Campus Safety

Board of Trustees, November 18, 2010
What has changed since last fall?

- More reporting to parents: Crime Alerts
- Increase in certain types of crimes
A Three Year Comparison

Campus District Crime (August 19 – November 12)

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What has changed since last fall?

• More reporting to parents: Crime Alerts
  – 12 on Urbana campus
  – Nine on ISU campus

• Increase in certain types of crimes

• Change in the nature of some crimes
  – Random
  – Violent
Recent Incidents

• Groups of men assaulting individuals walking alone (41 since Aug. 15, 2010)
• Peeping Toms (seven since Jan. 2010)
• Assault in Forbes (one)
Common misperceptions

• Crime is up in the residence halls
• Champaign-Urbana is much less safe than campuses of our peer institutions
Around the Big Ten
Three Year Comparison

Numbers include only aggravated assaults, forcible sex offenses, and robberies on public property.
Common misperceptions

• Crime is up in the residence halls
• Champaign-Urbana is much less safe than campuses of our peer institutions
• We aren’t taking this seriously and/or we aren’t trying creative solutions
• We aren’t catching any criminals
• All we do is issue drinking tickets
What we’re doing

- Putting more officers on the street
- Increasing the use of technology
- Increasing security measures in residence halls
Campus Police Response

- Unlimited overtime has been in place since September
- Hiring three more officers
- Installed dozens of additional cameras in the Campustown area
- Undercover patrol
- Working with Champaign, Urbana, County and State police to increase patrols, investigate these crimes and address these incidents in the long-term
- Consulted with FBI
- Arrested 25+ suspects in these cases, including three this week
Campus Police Response

- Worked with the Mass Transit District to access their cameras
- Increasing student patrols and extending the program hours
- Working with Dean of Students on additional programming and public education efforts (encouraging students to “look out for each other”)
University Housing Response

- Immediately locked all exterior doors 24/7
  - (interior doors are always locked 24/7)
- Worked with police to hold meetings for students
  - Aggressively promote SafeRides/Walks
  - Discuss dangers of holding doors open for others
University Housing Response

- Increased student patrols in residence halls (9a – 5p)
- Installing locks on all bathroom-shower room doors
- Installing cameras in commons areas and exterior doors of halls
- Increasing privacy in shower stalls
University Housing Response

- Hiring security firm (for 10p – 6a patrols)
- Scheduling more self-defense classes in halls
- Created a task force to conduct a full scale review of Housing security
- Building the “community” watch approach
University Housing Response

- Create an on-going safety campaign with a “call to action” for students
- “I-Watch: A Community that Cares” is being implemented across campus—high level of student involvement
- T-shirts that feature different student communities—“I-Watch for Nugent Hall”
- Academic Deans and the faculty are being asked to participate
- Faculty will be asked to include safety information on syllabi, in their Powerpoint presentations and to talk to students about safety
- Posters in the MTD buses
- Re-distribute safety whistles and cards
- Safety posters and information in campus bars
- Participating in “Enough is Enough,” a nation-wide safety campaign in the Spring
Resources for Our Students

- Safety education during Welcome Week
- SafeRides
- SafeWalks (recent donation from Mom’s Association for $10,000)
- Self-defense classes
What We’re Asking Students to Do

• Use SafeRides/Walks
  – (211 escorts in Fall 2009; 459 through Oct. 31, 2010)
• Walk in well-lighted areas
• Immediately report anything suspicious to the police (“if you see something, say something”)
• If you feel threatened, yell or blow a loud whistle
• Pick up a safety whistle at the Student Services building
What We’re Asking Students to Do

• Be aware of your surroundings
• Avoid levels of intoxication that will leave you vulnerable and unaware
• Be cautious at ATMs
• Take our self-defense class
• Lock your doors
What We’re Asking Students **NOT** to Do

- Don’t be afraid to call police, even if you’ve been drinking
- Don’t disable the security systems we’ve put in place
- Do not let anyone walk into a hall on your “swipe”
- Do not go out alone at night
- Don’t use your MP3 player, cell phone, etc. while you’re walking
- Do not display valuables
Where We Are Now

• Working with Champaign Police on crimes against people in the campus area
• Continuing to investigate the assault in the bathroom at Forbes (40 leads)
• Continuing stepped-up patrols
• Continuing increased security measures in residence halls
• Continuing to work with Champaign, Urbana, County and State police
• Launching promotional campaign to encourage students to follow safety precautions and look out for one another
Your Questions?