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The Police Blotter

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

- You will learn the future plans for the UNLV's Emergency Operations Center.
- You will read about the reflections on 9-11 from our chief and deputy chief, who are both former port authority police officers.
- You will learn valuable information about how to help yourself of those you love with disabilities.

Reflections on 9/11

On September 11, 2006, our nation commemorated the fifth anniversary of the worst attack ever on our homeland. While this attack will never be forgotten by New Yorkers or our nation, it has a personal significance for two members of Student Life.

UNLV Police Chief Jose A. Elique and Deputy Police Director Michael Murray are former Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Police Officers. The P.A.P.D.'s 1,500 police officers are charged with the public safety responsibilities for 13 facilities connecting the states of New York and New Jersey with the "Greater NYC Metropolitan Area". The facilities included the World Trade Center. Elique commanded many P.A.P.D. police operations including those at the World Trade Center. Murray was the Commanding Officer of the Brooklyn Piers. During the 1993 World Trade Center bombing Murray played a significant role in the police disaster recovery efforts after the terrorist's failed first attempt to topple the towers.



What both of these veteran police officers will point out is that on 9/11, the Port Authority Police Department lost 37 police officers. In the history of American policing, no police department has had that many officers killed in the line of duty as a result of a single criminal act. To Elique and Murray, that fateful day was personally devastating since they actually knew and worked closely with the majority of the officers who perished. Visitors to their UNLVDPD offices at the Paradise Campus will see several plaques and photographs memorializing those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11.

Both men saw the movie *World Trade Center* and agree that the movie was "an accurate depiction of the heroic efforts of the Port Authority Police". "Everyone should go and see it so that the heroes of that day are not forgotten", said Elique. "I am proud and humbled to have known them and to still be a member of the law enforcement profession", he concluded.

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What is UNLV's Emergency Operations Center E.O.C.?

The UNLV Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) was created in 2003. Its purpose is to provide a place where decision makers can come together to determine and

direct appropriate courses of action in the event of a disaster on our campus. The E.O.C. is made up of 5 sections: management, operations, planning, logistics, finance.

There are several subdivisions within each division. Each subdivision has its own designated representative and alternate representative.

"Protecting and serving the University Community"

Crime prevention tips for the disabled (Helping yourself or those you love with disabilities)

Disabled individuals face many physical challenges both here at UNLV and throughout the nation, which can make them vulnerable to criminals who assume the disabled are incapable of protecting themselves. If you are disabled, or know someone who is, the following crime prevention tips may help prevent you or a friend from becoming a victim of crime.



Safety At Home

- Install peepholes on front and back doors at your eye level. This is especially important if you use a wheelchair.
- Install good locks on all your doors (preferably double-cylinder, deadbolt locks).

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Campus burglary is avoidable: if you know what to do

Burglary by definition is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft and is amongst the most common criminal activities reported on UNLV’s campus. Over the last three years, campus burglaries of classrooms, dormitories and employee offices have accounted for 71% of all the “major” crimes reported on the university’s campus. The burglarized items have included computers and classroom projectors and minor items like compact disks and pocket change. While it may be inevitable that burglaries will occur, there are things we can all do to make ourselves a less likely target, both at work and at home.

The most important thing to remember is that most burglars are amateurs and opportunists looking for easy targets. They’re looking

for homes and businesses, which present the **least** risk of detection; the greatest opportunity for easy gain; the maximum potential for escape; and that appear unoccupied and unprotected. However, while it is true that most burglars are amateurs, burglary can turn into a crime of violence when the burglar is encountered. Therefore, burglary is a crime, which demands a high level of caution from all of us. So, what can YOU do to reduce the chance of your home or workplace being burglarized? Here are a few tips for you to think about.

Tips for both the home and workplace:

- Securely lock all windows and doors.
- Ensure that all sides of your home or workplace are well lit.
- Add a second locking device to

all opening windows.

- Install a dead-bolt lock on doors.
- Trim brushes and shrubs below windows to eliminate hiding places.
- Consider installing a burglary alarm system.

Tips for the home:

- Put a padlock on all backyard side gates.
- Use solid core doors on the perimeter of your house instead of hollow core doors.
- Use signs indicating the presence of a dog, or alarm system.
- Don’t leave the garage door open, even when you’re at home.
- Pin or secure sliding glass doors with additional locking devices.
- Engrave or mark valuable property for identification.

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What has UNLV’s Emergency Operations Center (E.O.C.) recently done to prepared for an emergency?

- **September 2006** - A county-wide exercise was conducted to test our Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan at the Thomas & Mack Center in a scenario to

prepare for the upcoming NBA All-Star Game. *The E.O.C. was not activated, although members were called in order to test and evaluate the communications portion of the*

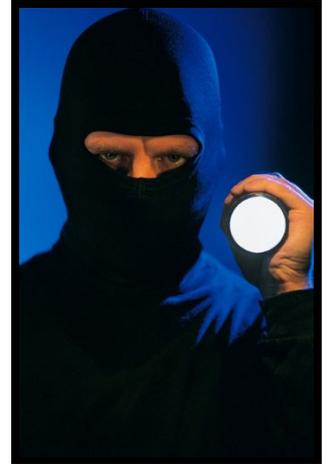
exercise

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- Make your home look occupied at all times.
- When away from home, leave a radio playing.
- Always leave a few inner lights burning at night. Automatic timers can be used to vary the on/off pattern of interior lights when you're away.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Join or start a Neighborhood Watch Program on your street.

If you become the victim of a burglary here on campus please call the UNLV Police at its non-emergency number (895-3368). In the case of an immediate emergency or a crime in progress call 911.



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If you have difficulty speaking, have a friend record a message – giving your name, address and type of disability to use in emergencies, and keep the recorder next to your phone.

Travel Safety

- Whenever possible, travel with someone you know.
- When waiting for a bus, train, or plane wait in a centralized location near other passengers.
- Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. If you use a wheelchair; keep

your purse or wallet tucked snugly between you and the inside of the chair.

- Always carry your medical information in case of an emergency.
- If you have a speech or hearing impairment, always carry a card of communication symbols.
- If someone harasses you, make a loud noise or say "Leave me alone." If that doesn't work, hit the emergency signal on the bus or train.

- Be sure to read and understand all contracts before you sign them. If your sight is impaired, have someone you trust read the entire document to you.

Take a Stand

Work with rehabilitation centers or advocacy groups to offer a presentation to schools and other community organizations on the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities.

Finally, if you become the victim of a crime on campus please call the UNLV non-emergency number at 895-3668 or dial 3-1-1. In the case of an immediate emergency, please call 9-1-1.

Consumer Protection Tips

- Don't commit yourself to purchases over the phone, and always ask for identification from solicitors for verification purposes.

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- **Fall 2006** - An E.O.C. refresher/training class was provided for all members of the E.O.C.
- **October 2-4, 2006** - (Incident Command System) I.C.S. training was scheduled at the Paradise Campus.
- **November 14-16, 2006** - I.C.S. training was scheduled at the

Paradise Campus

- **December 12-14, 2006** - ICS training was scheduled at the Paradise Campus
- **January 2007** - A University Response Team (U.R.T.) certification course will be offered for employees interested in joining the U.R.T.

PLEASE NOTE: All of the members of the E.O.C. have been encouraged to attend one of the upcoming I.C.S. training classes offered at the Paradise



**Non-Emergency Contact Telephone Numbers for
Police & Parking Services**

- Police (Non-Emergency Calls): 702-895-3668
- Parking Enforcement: 702-895-1300
- Police Fax Line (Campus Police & Parking Enforcement): 702-895-3600
- Police Fax Line (Office of the Chief, Police Records & Police Administration): 702-895-2685

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*The University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Department of Public Safety 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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Public Safety New Hires

- **(August 30th) = Darrell Johnson** — Before his appointment to UNLV, Officer Johnson was a patrol officer for almost a year with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and prior to this, he worked for several years with Boulder Station Hotel & Casino as part of their security force. Officer Johnson received his law enforcement training from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Police Academy. Darrell plans to attend UNLV and earn a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. He resides in Las Vegas with his wife Alison and his daughter.
- **(October 1st) = Mark Sakurada** — He may be familiar to members of the UNLV community, since he previously worked as a student worker in Public Safety's student security program. For several years now he has served as the supervisor for this program, and he will continue to do so as part of his new dispatch duties & responsibilities. He is originally from Honolulu, Hawaii and is currently enrolled as a senior here at UNLV. Mark is enrolled in a bachelor degree program with the business college and currently resides in Las Vegas.
- **(November 1st) = Stephani Preston** — Before her appointment to UNLV, Officer Preston was a mounted deputy with the Sheriff's Department of Geauga County in Cleveland, Ohio for 10 years. Stephani received her mounted training from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and she received her police academy training from the Hiram Police Academy in Hiram, Ohio. She has an Associates Degree in Business from Lakeland Community College of Kirtland, Ohio. Stephani plans to attend UNLV and earn a Masters degree in Psychology. She resides in Las Vegas with her daughter.
- **(November 1st) = Donald Sims** — Before his appointment to UNLV, Officer Sims was previously employed as a Henderson Police Officer for approximately a year, and prior to that, he had worked as a part of the local building trades for 20 years. Donald received his law enforcement training from the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy at CCSN. He is currently a student at CCSN and is in the process of transferring his credits over to UNLV. When the transfer is complete he will be enrolled as a junior in the university's Criminal Justice program. He resides in Las Vegas with his wife Dorothy and their son and daughter.
- **(November 1st) = Laura Tramosch** — Prior to Officer Tramosch's appointment with UNLV, she was previously employed as a Police Officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for approximately a year. Previously she has also worked as both a personal fitness trainer and a singer on a cruise ship. She received her law enforcement training from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Academy (graduating 5th in her class), and she has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation Management from UNLV. She would like to earn either a law degree or a graduate degree from UNLV in the future. She currently resides in North Las Vegas.
- **(November 2nd) = Eileen Wells** — Prior to Officer Wells appointment at UNLV, she was previously employed as a state trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol for six years and also served one year as a community service officer. Eileen also spent four years working as a police dispatcher with the Pasco County Sheriff's Department. She received her training from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy and intends to enroll at UNLV in the future to earn a Bachelors Degree in Business. She resides in North Las Vegas with her husband Sean.
- **(December 4th) = Yusuf "Joe" Alliyani** — will be working in the Records and Administration Unit of Public Safety as an Administrative Assistant III assisting with payroll, purchasing & travel. He may be familiar to members of the UNLV community, since he previously worked as a police officer with our department. Prior to his appointment at UNLV, Officer Alliyani worked as a Business Center Specialist for the MGM Grand Hotel here in Las Vegas. "Joe" currently is enrolled at UNLV as a junior majoring in Psychology. He currently resides in Henderson.