Community Relations

Connections
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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION PRESENTATION
Partnering with Triangle, diSiac and PU Ballet student groups, DPS presents Safety and Security messages to incoming first year students at McCarter Theater and at the Berlind Theater. The presentation focuses on safety and security themes, while also demonstrating the close collaboration this department has with the student body.

RISK EVALUATION AND COUNTER TECHNIQUES (R.E.A.C.T.)
Risk Evaluation and Counter Techniques classes are offered throughout the year. Designed to teach self-defense techniques and empower community members, this practical, 9-12 hour course remains a firm favorite!

RCA TRAINING
At the invitation of the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students, DPS presents to the full complement of Residential College Advisors (RCA’s), at Whig Hall. The primary purpose of the presentation is to address the types of incidents RCA’s are likely to encounter and train them on how best to respond or to call DPS. This year, DPS took the opportunity to talk about additional topics such as the Body Worn Camera Program, new uniforms for our Sworn Officers and the department therapy dog, Coach!

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BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM
AVP Kenneth Strother and Sgt. Sean Ryder presented the BWC program to the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Government, Undergraduate Student Life Committee and Senior University Administrators, answering questions and providing insight into the role of BWC’s and program policy.

DPS CANINE PROGRAM
DPS continues to identify outreach opportunities across campus with its first therapy dog, Coach. DPS is excited to see the community embracing Coach as she quickly becomes a regular feature at University events!
COMMUNICATIONS
As DPS continues to grow its communications capabilities and social media presence, they have grown their online connections, exponentially. In the last year, the amount of DPS Instagram account ‘followers’ has grown by 270%. DPS recognizes the importance of being visible and available to its community using a variety of tools. Driving traffic and attendance to DPS events across the campus has been largely assisted in its use of social media.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE
Acknowledging the value of connections, each DPS officer, sworn and non-sworn, is encouraged to form a relationship with a student organization or group, to foster positive partnerships between students and DPS. The CPI program is one way in which DPS harnesses these positive relations and allows for the free flow of information between the two. Continual refresher training for every officer, demonstrates the value DPS places on these connections. For more information or to request a liaison for your organization, please email Sgt. Sean Ryder at sryder@princeton.edu.

CLASH OF THE COLLEGES
DPS is present at the Clash of the Colleges event, held for the first time at the Football Stadium. First-year students engaged in team-building games while seeing DPS as approachable partners.
GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR
DPS officers take part in the Graduate School Fair on Alexander Beach, every year. Here, DPS meets with new graduate students, while answering question relating to safety & security on the campus and surrounding areas.

GRADUATE SCHOOL LIAISON
DPS officer liaisons attend numerous events across the campus, throughout the year, to engage with graduate students in conversation and ensure they are aware of the many services we offer. Supporting and offering guidance for our graduate student community begins at Orientation exercises and continues at fairs, social events and meetings.

FIRST-YEAR MOVE-IN
The Office of Housing and Real Estate Services invites DPS to greet arriving first-year students, at the Lewis Center for the Arts. DPS speaks with students and their families about the services DPS provides. DPS also talks with students about remaining safe and their property secure, for the next four years.

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION & MOVE-INS
DPS attends the International Student Move-In at the Lewis Center for the Arts. This day-long event is an opportunity for international students to meet DPS and learn about their services – particularly important for those students who are arriving from countries where experiences with police and law enforcement can be very different from those interactions in the USA.

VIRTUAL REUNIONS
In the absence of in-person reunions, DPS submitted a video to the Office of Alumni Engagement, which in turn was uploaded to the Virtual Reunions webpage. DPS’ message was one of remaining safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and looking forward to a day when we can welcome back alumni to the campus.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Community Caretaking’ remains at the heart of the Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) ethos, where service and guidance are emphasized over enforcement. The Public Safety Community Advisory Committee (PSCAC) was created to ensure DPS is meeting the needs of the community it serves, by providing fair, just, and unbiased services. The committee meets on a regular basis and comprises representatives of undergraduate students, graduate students, staff and faculty members.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION SESSIONS

Partnering with the Office of Religious Life, DPS sponsored lunchtime non-denominational meditation sessions for the University community, hosted by Dean Matt Weiner. The objective, through a Community Partnership Initiative connection, was to find another platform in which to engage students and broader community members.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

DPS continues to support the Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Government. Attending meetings, providing insight into its role and exploring new ways in which to support the student body, DPS welcomes this opportunity for collaboration. DPS continues its promise to the caretaking ethos that’s forms the foundation in all its services.

‘POP-UP’S WITH PSAFE

On various occasions throughout the year, DPS officers’ staff outdoor tables while offering refreshments for passers-by. Community members engage the DPS officers in conversation, providing everyone concerned the opportunity to connect, educate and learn from one another.
**ECHO PROGRAM**

The Eating Club Officer (EChO) program was created to provide another opportunity for DPS officers to interact with the Eating Club community. Situated just off campus, the Eating Clubs are home to many upperclassmen and DPS remains committed to the club residents. In preparation for the return of students each Fall, Eating Club Officers meet to review and share best practices for supporting these students. Offering and coordinating programs, such as REACT self-defense and inviting campus partners responsible for bicycle & laptop registrations, are just two examples of how EChO’s support their Eating Clubs!

**SNOWMAN AND HOLIDAY SWEATER COMPETITIONS**

At the advent of a winter storm and the ensuing numbers of ‘snowmen’ and ‘Holiday Sweaters’ that begin to appear all over campus, DPS host these fun competitions, designed to include and engage the community. After officers’ vote, winners are identified and prizes awarded!
TEACHING MOMENTS
DPS presents to various departments about the importance of remaining vigilant and reporting to DPS any concerns or suspicious incidents/ persons, as they go about their work on campus. In addition, DPS embraces opportunities to share knowledge and skills such as classes to promote healthier lifestyles, improved nutrition, and sensible exercises for individuals, offered though the Princeton Learning Center.

CAMPUS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
DPS provided virtual training around themes of ‘Customer Service’ and ‘Remaining Alert’ to Campus Ambassadors.

STUDENT APPRECIATION EVENTS
Working with the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students and local vendors, DPS provides lunch and refreshments for the Undergraduate & Graduate Students on various occasions throughout the year, to demonstrate our appreciation of their support and partnerships in maintaining a safe and secure campus.

WINTERSESSION
As part of the Office of Wintersession and Campus Engagement programming, DPS provides classes, including, but not limited to ‘Basic Car Maintenance and Safe Vehicle Operations’ to members of the Princeton University Community. In partnership with vehicle technicians from the University’s MacMillan Garage, DPS demonstrates how to perform basic maintenance and prevent breakdowns.

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