Officers Goff, Singletary Provide Assistance to Unconscious Student

UNLV Police Services Officers Brett Goff and Willie Singletary respond to professor’s emergency call during class, assist with lecture

By Jamie Bichelman

It was an eventful day in Professor Jaclyn Costello’s Honors 115 World Perspectives class: a temporarily unconscious student, two UNLV Police Officers rendering assistance as first responders, an outpouring of snacks and support, and an unexpectedly awesome experience from the officers-turned-guest lecturers.

Learn about the altruistic freshman, whose blood donation resulted in a surprisingly positive experience with UNLV Police — including the best lecture the class has ever had — by turning to page 2.
All’s well that ends well: UNLV Police responders lecture class

“I had donated blood with United Blood Services on Campus at noon and had class at 2:30,” said freshman electrical engineering major Sara Younis. “I started feeling dizzy and like I was going to black out at the beginning of class, but beforehand, I felt like I could run miles and miles. I didn’t feel weak at all.”

Shortly after class began, Younis briefly lost consciousness, prompting Professor Costello to make an emergency call for assistance. “I placed a call to UNLV Dispatch. Moments later, Officers Goff and Singletary arrived, helped tend to [Sara], who was still very foggy-minded, and remained with us in the classroom while we waited for medical assistance to arrive.”

Younis regained consciousness moments later, and her classmates supplied her “endless snacks to get my blood pressure back to normal.”

After providing assistance as first responders to a medical situation — especially one in which the student, thankfully, was able to laugh the situation off and return to health — the officers will typically proceed to the next stop on their patrol. However, as the department emphasizes community policing, Officers Brett Goff and Willie Singletary weren’t quite finished. “Once it was clear the situation was under control and the medics had arrived,” Professor Costello said, “my class was in the midst of a unit titled: “Government and Citizenship”, and that very day we just-so-happened to be discussing drug scheduling and the War on Drugs. What perfect timing for Goff and Singletary to arrive.”

The two officers then drew on first-hand experiences to provide the students with what they told Professor Costello was one of the greatest classes they’d experienced during their time at UNLV. “The students were overwhelmed with curiosity in regards to any information Goff and Singletary had regarding these topics, and they bombarded the officers with inquiries,” Professor Costello said. “Goff and Singletary responded with such sincerity, enthusiasm, and engagement.”

With Younis safe and recovering, the two officers helped turn a potentially scary moment into a mentoring one. “I appreciate how they were concerned and especially that they stayed and gave the class a good experience that they still talk about,” she said. Her classmates, who saw a more personal side of the police department, will forever remember the lecture as a standout in their UNLV careers. “I attribute a large part of that sentiment to the hands on learning experience, courtesy of Officers Goff and Singletary,” Professor Costello said. “They were respectful, professional, and in a word, awesome.”

After class ended, Officers Willie Singletary and Brett Goff remained to answer questions from interested students. Photo: Jaclyn Costello
Stay Connected with UNLV Police Services on Twitter

Follow @UNLVPD on Twitter for monthly Tweetalongs and department news!

You’re Invited!

Last fall, Police Services launched its Twitter page to the campus community. Follow @UNLVPD for Police Services’ first-ever virtual ride-along! Details regarding the Tweetalong will be announced via email and social media during the upcoming semester!

Got a Question?

Use the hashtag #AskUNLVPD to send our officers a question! Ever wondered what a typical day in the life of a patrol officer is like? Wondering what our lieutenants’ favorite flavor of donut is? Considering a career in law enforcement and can’t quite decide on the right major? This is your opportunity to get connected to the experts at Police Services!

Want to get connected in other ways? Follow Police Services on Facebook at: facebook.com/UNLVPoliceServices. You can also visit the Police Services website at: www.unlv.edu/police.
UNLV Police Services Chief of Police José Elique is adamant about many things: promoting community policing, keeping the UNLV campus safe and secure, continuing a tradition of transparency in communications between the department and the community it serves, and implementing technology where appropriate to augment patrol services. Chief Elique and his staff worked alongside the University Policy Committee, university stakeholders, General Counsel, Faculty Senate, Facilities Management, and Site Planning and Construction to implement policies expressly establishing standards, procedures, and coordination of UNLV’s Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTV).

Furthermore, the department was delighted to see that a uniform video and audio recording policy was developed and signed by UNLV President Len Jessup on April 13. The policy effectively regulates all video and audio recording on campus by university personnel, academic units, and departments of the university. Police Services must also be contacted prior to the purchase of any video recording equipment to ensure compatibility with the UNLV Police CCTV system.

Assistant Chief Sandy Seda said that citizens have a right to a reasonable expectation of privacy on campus. The same goes for programs such as UNLV’s Early Childhood Education, which frequently utilize video recording to aid in research and teaching. The standardized policy and protocol makes clear the extent to which privacy must be maintained.

The development, research, and teamwork that went into the policy is a point of pride for Assistant Chief Seda. “Representatives from Facilities and Site Planning and Construction assisted with developing the conclusion of the policy. General Counsel reviewed the policy to ensure legal compliance. Gail Griffin served as the chair of the University Policy Committee and was instrumental in getting the policy through various subcommittees on campus.”

The policy lists four criteria on which potential installation of audio and video equipment will be evaluated:
1. Enhance public safety and security, while reducing the costs incurred by UNLV in the promotion of campus security, and promote compliance with any federal and state statutes related to security.
2. Aid instruction and/or facilitate its delivery to remote locations, as well as enable video conferencing among remote sites.
3. Prevent, deter or halt criminal activity, and facilitate criminal investigations and police actions to safeguard citizens.
4. Help manage emergency response situations during natural and man-made disasters and to assist UNLV officials in providing services to the community.”

To view the policy in its entirety, visit: http://bit.ly/1Yi8e30

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**University Policy Implemented to Regulate Video and Audio Recording**

*Pelco Security Cameras (Left, Center) and Oncam 360-degree cameras (Right) can be found on campus.*

By Jamie Bichelman
Timely Warning Tips: Vehicle Safety

By Jamie Bichelman

In response to an increased number of vehicle thefts on campus being reported to Police Services, Police Services issued a timely warning on March 31 in compliance with the provisions of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.

While various makes of vehicles have been reported stolen, Honda vehicles were the most frequently targeted. Police Services advised in the timely warning that community members should keep all doors and windows closed and locked when their vehicles were parked on campus.

Additionally, an increase in the number of golf cart thefts and, consequently, the unauthorized use of golf carts on campus, were reported to Police Services. In an effort to prevent further golf cart thefts, UNLV Police recommended securing the golf cart in a locked location when not in use; at minimum, keys to the golf cart should never be left in the cart’s ignition when unattended.

While Police Services’ officers and detectives have effectively worked round-the-clock to recover stolen vehicles and reduce further incidents and reports of stolen vehicles, command staff recommend that all community members review these helpful safety tips to lessen the chance of becoming a victim of auto theft on campus.

» Avoid leaving your car in unattended parking lots for a long period of time. A busy place offers a natural deterrent to auto theft.

» Don’t leave valuables, such as a wallet, sunglasses, or electronic devices, in plain sight. These items will tempt thieves.

» If you own a Honda, consider taking extra precautions to ensure your vehicle’s safety. From 2010 to 2014, the most frequently stolen vehicle at UNLV has continued to be the Honda Accord.

» Whether your vehicle is as old as a 1983 Kawasaki motorcycle or a brand new Ford F-150, no vehicle is immune from potential theft.

» Never leave your car running while it is unattended. Even if you are running back up to your dorm for a moment, the likelihood of vehicle theft increases.

» Never leave a spare key under your vehicle. Thieves know this trick, and know exactly where to look to find your hidden spare key.

» Try to park in well-lit areas. Not only will you be less susceptible to an attacker late at night, but your car will be less likely to be stolen as well.

Where to find more tips

Police Services has a collection of crime prevention and safety tips, from active shooter situations to alcohol abuse, sexual assault prevention, and everything in between. These tips are available in brochures that are free to the public at Police Headquarters. You can also access these tips online at: www.unlv.edu/police/tips.
With triple digit-temperatures, scorching-hot seat belt buckles, and hot asphalt pavement, what does that mean for the safety of our four-legged companions? As it turns out, Police Services’ very own Irish Springer Spaniel K-9’s, Simba and Buster, have their own ways of beating the heat!

Come pouring rain, sizzling summer, or windy winter weather, Simba and Buster patrol the campus alongside their human handlers. Dogs have sweat glands on their paw pads, which makes it difficult for them to cool their bodies as efficiently as their human counterparts while patrolling the campus during the summer. With Simba and Buster relying on their handlers, Officers Bruce Taylor and Darrell Johnson, to take the necessary precautions to ensure their summertime safety, the two officers’ training and knowledge is of the utmost importance.

**Driving in Style**

Whether they’re working an early-morning 7 a.m. shift or a mid-afternoon special event walkthrough, Simba and Buster begin each day with a hardy, well-balanced dry food diet. Officers Taylor and Johnson then load the canines into their specially-designed police vehicles, which feature a backseat designed into a comfortable and safe lounging kennel for the canines during transportation. The air conditioning vent system in the vehicle was designed such that the air that would normally go through to trunk and backseat areas of the SUV are instead channeled into the dog’s kennel through a multiple-vent system.

With the officers utilizing vehicle patrol during the summer to limit the two dogs’ exposure to the excessive temperatures, the specially-designed patrol vehicle kennels are consistently cleaned and made comfortable to ensure the health and safety of the dogs. Simba and Buster both have comfortable beds in their kennels to rest in before they start their workdays.

The SUVs contain a heat alarm system designed to protect the dogs in case of an air conditioning malfunction. The alarm system contains a thermostat that monitors the temperature in the dogs’ kennels; if the temperature gets too hot in the kennels, the heat alarm system automatically sets off the car alarm and rolls down all of the windows in the vehicle so that the dogs can receive fresh air. To date, none of the vehicle heat alarm systems have needed to be activated, and our officers pride themselves on the outstanding conditions they maintain for their patrol dogs.

**Better Stay Hydrated**

Once Simba and Buster arrive at Police Headquarters, they like to greet all of their coworkers in the office. After receiving their daily belly-rubs, the dogs are given water to stay hydrated before being summoned back to the SUV to start their patrol. Officers Taylor and Johnson provide their dogs with water bowls whenever the patrol vehicles are parked or the canines are on foot patrol on campus. Simba and Buster get at least two water breaks every hour.

The officers keep a close eye on the canines throughout the day, especially when they’re outside. Officers Taylor and Johnson say they watch for physical cues for overheating and dehydration, like if the dogs are panting more than usual. In Buster’s case, Officer Johnson keeps an eye on if Buster’s tongue is hanging lower than normal when he’s panting. Another sign the dogs need a water break is...
It’s Called Fashion

Simba prefers to spend more time in the car than Buster does during the summer; this makes for some adorable fashion choices for Buster, who is known for rocking his royal blue and black patrol boots on campus. In order to properly dress Buster to protect his paws from the hot pavement, Officer Johnson calls Buster from his kennel and asks for his paw. Buster then chooses which paw he wants to have his first boot placed on as he patiently waits for Officer Johnson to secure all of Buster’s boots. Officer Johnson has a trick to help Buster become acclimated to his boots every morning: as soon as Buster’s boots are secured, Officer Johnson distracts Buster by throwing and having him fetch a ball before hopping into the SUV to begin their patrol.

Simba, on the other hand, does not like to wear boots. By only allowing Simba to walk the distance from his kennel to a nearby campus building, Officer Taylor has developed a routine to ensure Simba never walks on the concrete or tarmac for longer than absolutely necessary.

Campus Celebrities

Buster and Simba are quite the celebrities on campus. You can catch them patrolling through any building or event on campus. Simba’s favorite place to patrol is in the FDH building due to the amount of friends he has who will gladly give him belly rubs. Buster’s favorite summertime lounging spot is Police Services’ Thomas & Mack Center substation. A favorite breaktime activity for both of the canines is finding the closest and largest grass field and running around. The north end of the campus provides excellent shading and slightly cooler temperatures for the dogs. Simba also likes to run around the grass area in front of the BHS building. Though Buster loves to run, once he gets tired out, he loves to stand by Officer Johnson and observe the UNLV students walking to and from class. Simba, on the other hand, loves to chase birds during his breaks.

When lunch time arrives, Officer Taylor will eat his lunch as Simba eats his all-time favorite snack: a dog biscuit from Costco. Buster, meanwhile, loves chicken. After lunch, the officers and their canines return to patrol work until their shifts are over.

Home Life

The canines insist on coming back to PHQ to say their goodbyes for the day and getting their “good job buddy” pets from everyone in the office. The canines hop back into their vehicles and are driven home, where they live with their handlers.

One thing that Simba and Buster have in common is that they’re both the youngest siblings in their families. Buster has a much older — yet much smaller — Poodle-Shih Tzu sister who goes to the door as soon as she hears that her brother and dad are home. Simba goes home to his older brother, Nitro, a chocolate Labrador. Nitro will either be impatiently waiting by the door to jump on Simba and Officer Taylor when they get home, or he’ll be sleeping in the living room and Simba will try to sneak up on him to play. The two dogs play with a ball together before eventually settling down and lounging near each other until bed time.

Special Events

When a special event is happening on campus, the patrol schedules are altered. Depending on the size of the event, one or both dogs will be used. The canines and their handlers arrive a couple hours before the event and do a full sweep of the building, looking for any explosives. That usually will leave the canines tired, because they are concentrating so intensely for upwards of an hour or more. After their security sweeps, the canines then go back into their vehicles and patrol the events until the end of their shifts.

Want to learn more about the Police Services’ K9 Unit?

Visit unlv.edu/police/units/k9 to read more about Buster, Simba, and the Special Event Security officers!
If you’ve been one of the more than 300 attendees in Police Services’ Girls on Guard self-defense classes over the past year, you’ve seen the coordinated team effort from the moment you register to the last empowering piece of advice that class instructor Sergeant Denise Murphy gives you at the end of class.

Same goes for the nearly 1,000 elementary school students that Officers Darrell Johnson and Bruce Taylor (and their K-9 partners, Buster and Simba) have met over the past year between the Nevada Reading Week, Careers on Wheels, Marc Kahre Day, and other outreach events they’ve attended. Not to be outdone, our officers and sergeants have given presentations at new student orientations and university organization meetings, and our lieutenants and even the Assistant Chief have given active shooter safety presentations to classes and offices on campus.

If you’ve stopped by Police Headquarters and read crime prevention brochures or the Police Blotter newsletter while you waited, you’ve seen the product of countless hours’ worth of collaboration and research. If you’ve ever seen one of the lovable pictures of Police Services’ K-9 Unit on Facebook or on Twitter, you’ve seen the result of hours’ worth of photography classes, social media planning, and the coordination of officer and civilian schedules.

Who are the unseen facilitators behind these events, newsletters, and photos? Police Services’ Public Relations and Community Outreach unit: Public Information Officer Hobreigh Fischer, Publications Writer Jamie Bichelman, and student workers Stephanie Cohen and Gloria Gonzalez.

Want to schedule a safety presentation for your office or class, or learn more about the department? Visit: unlv.edu/police/units/community-outreach or contact Hobreigh Fischer at hobreigh.fischer@unlv.edu.
By Hobreigh Fischer

Few people have made more of an indelible footprint on UNLV’s Department of Police Services than Don Drake. In many ways his dedication to his profession and his service to the department have made it into what it is today. He was one of its longest serving officers with 28 years of loyal service to the UNLV Department of Police Services. He was a 1971 graduate of Clark High School and was hired in 1980 when the department was a mere 8 years old. He retired from the department in 2009. He served as a sergeant, lieutenant, and even as an Interim Chief of Police just prior to the hiring of current Police Chief José Elique.

So much of what the department is, that we take for granted, came from Don Drake’s hard work and determination to make a difference. He wore so many hats within the department. He was an exceptional manager and served as the head of Parking Enforcement on campus when it was part of Police Services. He had a natural knack for technology, and for many years served as the department’s original technology director. He was at the forefront of re-establishing the department’s detective bureau, coordinated the creation of the department’s Shadow Lane Campus Patrol, and served as a skilled manager of the department’s police patrols and administrative operations. He was twice decorated by the department with the Police Outstanding Achievement Award and the Police Exceptional Service Citation. Chief Elique said it best during Don’s retirement, when he noted, “Don was a man who wore many hats on behalf of the Department, and may I say, he wore them exceedingly well. I was always thankful that I could easily leave projects in his competent hands.”

However, to say that Don was only devoted to his lifelong career in law enforcement would be completely wrong. He and his wife Mary were devoted partners in life and loved their community. Mary provided sumptuous meals for the less fortunate during the department’s annual Christmas charity gift drives. Don spent much of his time outside of the department helping Mary make her restaurant a great success. When he wasn’t working by her side he dabbled in technology, eventually starting a part-time business that later became a second career for him after retiring from law enforcement. He loved motorcycles, comic book collecting, model trains, and so much more.

For those of us who have been with the department and University long enough to have known Don, it’s clear to see that his life has had a lasting impact on our department. He has served as an example of how honorable our profession is, and he has mentored many of us to help carry on the traditions he established.

Lieutenant Don Drake was a valued and respected member of the UNLV Police Department and the UNLV Community. He is mourned and missed by all of his colleagues but will live on in our memories forever.
Protecting the *Entire* Campus Community

Police Services’ officers take the idea of community policing very seriously — patrolling the campus on foot, bicycle, and car, and interacting with students, faculty, and staff as much as possible to foster positive connections.

Officer Sean Kim took his community policing efforts one step further, and rescued a bunny on campus! After taking a quick picture with it, Officer Kim brought the bunny to a knowledgeable professor who was then able to help nurse the bunny back to health.

The best part? Officer Kim’s bunny-saving heroics occurred on Earth Day!

While it’s not every day that our officers get to boast about saving cats from trees (or bunnies from hopping into traffic), we commend Officer Kim for his noble deed.

Want to learn more about Police Services’ community policing mission? Visit [unlv.edu/police/units/community-policing](http://unlv.edu/police/units/community-policing) for more information!

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Hiring of Budget Manager Linda Pollard

The UNLV Department of Police Services is pleased to announce the hiring of Budget Manager Linda Pollard.

Linda has worked with the Clark County Water Reclamation District since 2007, and has served as their Departmental Fiscal Services Administrator since 2014. She also served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Technician prior to her appointment with Police Services. Linda graduated from the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting in 2006. She is currently pursuing her Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in finance from Capella University and will be earning her degree in August 2016.

A self-professed “foodie”, Linda loves to paint and has two pugs named Mr. Bigglesworth and Thora. She resides in North Las Vegas with her fiancé and three kids.

Her appointment became effective on June 1, 2016.

Hiring of Dispatcher Scott Ziegler

The UNLV Department of Police Services is pleased to announce the hiring of Dispatcher Scott Ziegler.

Scott may be a familiar face to the campus community, as he served as a reserve police officer with Police Services for nearly four years. Prior to his appointment as a dispatcher for Police Services, he served as a training director for 18 years at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino (formerly the Las Vegas Hilton). Additionally, Scott has been teaching Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for the past 11 years.

Scott received his police academy training in Carson City, Nevada. He is three credits away from earning a Bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Following the completion of his Bachelor’s degree, he will be in pursuit of his Master’s degree as well.

A true outdoorsman, Scott enjoys camping, making trips to the lake, and fishing. He lives in Las Vegas with his wife Sandy (Program Manager at UNLV’s Parking and Transportation Services) and their two boys.

His appointment became effective on June 20, 2016.

Departure of Personnel Technician II Cheryl Kelton

The UNLV Department of Police Services bid farewell to Personnel Technician II Cheryl Kelton

Before her appointment to Police Services, Kelton worked for UNLV’s Controller’s Office for two years and was responsible for accounts payable and invoicing. Before that, she worked in the field of accounting for two decades with a variety of other employers.

We wish her well in her future career endeavors!
UNLV’s police chief says officers prepared to protect students
by Fox 5 News
http://www.fox5vegas.com/clip/12488808/unlvs-police-chief-says-officers-prepared-to-protect-students

Man arrested after trying to steal security K9 at UNLV
by Rachel Crosby

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The University of Nevada Las Vegas Department of Police Services is dedicated to providing excellence in protection and service to the university community. As law enforcement officers, we shall continuously endeavor to ensure a safe and secure environment conducive to a positive social and educational process.

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