

**Campus Public Safety News
March 2006**

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

Duke University

On Tuesday, March 14, 2006, the Duke University Police Department sent an electronic message to the College and University Policing Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) trying to ascertain if any member agencies were aware of their schools receiving a letter purporting to be an intelligence report about a Pakistani who might try to gain admission to the school in order to carry out an attack. Specifically, the letter was sent to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Economics Department at Duke indicating that an individual by the name of Syed Basit Aly (sic), who worked for the State Bank of Pakistan and who is allegedly funded by terrorist organizations, would try to gain admission to the school and make "a concerted effort to blow up your campus."

Duke University PD is working with the FBI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation. I was just advised that the FBI Boston Field Division, Springfield Resident Agency is working on a similar letter.

You are encouraged to remind your admissions offices to report any threatening communications to your agency. If your agency becomes aware of any such communications, please notify your local FBI field office immediately.

No further information at this time.

Mars Hill College (NC)

The U.S. Secret Service seized a computer from the dorm room of a Mars Hill College student after he posted a message on a Web site apparently deemed threatening to President Bush.

The Police Chief Magazine

The forthcoming edition of The Police Chief magazine has three articles that may be of interest:

Post-September 11 Policing in Suburban America

Community Policing and Homeland Security

Common Sense Measures to Safeguard your Community

Intelligence Bulletin No. 196

The FBI and U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued the above-referenced Bulletin on March 10, 2006. The Bulletin, which is *Unclassified/For Official Use Only*, indicates that a recent posting on a jihadist message board advocates targeting American sporting venues and other public facilities as a cost-effective method of killing thousands of Americans. The FBI and DHS do not believe this posting constitutes an imminent threat. "However, the posting has received broad distribution among jihadist websites and contains detailed information regarding potential tactics."

This information was shared with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

You are reminded that this information may only be shared with those officials and others who have a legitimate need to know.

Intelligence Bulletin

On February 16, 2006, the FBI issued an Intelligence Bulletin entitled, "Animal Rights Extremists Employing Denial-of-Service Attacks to Achieve Goals." The Bulletin, which is *Unclassified/For Official Use Only*, describes denial-of-service attacks against U.S. companies' computer and telephone systems that have resulted in significant economic damages.

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Center for Campus Fire Safety

The Center for Campus Fire Safety recently announced the launch of a new organization – **The Campus Fire Safety Education Cooperative**. The first meeting is scheduled for **April 11, 2006**, in Springfield, Massachusetts. For more information, contact the Center's Director, Ed Comeau, at 413-323-6002 or send Ed an e-mail at ecomeau@campusfire.org.

Violence Goes to College

The *Violence Goes to College: Prevention, Interruption and Critical Incident Management* Conference will be held at the University of Colorado, May 22 – 24, 2006. For more information, please visit the Higher Education Center's Web site at www.edc.org.

The Police Chief Magazine

The February edition of The Police Chief Magazine contains an extremely valuable article on the law enforcement response to Hurricane Rita, which adversely affected Louisiana (including McNeese State University) and Texas in September 2005. The article is written by Donald Dixon, the Chief of Police in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Lake Charles Listening Session

The FBI, DHS and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) will co-sponsor the Lake Charles Listening Session March 21 – 22, 2006, in Lake Charles, Louisiana. McNeese State University is hosting the session, which will bring together the chiefs of police and public safety directors from colleges and universities adversely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Elizabeth Woolen, the Chief of Police at Oklahoma University, will discuss the incident involving explosives that occurred on her campus in October 2005. Teresa Crocker, the Chief of Police at Georgia Tech, will share her experiences with hot water bottle bombs placed on her campus, also in the Fall of 2005.

IACLEA, with assistance from Texas A & M University, will develop a lessons learned document from the session that will be disseminated to campus public safety executives nationwide. It is anticipated that the document will also be shared with other federal agencies, Congress and national associations of higher education.

Lessons Learned Information System

The DHS Lessons Learned Information System (LLIS) now contains links to reports by the White House, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. General Accountability Office regarding the preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina. Registered LLIS users may log on to www.llis.gov.

If you are not a registered subscriber, please contact the LLIS Help Desk at 866-476-4827 or send a message to Help@llis.dhs.gov.

I hope this information is useful to you.

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