

## **Campus Public Safety News**

### **February 1, 2007**

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

#### *2006 Review*

The partnership between the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and campus public safety grew stronger in 2006. Here are a few of the accomplishments that resulted from that partnership:

- In August, FBI Assistant Director, Louis Quijas, briefed Director Mueller on the top three priorities for the Office of Law Enforcement Coordination over the next 12 to 18 months. Further enhancement of the relationship between the FBI and campus public safety was one of the three top priorities approved by Director Mueller. The FBI Campus Public Safety Initiative includes, but is not limited to the following elements:

Increase the number of campus public safety executives participating in the FBI's InfraGard Program.

Increase the number of campus public safety executives enrolled in the FBI's Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC) Law Enforcement Alert Message (SLAM) System.

Increase the number of campus public safety command level officers participating in the FBI Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP).

Increase the number of campus public safety officers who are members of Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTFs).

- IACLEA is now disseminating the report entitled, "Campus Public Safety Preparedness: Lessons Learned from Hurricanes and Explosives." This report memorializes the lessons identified through the Lake Charles Listening Session, a forum supported jointly by DHS and the FBI.
- The FBI Campus Public Safety Coordination Group (CPSCG) was formed in November 2006. The CPSCG, which meets bi-monthly, was created to help ensure coordination of effort and consistency of messages between the FBI and institutions of postsecondary education. Each FBI component represented agrees to keep one another informed, de-conflict as needed, and to leverage one another's resources to the extent desirable and feasible. The Group's first product was an InfraGard marketing statement for campus public safety executives.
- Also in November, Steve Healy, Chief of Police at Princeton University and President of IACLEA, and Adam Garcia, Chief of Police at the University of Nevada – Reno and General Chair of the IACP College and University Police Section traveled to FBI Headquarters for a very productive meeting with Director Mueller and Assistant Director Quijas.

### **South Carolina State University**

According to the January 9, 2007, Washington Post, South Carolina State University will host the first debate of the presidential election cycle in April 2007. The 90-minute debate at the historically black college will be televised live nationally by MSNBC.

### **DHS University Network Summit**

In March 2007, the Office of University Programs, Science and Technology Directorate of DHS will conduct the *First Annual DHS University Network Summit on Research and Education* in Washington, D.C. The Summit will include presentations and discussions on the university-based Centers of Excellence research areas including: Studies of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism, and Preparedness and Catastrophic Event Response.

### **DHS Buffer Zone Protection Guidance and Application Kit**

The following Infrastructure Protection Program Guidance and Application Kits are available on the DHS Office of Grants and Training web site at [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants\\_ipp2007.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_ipp2007.htm)

Intercity Bus Security Grant Program

Buffer Zone Protection Grant Program

*Crime Prevention and Control*

### **McNeese State University Embezzlement**

Following an investigation by the FBI and the McNeese State University Police Department, a former employee of the McNeese Federal Credit Union pled guilty and was sentenced to 51 months in prison for embezzling \$783,985.97 from credit union customers' accounts. The employee targeted 16 accounts which were rarely accessed, but maintained high account balances.

### **Bishop State Community College Theft**

An Alabama prosecutor and the FBI have charged 13 people with stealing approximately \$56,000 in federal financial aid and sports-program money from Bishop State Community College. The persons charged include the women's basketball coach.

### **Guilford College Assault on Palestinian Students**

As of January 26, 2007, a total of five football players at Guilford College in North Carolina were charged for their alleged roles in beating three Palestinian students on campus. The victims were left with concussions, a broken nose, and a broken jaw. Some of the assailants are reported to have been drinking and to have uttered racial and ethnic slurs.

As of this writing, it is my understanding that the investigating agencies are experiencing difficulty with evidence.

### **North Carolina Conference on Campus Safety**

Two hundred officials from university and community college campuses across North Carolina met on January 26, 2007 at East Carolina University to discuss how to improve student safety. IACLEA President, Steve Healy, was a keynote speaker at the conference, which included the topics of student background information and criminal background checks; information about violence, rape and stalking; and the role of technology like facebook.com and myspace.com.

Two students were killed at the University of North Carolina – Wilmington in 2004, and a graduate student was killed in January at North Carolina Central University.

### **Marquette Chief Requests Sex Offender Data**

“Unlike state schools and local law enforcement, Marquette lacks access to sex offender registry data that would keep the school aware of offenders moving into the campus area,” according to the Marquette Tribune. Fortunately, the Marquette Chief of Police, Larry Rickard, was named to the Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council Special Committee on the Placement of Sex Offenders. In this capacity, Chief Rickard represents all non-sworn public safety departments in the State. He wants to make more information about sex offenders available to private universities.

### **Marquette Officer Catches Real Chili Thief**

That was the headline in the January 12, 2007, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel electronic NewsWatch. A Marquette University public safety officer captured a robber as he fled a Real Chile restaurant with money early in the morning. The apprehension followed a foot chase.

### **Brown University Laptop Thefts**

The Providence Police Department and the Brown University Department of Public Safety are jointly investigating a rash of thefts of laptops from cafes surrounding the University campus. The thefts occurred late afternoon on Thursdays and Fridays, may have involved the same suspect, occurred at Starbucks and Coffee Exchange, and evidently involved “snatch and run” tactics. The laptops were in use when they were stolen.

### **Gun Replica Prompts Arrest, Lockdowns at UC Davis.**

University of California – Davis police officers arrested a senior mathematics major on campus after receiving several conflicting reports about a male subject wielding a rifle in the Mathematical Sciences Building. The student brought a replica of the rifle he uses as a Reserve Officer Training Corps student to a professor’s office. Initial 911 callers confused the arrestee with another student who had “problems” in the math department and was scheduled to meet with a Student Judicial Affairs Officer at about the same time. The arrestee was charged with displaying a replica firearm in public, an infraction that carries a \$100 fine.

### **Almost 100 Dead in Campus-Related Fires Since 2000**

According to firechief.com and Campus Firewatch, there have been 99 campus-related fire deaths in the United States since January 2000. Almost 90% of these fatalities have occurred in off-campus and Greek housing. Causal factors and prevention steps are enumerated at [http://www.firechief.com/news/campus\\_fires011807/index.html](http://www.firechief.com/news/campus_fires011807/index.html)

### **Kentucky Governor Appoints Task Force on College Campus Safety**

Kentucky Governor, Ernie Fletcher, has appointed a task force to conduct a comprehensive examination and evaluation of campus safety by reviewing the adequacy of safety and security standards at all public and private postsecondary institutions throughout the Commonwealth. The task force will be chaired by Gail Minger, whose son, Michael, died in a dormitory fire at Murray State University in 1998.

“The mission of the task force includes developing recommendations for legislation; developing policies and initiatives for heightened security and safety for the protection of campus residents, facilities, and the environment; and establishing broad systematic initiatives that will enhance safety and security across the commonwealth’s campuses.”

### **Super Columbine Massacre RPG Computer Game**

According to the January 18, 2007, Washington Post, a controversial computer game based on the Columbine High School shootings in 1999, has been removed from the Slamdance Guerrilla Gamemaker Competition in Salt Lake City. The festival’s president yanked the game because it was “a little too radioactive for the lawyers.”

The game is available online as a free download.

“The game has been controversial for its very existence, as well as for the fact that **Kimveer Gill, a Montreal gunman who went on a shooting rampage last year before killing himself, was a fan.**” [emphasis added]

Remember Dawson College?

*Other News*

### **Clemson University Names New Chief**

Clemson University has named Johnson Link Jr., as its new police chief. Chief Link currently serves at Tri-County Technical College. After starting his law enforcement career in 1978 with the City of Clemson Police Department, he rose through the ranks to become chief.

### **New Chief at Miami – Dade College North Campus**

Congratulations to Therese Homer, the new Director of Public safety at Miami – Dade College North Campus. Homer, a former Atlanta Police Officer, is the first female Director of Public Safety at the College.

### **Adam Garcia Named to Governor’s Transition Team**

Adam Garcia, Chief of Police at the University of Nevada – Reno, and General Chair of the College and University Police Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) was named to the transition team for Nevada Governor, Jim Gibbons.

I hope this information is useful to you.

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