

Police Advisory Committee Meeting
October 10, 2007

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 Sharin Nakayama Stephen Port Angie Snider
 Dal Toruno Harold Tyler ASO Representative – Bessie Coronado

The meeting began at 1:40 pm.

The minutes of the July 11, 2007 were approved as written.

Fall 2007 Semester Update

Parking at the beginning of the fall semester was typical. The lots were filled to capacity at four weeks into the semester. Cadets hand sold daily parking permits in addition to the sale of permits from parking permit machines. Campus Police staff assisted students with parking, and the students were allowed to parked in unmarked stalls that did not impede emergency vehicle access. Sales of hand sold permits eased the congestion at the parking permit machines.

Construction Update

Plans for the parking structure in Lot H have been approved by the State of California Architecture Office. The bidding process will begin in December. When a contractor is chosen, construction will start in late March 2008. It will be a 5-story structure. An intersection with traffic lights will be installed at the entrance/exit at Lot H/F and Crenshaw Boulevard.

During the summer, an official Drop-Off Zone was constructed in front of the Administration building at Crenshaw Boulevard. Additional signage is needed. President Fallo requested to have this area monitored to ensure that no construction vehicles parked there.

Until construction of the Central Plant building, which houses the boilers, etc., is completed, access is limited to pedestrians only. Vehicle access is prohibited.

Police Officer Applicants

When Interim Chief of Police Stephen Port arrived in June, a new police officer candidate was in the final hiring stage. However, the candidate was not hired. A retired Redondo Beach Police Department officer was hired to do background checks on new police officer candidates. Background checks have been completed on two police officer candidates. They must pass a psychological and physical exam. It is anticipated that they will start working within a month. There are two other candidates who will have background checks done.

New Training for Police Officers

Officers from El Camino Police Department are participating in training in the areas of CalGang, TRAP (Auto theft) and narcotics thru local South Bay law enforcement agencies. Training in these areas will give officers exposure and experience that are not dealt with on a daily basis.

Officers in our neighboring law enforcement agencies will also learn from El Camino College officers.

El Camino College Compton Center Police Dept. News

During the past few months, the El Camino College Compton Center Police Department has gone through a feasibility study of their personnel and equipment. Captain John Skipper is coordinating the study. Within the next month, negotiations will begin. Officers at the Compton Center PD will be applying for the position, and it is anticipated that this will not happen before January 1, 2008. The El Camino Police Department will be extending our radio signal to the Compton Center Police Department.

Recent Crime Incidents

There were three car thefts that occurred on weekends during swap meet parking at Lot L. Cell phone robberies have increased because it is easy to change the phone user by using a SIM card. The robberies occurred around the peripheral areas of the campus. No weapons were involved. The phones were snatched by force, and there were no serious injuries.

A 19-year-old non-student, who is a member of the Bloods Gang, came to campus looking for his ex-girlfriend. He found a friend of his ex-girlfriend, lifted his shirt and flashed a gun handle. Ten minutes later, the victim came to the police department. The police department tracked down the suspect's location and obtained an arrest and search warrant. An El Camino police officer, partnered with a Compton Center police officer, drove to the suspect's location and arrested him. A replica weapon was found and identified by the victim as the weapon that was used. The suspect was booked at the Torrance Police Department.

There have been approximately three replica handgun arrests on campus within the last six months. The replica guns function the same way as a real gun but are BB guns or pellet guns.

Round Table

Harold Tyler – Officers responded to the Student Development Center when a student damaged an oak chair. The student reacted this way when he discovered that someone stole his game out of his backpack. He will be advised to make restitution and might be suspended.

El Camino Compton Center notified El Camino Police Department about the dance a couple of days before it was held. Due to the short notice, only three officers worked at the dance. Sometime during the dance a rumor was spread that someone was going to shoot-up the place. Forty five minutes later shots were fired into a car. No one was injured. At 3:00 a.m. the victim went to the Long Beach Police Department. The suspect has been identified, however the victim declined to prosecute. The suspect is a member of the Southside Compton Crip Gang. Officers did a good job. Dr. Fallo suggested that future dances should end at 12 midnight instead of 1:00 a.m. in the morning.

Patricia Gebert – Can the police department continue to monitor Lot C and advise the cosmetology students not to pull-up into this lot in the morning? This usually occurs around 8 am and 4:30 pm, the starting and ending time of the classes. Students are currently advised by faculty that they are not allowed in Lot C. Dal Toruno will ask officers to patrol that area in the mornings and cadets in the afternoons.

The meeting ended at 2:20 p.m.

cc Dr. Thomas Fallo
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