

Campus Public Safety News
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The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) and the College and University Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) are encouraged to share the following information with their members:

Homeland Security

UK Airline Plot

As most of you are aware by now, there is no known nexus between the recently foiled plot to use improvised explosive devices on flights from the United Kingdom to the United States, and the 11 missing Egyptian students bound for Montana State University. All 11 students are now accounted for.

Under separate cover, I forwarded to IACLEA and the IACP Section an analysis by the DHS Office of Bombing Prevention of the explosive materials purportedly to be used in the airline plot.

Security officials in Britain are now saying that campuses are their biggest security threat.

Buffer Zone Protection Program

DHS recently released guidelines and the application kit for the FY 2006 Buffer Zone Protection Program and Chemical Sector Buffer Zone Protection Program. The documents are available at www.rkb.mipt.org using a keyword search for "BZPP" and "Chem-BZPP."

Please note that states may restrict eligibility for these and other DHS grant funds.

Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)

DHS recently launched the application period for the FY 2006 CEDAP, which transfers technologies directly to smaller jurisdictions and eligible metropolitan areas.

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Professor Leaves Bombs Behind

A former professor of Criminal Justice at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania has been arrested and charged with three felony counts of manufacturing and possessing facsimile weapons of mass destruction. The professor claims that he made the bombs for a World War II battle re-enactment and carelessly left them behind when he moved from his apartment.

Texas City, Texas Explosion

A Texas City community college student was killed while attempting to manufacture TATP in his apartment. An associate was injured.

University of Michigan

Staff at the University of Michigan football stadium recently received Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training from the University Department of Public Safety, the Michigan State Police, and the Michigan Citizens Corp. The training is designed to enable citizens to provide critical support to emergency responders in the event of a disaster.

Fraudulent Law Enforcement Credentials

The FBI Criminal Investigative Division issued an Intelligence Assessment entitled, "Fraudulent Law Enforcement Credentials Pose a Significant Security Threat." The *Sensitive But Unclassified* document is available through Law Enforcement Online. Over the past several years, U.S. law enforcement agencies have identified or intercepted inbound international shipments of high-quality fraudulent law enforcement credentials and badges. Also, the Internet fosters the manufacture and sale of high-quality counterfeit identification.

Monitoring Law Raises Concerns About Privacy and Costs

An article in Kansas City.com points out that a federal law that will bring the war on terrorism to college campuses "...is sparking concerns on two fronts. College administrators are bracing for potentially millions of dollars in unbudgeted costs to comply with expansion of the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. The measure, which will make it easier for law enforcement to eavesdrop on e-mails and Internet-based phone calls, also is raising concerns about privacy among students and faculty."

Study Abroad

An August 8, 2006, article in the Washington Post reports that during the 2003-04 academic year, almost 175,000 college students received credit abroad. The article does not address the security concerns many of you have raised about students studying abroad.

Missing Iraqi Students

Two Iraqi students participating in a world leadership conference at the George Washington University in early August went missing. According to Chief Dolores Stafford, the students have been located in Colorado.

FBI Phoenix Division Vulnerability List

The FBI Phoenix Division's Field Intelligence Group recently issued its prioritized sector vulnerability list. Two of the top ten concerns are educational facilities and large venue facilities.

Protect Your Workplace Campaign

The FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have teamed up to produce the "Protect Your Workplace" Campaign. This is an awareness effort that currently consists of four posters and a brochure.

For more information, please go to: http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/distributable.html#work

Education Sector Government Coordinating Council

The U.S. Department of Education and DHS are negotiating an agreement to create a “modified” Government Coordinating Council (GCC) for Education under the auspices of the Government Facilities GCC, which is administered by the DHS Federal Protective Service. Formerly, the Commercial Facilities GCC covered education (K – 12 and higher education).

Stay tuned!

Balancing Security and Academic Freedom

In June 2006, Centredaily.com published remarks by Graham Spanier, the President of Penn State University and Chairman of the FBI National Security Higher Education Advisory Board, on the subject of security and academic freedom.

See <http://www.centredaily.com/mld/centredaily/news/opinion/14845101.htm?template+conte>

Crime Prevention and Control

University of Maryland Police Using Segway Human Transporters

NetworkWorld.com published an article on August 15, 2006, describing the University of Maryland’s use of Segway Scooters. The article is entitled, “Watching Inches Above the Crowd,” and can be found at <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2006/081506-watching-inches-above-the.html>.

Officer Safety Alert

The Salisbury (MD) Police Department recently encountered laser pointers that look very much like a 2” revolver. The cylinder does rotate. Several comparable items were on sale for \$2.00 at a flea market in Delaware.

DC Police Urging College Students to Stay Alert

An August 21, 2006, article in Examiner.com describes steps being taken by the Washington Metropolitan Police Department to get college students to take more responsibility for their own safety. The article does not indicate whether this proactive initiative is being coordinated with the campus public safety agencies in the District of Columbia.

Campus Cops Get Ticketing Power Restored

State and community college police soon will be able to ticket drivers for moving violations based on a new law signed by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Approximately two years ago, the state Registry of Motor Vehicles stopped giving citation books to campus cops based on the Registry’s interpretation of state law at the time.

The new law does not apply to police at private colleges.

Possible Prostitution Ring Operating at the University of Memphis

According to wmcstations.com, it's called the "glory-hole" in a men's bathroom at the University of Memphis. One person stands on one side of the hole, and someone on the other side performs a sex act for money.

According to Public Safety Director, Bruce Harber, the situation is episodic and his officers attempt to address it proactively and, when necessary, reactively.

North Georgia College Professor Arrested

A summer-term North Georgia College & State University professor was recently arrested on drug charges and fired by the school. Following a traffic stop, authorities found about five ounces of marijuana in the professor's possession. This arrest involved collaboration between the campus police department and the Appalachian Drug Task Force.

Ohio University Suspends Two Over Hackers' Theft

Ohio University officials suspended two information technology supervisors over recent breaches by hackers who may have stolen 173,000 Social Security numbers from school computers.

University of New Hampshire

The Summer 2006 edition of the IACP *Big Ideas for Smaller Police Departments*, includes an article written by the Chief of the Durham (NH) Police Department. The Chief talks about the special challenges associated with a town dominated by a state university.

Campus Cops take Their Work Personally

This is an excellent article to motivate your staffs. The article describes the work and attitudes of police officers at Pikes Peak Community College and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

See <http://www.gazette.com/display.php?id=1319016&secid=1>

ASU and Phoenix Police Team Up for Downtown campus

The above-referenced article is published on the Arizona State University Web Devil site at <http://www.statepress.com/issues/2006/06/15/news/697014&print=yes>

NYPD Training Center Mockup of Oklahoma University

The NYPD Counterterrorism Training Center includes a mockup of a "... messy University of Oklahoma dorm room where a 21-year-old student made the device he used last year to blow himself up."

See <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/local/v-pfriendly/story/415535p-351151c.html>

Officer Safety

The FBI Las Vegas Division issued an Intelligence Bulletin entitled, "Letter Announces Formation of a Motorcycle Club to Kill Law Enforcement Officers." A letter received by the Las Vegas Metro Police Department claims that the Mjahdin (sic) Motorcycle Club was formed because of perceived harassment by law enforcement and its mission is to kill law enforcement officers.

The Intelligence Bulletin appears to implicitly cast doubt on the credibility of the threat.

For more information, please contact the Nevada Regional Intelligence Center at 702-636-4413. The Bulletin is *Law Enforcement Sensitive*.

I hope this information is useful to you.

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