and thefts have increased. The following service related incidents are up: passing calls by officers to residence halls and other university buildings; parking citations and safety escorts are up. Many of the thefts that did occur over the past year were preventable. The chances of theft increase dramatically when valuable property is left unattended while leaving an office or residence hall room door open.



Although we have no recorded robberies in 2007, robberies in the past have generally occurred on major transportation arteries near campus (i.e. Golden Gate, Turk, Fulton, McAllister). Suspects are usually teenage or young adult males and females in groups of three to four. Most of the robberies occur after dark. These suspects are opportunists and there is no evidence that USF students, faculty or staff are being targeted.

Most burglaries and thefts are preventable. Chances of becoming a victim of a burglar increase if you leave a window or a door open without properly securing it.

We are currently working with a consultant in conducting a comprehensive campus security survey. Our attention is focused on lighting, landscaping, locks and security cameras. After reviewing the completed report, we intend on creating a long-range strategic implementation plan that will allow our community to collaboratively adapt quickly to safety and security challenges posed in the 21st century.

We continue to aggressively pursue the most effective methods and techniques in which to keep our community aware and prepared for a man-made or natural catastrophic event. We are working with departments within the university and the City and County of San Francisco in order to develop, test, and maintain emergency notification systems. Personal awareness and preparation remains the cornerstone of our strategic plan.

We hope you have found the information provided in this letter of interest and helpful. If you have any ideas as how we might better serve the needs of our students, faculty and staff, please contact me. Have a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Safety