TASK FORCE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

2020 Recommendations

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS (Safety Awareness and Education)	RATIONALE	PROPOSED METRICS	TIMELINE
Develop a comprehensive, layered, educational campaign that focuses both on risk reduction efforts as well as campus wide safety resources and programs aimed to raise awareness, change behavior and encourage utilization of resources.	Connect students with education and resources so they are more informed about crime prevention, bystander intervention and how to access resources Consider the impact of alcohol on crime and promote harm reduction and prevention efforts	 Annual communication plan to strategically communicate resources to students, faculty, and staff as well as the philosophy and approach to safety Creation of consolidated webpage Utilization of OSU app to view crime reporting Increase reporting of identified types of crime that generally go unreported 	Short-term Spring 2021 (January 2021)
Expand and enhance the Community Ambassador program, focusing on a proactive approach with a variety of communication methods with off campus students to ensure increased knowledge of city and university safety resources/ support services.	 Increased engagement and targeted communication with University District students/residents. Variety of communication methods will be critical to not only disseminate information but to also learn from students (what they are experiencing, what they want/need, etc.). 	 Number of households reached Number of interactions with students Report of information learned from University District residents 	Short-Term Fall 2020 and ongoing (July 2021)
Increase access and attendance in the off-campus living workshop to further educate and prepare students and their families about living off-campus, renting properties and the many safety resources and programs available to them.	Prepare students and their families for the transition from on-campus living to off-campus living	Number of students completing off campus living workshop Assess learning outcomes of workshop	Medium-term Ongoing and Fall 2021 (August 2021)
Create and launch a safety class targeted for community members living off-campus. In partnership with CPD, this course will teach self-defense tactics, crime safety, risk reduction and risk avoidance, and using resources that contribute to safety.	Empower students to gain knowledge about how to promote personal safety	Number of students completing safety course Assess learning outcomes of course	Medium-term (August 2021)
Enhance the existing cultural diversity and implicit bias training currently being conducted in OSU PD by partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) to develop additional training modules that can become part of a more comprehensive annual training program.	Training topics over the past several years have included implicit bias, biasbased profiling, crisis intervention (has de-escalation components), but a more comprehensive approach would advance these efforts	 Number of OSU police officers completing training Number of different courses and training topics Assess learning outcomes as a result of the training 	Ongoing Already underway (December 2021)

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PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS (Enhanced Security Measures)	RATIONALE	PROPOSED METRICS	TIMELINE
Expand surveillance coverage in the off-campus neighborhoods and coordinate these efforts with the city and university partners to ensure the most strategic deployment and the ability for real time viewing by both OSU DPS and CPD.	Enable CPD and OSU DPS to access camera view in the surrounding areas when they become aware of a safety concern	 Inclusion of number of cameras on safety scorecard/dashboard Number of crimes interrupted or solved as a direct result of footage 	Long-term (December 2021)
Evaluate lighting and landscape in the off-campus neighborhoods in partnership with the City of Columbus and landlords to assess security concerns and provide security-enhancing work and upgrades, such as providing more consistent lighting to walkways and trimming shrubbery to limit hiding places.	Security-enhancing work and upgrades aim to increase safety; public safety scorecard will keep community up to date on progress	Creation of public safety scorecard/ dashboard that is updated regularly to measure number of lights installed; number of lights that do not meet code; tree/shrubbery maintenance, etc.	Short-term and medium-term (December 2020) for survey (March 2021) for work
Extend the hours and promotion of the Lyft Ride Smart program to provide additional access to late night transportation.	Provide access to safe transportation at all hours when other services such as CABS and COTA are not available	Number of rides completed across the operational hours Accessibility and wait times for Lyft rides	Short-term (January 2021)
Increase the staffing of OSU PD to allow for 24/7 coverage of one OSU joint patrol officer with CPD in the University District.	Allows for an OSU police officer to be available as a liaison to help students in the off-campus neighborhoods	 Number of OSU police officers Benchmarking with other similar institutions Average percentage of shifts covered by an OSU PD joint patrol officer 	Long-term Spring of 2022 through Fall of 2024
Expand and enhance the Off-Campus Housing Excellence Program (OCHEP), that includes a partnership between landlords and the installment of a "smart" security system, and strategically carves out innovative and recommended safety and security standards that landlords must meet to be listed as participating in OCHEP and verified for taking a proactive approach to ensuring the comprehensive safety and security of their properties.	 Engage local landlords in meaningful way to educate them on safety as well as provide students with resources on which landlords are partnering with university on safety Ensure access and appropriate use of security devices 	 Completion of 2.0 of OCHEP Number of landlords meeting designation of OCHEP Number of security devices distributed 	Long-term (August 2021)
Reintroduce the Community Crime Patrol (CCP) to provide community-based crime prevention in the University District with a heightened focus to ensure streamlined coordination between the University District Organization (UDO), Columbus Division of Police (CPD), Ohio State University Police Department (OSUPD) and Student Life.	Increase awareness of crime prevention, build relationships with members of the community, reallocate policing resources to situations where their expertise is most needed, deter crime and increase sense of safety	Number of direct student connections made monthly Number of issues or situations addressed monthly Assess residents' sense of security	Short-term / immediate (November 2020)

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PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS (Outreach and Engagement Efforts)	RATIONALE	PROPOSED METRICS	TIMELINE
Conduct a campus-wide safety survey for students to provide input on safety issues on and off-campus and awareness of Ohio State safety resources and programs.	To better understand perception of safety as well as student awareness of safety resources	 Survey completion rate Clear response metrics to suggest areas of concern, strength and areas we need to improve 	Short-term (March 2021)
Develop and strengthen OSU partnerships with grass roots and community organizations similar to historical efforts made with Campus Partners and the Weiland Park Collaborative to advance greater safety and wellness for those who live in our neighborhoods. Efforts will be made to conduct an inventory of past and current initiatives to identify gaps and build capacity for new initiatives with a focus on community engagement in the University District.	Reinforce relationships between Ohio State and community organizations to address chronic stressors within the campus community thereby increasing safety and wellness.	Regular reporting and highlight of new and innovative partnerships	Ongoing (December 2021)
Add resources to the University District Organization (UDO) to develop and offer social service outreach to work proactively and to strengthen our connection to our community and provide additional support for the homeless in the University District.	Provide dedicated outreach to properly connect the homeless to resources and support	 Number of connections made and referrals accomplished Report on the resources and support services they have connected with Create internship opportunities and assess learning outcomes 	Medium-term (May 2021)
Work with the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) to expand on OSUPD's existing community policing programs and initiatives, with a special focus on outreach and interactions with marginalized groups.	Improve the relationship between the police and the communities they serve Increase positive and safe interactions aimed to build trust and reduce fear with all communities	 Number of programs, initiatives, and different groups participating Reported increased feelings of safety among diverse communities 	Ongoing Already underway (June 2021)