Three Reasons Why You’ll Want to Read this Newsletter!!!

- You will learn of the new commodities in our new facility off East Harmon.
- You will learn about the diversity of the UNLV Police Department.
- You will gain valuable tips to help yourself and your loved ones avoid becoming victims of Identity theft.

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The Big Announcement: Police Services Has Moved!

The Department of Police Services recently moved its headquarters from UNLV’s Paradise Campus to a new location at 1325 East Harmon Avenue. Our new police headquarters building is closer to the “heart” of UNLV’s Main Campus and in direct proximity to the proposed “Midtown UNLV” redevelopment project on the eastern side of Maryland Parkway. It is located just east of the corner of Maryland Parkway and Harmon Avenue next to the Carl’s Junior. Please feel free to visit us anytime but try to call first, so we can arrange to give you “The Grand Tour”.

The new police headquarters has many advantages. Unlike the previous facility it brings many of Police Services’ departmental units back under one roof. In addition, it provides a higher level of visibility and accessibility to members of the campus community, while inserting a police presence into Maryland Parkway’s adjoining neighborhoods that are frequented by students, staff and faculty. Finally and most importantly for members of the E.O.C., the new facility has a training room that can also be used as a “permanent” location for E.O.C. personnel and equipment in the event of an emergency.

It should be noted that all of the department’s police facilities at the Shadow Lane Campus, Thomas & Mack Center, Sam Boyd Stadium and in the Claude I. Howard Public Safety Building will continue to be maintained at their current locations and have not been impacted by the move. The following police units have been moved to our new Harmon Avenue Police Headquarters:

- The Office of the Chief
- Police Administration
- Police Records
- All Police Patrol & Detective Units
- UNLV’s Emergency Operations Center, and
- Police Services’ Information Technology Staff.

The Other Big Announcement: UNLV Has A New E.O.C. Facility

One of the greatest benefits to Police Services’ recent move to its new Harmon Avenue Police Headquarters has been the fact that it now has an easily accessible E.O.C. directly on the premises. In the past, Police Services’ maintained two E.O.C. locations on the UNLV Main Campus at the Thomas & Mack Center’s Si Redd Room and the Foundation Building’s Blasco Event Wing. The new facility has made the maintenance of these locations...
A Commitment to Diversity: UNLV’s Department of Police Services

In the area of law enforcement there has always been a need to focus on the unique aspects of operating within a campus community. One area that requires particular attention by university law enforcement is cultural diversity, since few institutions within society are as culturally diverse as college campuses. It is for that reason that the training of UNLV’s police; the campus involvements they pursue; and the programs they offer are so often focused on diversity.

For example, UNLV Police Services is affiliated with CSN’s Southern Desert Regional Police Academy. When Police Services’ recruits rookie officers who need academy training they are sent through this academy. By law, the academy is required to give a minimum of 40 hours of law enforcement instruction in areas like community policing, sexual harassment, domestic violence & stalking, elder abuse, cultural issues & immigration law and Spanish language training. These standards are required by the Nevada Peace Officer Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission and increase UNLV police officers’ sensitivity to issues that impact women, immigrants, non-English speakers, the elderly and the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual (G.L.B.T.) communities. This commitment to training extends beyond the classrooms of the academy into Police Services’ field training of new hires where community-policing, cultural differences and sexual assault awareness are further emphasized.

Police Services has also made several efforts beyond training to directly relate with UNLV’s many student communities. In order to more easily serve the needs of non-English speaking students the department has several bilingual employees who fluently speak Spanish, Japanese, Vietnamese and Cantonese. In addition, Police Services’ dispatch and communications center has a device called Language Line which allows staff to request live translations from an interpreter in virtually all major languages when a linguist is unavailable. For individuals who are part of the deaf community Police Services’ also has Tele-Type for the Deaf or (T.T.D.).

Online Dangers & Cyber Crimes

Identity Theft Defined…. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, social security number, or credit card number without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes.

How can identity thieves make use of your personal information?
- Change the billing address on your credit card account or open new accounts in your name.
- Open a bank account and write bad checks in your name.
- Make counterfeit checks, credit cards & debit cards.
- Establish phone or wireless service in your name.
- File for bankruptcy under your name to avoid paying debts or avoid eviction.
- Get identification in your name issued to them with their picture.
- Buy a car in your name.
- Get a job in your name.
- File fraudulent tax returns.
- Give your name to the police during an arrest.

How identity thieves get your personal information:
- Steal records or information while they’re on the job.
- Hack your records via computer.
- Steal your mail or rummage through your trash.
- Capture the information in a data storage device.
- Steal your wallet, your purse or find it in your home.
- Pose as legitimate companies and claim through e-mail or phone that you have a problem with your account.

What can you do if your information has been stolen?
- Close all credit cards and bank accounts immediately.
- Call the toll-free fraud number of any nationwide consumer reporting company (Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion) to place an initial fraud alert on your credit reports.
- Contact the agency that issued your identification document to cancel and replace it.
- Cyberstalking Defined… Cyberstalking refers to the use of the Internet, e-mail or other electronic communication devices employed to stalk another person in order to violate that individual’s privacy and pursue unwanted attention. Stalking can result in the harassment of a person, and in some instances, the committing of further crimes such as assault or battery. Internet Service Providers (ISPs), e-mail, web pages, websites, search engines, images, listservs and Instant Chat Relay (IRCs) are all cyberstalking tools.

What can you do if you are being stalked?

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no longer necessary. The new location has a number of advantages over Police Services’ previous E.O.C. facilities including the following:

- The new E.O.C. is located off campus away from any potential campus emergency but is near enough to the UNLV Main Campus to maintain contact with the campus community during the emergency. This will allow E.O.C. staff to devote their full attention to emergencies without being potentially in the path of the threat.
- The new E.O.C. is a facility which is designed specifically to accommodate the kinds of equipment and personnel that will be deployed to the facility in an actual emergency.
- Unlike the Si Redd Room and Blasco Event Wing locations the Harmon Avenue facility does not serve a dual purpose (ex. catered events & functions) and thus will allow for quicker activation times in the event of an emergency.
- Finally, disaster drills and E.O.C. training sessions will be able to be conducted at our new location without the necessity of paying room rental fees.

The new facility can hold approximately 30 individuals, and is furnished with movable desks that can easily and quickly be configured for either an E.O.C. training session (classroom configuration) or an actual E.O.C. emergency response (horseshoe configuration). The room is fully capable of accommodating both telephone and computing networks, and all of the desks can receive electric power to allow direct desktop access to computing equipment. The room also has built-in chalkboards & corkboards for posting vital information, and a high-capacity color Xerox copying machine for E.O.C. documentation needs. Finally, the E.O.C. has additional space for an overhead projector, lectern and television feed, which are amongst the department’s “wish list” of items for future improvements to the facility. It is anticipated that when we acquire these additional items the audio/visual capabilities of the E.O.C. will be significantly enhanced. So “stay tuned”.

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with police dispatchers via telephone transcription.

Of course, Police Services’ efforts to communicate and relate with student communities extends well beyond verbal communications. Several police personnel actively participate in organizations like the Student Affairs Cultural Diversity Committee, UNLV’s GLBT Task Force and the Jean Nidetch Women’s Center. Several of these involvements have led to programs and initiatives that are actively impacting the lives of students for the better. Police officers are actively participating as diversity training facilitators to teach university staff to be more aware and sensitive of the issues surrounding diversity. Other police officers are actively involved in Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training, which helps women better protect themselves from sexual assault.

The department’s commitment to diversity also extends directly into the staffing composition of the force itself. Its staff consists of representatives from a variety of racial, ethnic and gender backgrounds. In fact, 53% of the department’s sworn police officers are females and/or racial minorities, and 60% of the department’s combined civilian and

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- **Send a message to the offender:** Make the message a clear warning that contact is unwanted and they must cease all communication
- **Document!** Save all messages and recorded messages and establish a paper trail.
- **Keep all copies out of the house:** Stalkers are known to break in and steal things.
- **File a complaint with the offenders’ ISP provider and filter messages.**
- **File a harassment report at the police department.**

**Tips to prevent cyberstalking:**

- Only visit safe sites that adopt an anti-harassment policy.
- Never give out personal information to strangers online.
- When online, only type things you would actually say to someone face to face.
- Make sure that your screen name is neutral; never use your real name, nickname, or any type of "suggestive" name.
- Be very cautious about meeting an online acquaintance in person. If you choose to, always take someone with you and meet in a public place.
- Limit your personal e-mail address to friends & family and use another e-mail address via Hotmail or Yahoo when visiting online sites.
- Change your password frequently and use illogical patterns for your password.
- Do not create an online biography.
- Never leave your computer logged on.
- If you own your own domain name, create multiple mailboxes and use the main one only for friends and family.
- Do not feel guilty over not being nice online.
- Search your name online to see if anything “weird” pops up.

**Please Note:** Dial “9-1-1” from a campus land-line in an emergency. Dial “3-1-1” or 895-3668 from a campus land-line in a non-emergency. All “9-1-1” & “3-1-1” cell phone calls from campus initially go to Las Vegas Metro before
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UNLV Department of Police Services

Promotions

(6) Richard Dohme — Lieutenant Dohme’s new job responsibilities will put him in charge of Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) for the Department of Police Services. He will also manage Special Events and assist with the management of the department’s Administrative and K-9 Units. Lieutenant Dohme was appointed to the Department of Police Services as a police officer in 1999 after having spent a year with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. In 2004, he was honored with the “Award for Merit”, which is an honor bestowed on only one officer on annual basis at the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (I.A.C.L.E.A.) annual conference. I.A.C.L.E.A. is the top association for campus law enforcement in the world today. He is also the 2003 recipient of Police Services’ Officer of the Year Award. Lieutenant Dohme resides in Las Vegas with his wife Michele and two children.

(7) Robert Ljungquist — Police Officer Robert Ljungquist’s new job responsibilities will put him in charge of crime scene analysis and follow up investigations. Detective Ljungquist was appointed to the Department of Police Services as a police officer in 2003. Throughout his career with the UNLV Department of Police Services he has served in many capacities including roles as the department’s maintenance officer for the both the police fleet and the radios. He is a resident of Las Vegas with his wife Andrea and his son.

Denise Murphy (July 31) Sergeant Murphy’s new job responsibilities will put her in charge of recruitment, training and general patrol duties for the Department of Police Services. Denise completed her training with the Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy where she received the distinct honor of being named as this academy’s class valedictorian. She achieved this honor through her exemplary performance in the areas of written exams, shooting proficiency tests and (6) police (practical) scenario tests. In addition to this honor she was selected more recently as Police Services’ 2007 Police Officer of the Year, and she was a runner-up in 2005 for the UNLV Classified Employee of the Year. Before Officer Murphy was hired in 2003 by Police Services she worked as a personnel technician at the UNLV Human Resources Department. She recently became a graduate of UNLV with a Bachelors Degree in Sociology. Officer Murphy resides in Las Vegas with her daughter.