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Re: 6 month USF Crime Report

USF Community:

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 in the fall of 2006 with the intent it will be produced and distributed at least twice every academic year. This is the second installment of the '06 – '07 fiscal year. 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 December 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

Total Calls for service – 23,946

Service Related Incidents: Major Categories

- Alarm Related Incidents (audible, silent, fire, etc.) - 812
- Medical Escorts - 59
- Safety Escorts - 1,567 total
 - Male - 90
 - Female - 418
 - Walking – 13
- Business Money Escorts – 242
- Disability Escorts - 804
- Lockouts - 760
- Passing Calls – 5,753
 - Visits by patrol officers to specific locations (i.e. residence halls, parking lots, special events, etc.)
- Campus Shuttle Requests - 3,437
- Investigate 2911 hang ups - 238

Crime Related Incidents: Major Categories

- Burglaries-13 (total in 2005 - 57)
- Calls for Parking Violators - 793
- Citations Issued – 4,087
- Disturbing the Peace - 86
- Drug and Alcohol-Related - 42
- Incident Reports **made by officers** - 224
- Robberies - 0
- Sexual Assaults – 0
- Aggravated assaults - 1
- Suspicious Persons - 179
- Thefts - 57
 - From building (over \$400) - 3
 - From building (under \$400) - 5
 - From locked vehicle - 1
 - Stolen Vehicle - 5

These statistics indicate a normal crime pattern on a relatively low- crime campus. Over the past six months, calls for service were up by 2,500 calls, burglaries are down, robberies are down, thefts are down, disturbing the peace calls are down, and drug and alcohol related calls are down. The following service related incidents are up: passing calls by officers to residence halls and other university buildings; parking citations have doubled over the past six months; safety escorts are up. Most of the thefts that did occur over the past six months were preventable. The chances of theft increase dramatically when a laptop is left unattended while leaving an office or residence hall room door open.



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Most of our robberies (we average about two per semester) occur in 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 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 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 summer.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Safety