

Personal Safety Committee

September 9th, 2008

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Gerald Schoenle, Todd Kamenash, Nicole Volo, Marilyn Kramer, Ken Hood, Sherri Darrow, Bob Innes, Jim Guy, Toby Shapiro, Mary Clare Fahey, Jane Fischer, Michelle Kleinfelder

- I. **Lighting Concerns** – The lighting corridor on South Campus is in the works. Lighting in parking lots on both North and South Campus has been changed. Signals are being updated. Pre-inspections are taking place at the Downtown campus. There were some security cameras already in place. Security cameras for the South Campus should be installed by the end of November/December.
- II. **Safety Survey** – No new updates.
- III. **Blue Light Phones/Campus Pay Phones** – The updates of the Blue Light phones should be done at the end of October or early November.
- IV. **Violence Prevention Team** – The Wellness Team and the Men’s Group will be at the Safety Fair tomorrow. They will be handing out nicotine patches and also educating students on responsible drinking. About 2,800 out of 3,000 students have completed the first part of AlcoholEdu. This should be the best survey sample to date. This week is Suicide Prevention Week and the Wellness Team is doing a program called “Missing from the Pack.” They will be putting backpacks all around UB to symbolize the 83 deaths in New York due to suicide.
- V. **Anti-Rape Task Force** – The shuttle service is up and running from Thursday through Sunday, they should start running every day this week. Walk stations are to start Monday, September 15th. Students need to be trained first for the walk stations before they can begin. Contact Nicole or Jane if any students are interested in volunteering or work study. The ARTF is looking into getting cell phones in the vans so that students do not have to call before 2pm for a ride. The ARTF is teaming up with the Wellness Team for education programs. RAINN Day, the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, will be in the Student Union on September 25th from 11am-4pm. Take Back the Night will be on Tuesday, October 14th.
- VI. **Fire & Life Safety Subcommittee** – Fire drills have started, although compliance is not where it should be. The off campus student task force is working with local programs to develop safe housing. The smoke detector giveaway has begun, although there has been problems contacting the students who signed up. There will be a Dorm Room Burn at this year’s Safety Fair. The RA training over the summer had two dorm room burns, one with a sprinkler and one without. Off campus living has a new website: offcampusliving.buffalo.edu with improved features and additional information.
- VII. **University Heights** – There has been a slow decrease in students living in the University Heights. Chief Schoenle is meeting with the Buffalo Police Commissioner to talk about the problems in the Heights. Mary Clare is working with the neighbors in helping them report crimes better, there will soon be a hotline they can call and a website with an incident report form on it that they can fill out. One of the bigger problems is identifying who lives at the problem houses. The Buffalo Police Department is breaking up Maevisparties.
- VIII. **Safety Fair** – The Safety Fair will be on September 10th in the Student Union from 10am to 2pm. There will be a Dorm Room Burn, smoke detector giveaways and the NYS Police plan to bring their rollover simulator.
- IX. **Other Business** –
 - Libraries: There have been no big issues so far. Some of the libraries’ study space has been decreased. The consultant that did the exterior assessment to the South Campus is now doing an interior assessment and can probably help with the space concerns in the libraries.

- University Police: Because of the incidents on and around South Campus University Police stepped up its D Line shift from Monday-Friday to everyday. They also have tables in Harriman Hall and Goodyear to give out information and be more visible.
- The University Police are also having a Citizens Police Academy starting October 15th which will be about 2.5-3hours long and maybe 6-7weeks.
- Lt. Urbanek will also be at the Gloria Parks Center for a safety lecture.

The Next Meeting will be October 14th at 9am in 250 Student Union.