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The Police Blotter

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

- You will learn about UNLV's security in light of the Virginia Tech Tragedy.
- You will gain valuable information on what do in an "active shooter" situation on campus.
- You learn what steps to take to help protect you and your family this holiday season.

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"Protecting and serving the University Community"

Virginia Tech Awakens a Sense of Urgency on the UNLV Campus

Our preparedness

In light of the tragic events surrounding the shootings in Virginia Tech in 2007, the UNLV Police and UNLV Administration have renewed their resolve to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff in a shooting situation. If the Department determines that lives are at immediate risk, our police officers will respond to, identify, engage and eliminate the threat.

In case you didn't know, UNLV's Police Department consists of fully-armed and trained, Nevada state-certified sworn police officers. The Department operates on a 24-hour, 7-days a week basis and is never closed. In addition, all officers are fully trained in how to handle "active shooters", and the Department has full-time trainers on staff to continuously train its personnel.



Drills recently held with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Our department also trains and conducts readiness exercises with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's S.W.A.T. officers. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the UNLV Police have a long-standing agreement to come to each others aid in the event of an emergency.

In the hours following the Virginia Tech shootings Sheriff Gillespie personally contacted the UNLV Police Department to assure the University that he is committed to this agreement.

Committee researching campus-wide emergency communications systems

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How Can Members of the Campus Community Protect Themselves in an "Active Shooter" Situation?

If you are directly involved in an incident and cannot safely evacuate....

- Go to the nearest room or office (close and lock the door, turn off the lights, seek protective cover, keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room and don't answer the door).
- If possible, call 9-1-1 from your location and provide a police dispatcher

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How to prevent crime from ruining your holiday celebrations

Shopping, tree trimming, holiday decorating, holiday traveling, mailing gifts and cards.... It's the holidays and the "to do" list is endless, so it's understandable that we pay less attention to our personal safety and security as we focus on the celebrations. **So what can you do to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of a crime during this time of year?**

Holiday Shopping

- Discourage shoplifters by carrying your wallet in your front pocket or holding your purse close to your body.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or unnecessary credit cards. Try to pay with checks or credit cards whenever possible.

- If your children must accompany you, teach them to ask a store clerk for assistance
(*"Holiday" Continued on page 3*)

"...for the first time in the Department's history, over 50% of all personnel within the Department represent a minority group."

(*"V-Tech", cont. from page 1*)

Currently UNLV's Administration has created a committee to improve upon UNLV's emergency notification systems. The committee consists of representatives from the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Risk Management & Safety, Division of Finance & Business and the Department of Police Services. At this time they are reviewing "Requests for Proposals" (R.F.P.'s) from a variety of vendors, and looking into a variety of warning systems including sirens, reverse 9-1-1 systems, text messaging, etc.

Currently, UNLV's primary means of warning the campus on a campus-wide scale is via e-mail. UNLV's e-mail systems can prioritize "emergency" e-mails for

dissemination to all campus subscribers. Faculty & Staff receive these emergency e-mails through "UNLV Official", and Students receive these emergency e-mails through "R.A.V.E." (Rebel Announcements Via E-mail). The UNLV Department of Police Services has been granted access to send "unfiltered" messages through these systems in the event of an emergency, and in the past this procedure has been utilized to notify the campus community of dangerous situations like natural gas leaks. On these occasions, e-mails were disseminated immediately to the campus once UNLV's Administration received notification.

In addition, when emergencies occur the Department of Police Services and the Department of Risk Management & Safety both have the capability of immediately notifying all

campus police staff and top level University Administrators of the incident via a small-scale "reverse 9-1-1" warning system which sends alerts to these staff personnel via phone and e-mail.

Bomb Dog

In 2007, the Department of Police Services gained a new tool in its emergency preparedness efforts. Officer William Burkett was sent for extensive dog-handling training for several months and is now responsible for UNLV's K-9 bomb dog unit. In the past, UNLV has had to rely on local ATF officers to conduct bomb sweeps of major campus events like graduation ceremonies and sporting events. Now Officer Burkett and "Bea", his assigned bomb dog, perform this security measure directly on behalf of the University.



Robert Ljungquist is a Public Safety day-shift patrol officer who can frequently be seen during the

UNLV Student Life Employee Spotlight

University's normal hours of operation. He's also the department's vehicle officer responsible for maintaining it's police fleet. It's this role that gives him the most satisfaction, but it's only one of the many roles that earn him recognition. Robert is amongst the most decorated members of the

police force having earned multiple awards over the years including the 2006 "Police Officer of the Year Award".

Robert is the oldest of four siblings born and raised in Las Vegas by Bob and Linda
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with the following information: your name, location of the incident, number of shooters, description(s) of the shooter(s), number of people involved, your location & any injuries to victims you may be aware of.

- Wait for the UNLV Police or local police to assist you out of the building.



If you think you can safely evacuate from the area of the incident....

- While exiting, notify anyone you may encounter to exit the building

immediately.

- Evacuate to a safe area away from the danger and take protective cover. Stay there until assistance arrives.
- Call 9-1-1 and provide the following information: your name, location of the incident, number of shooters, description(s) of the shooter(s), number of people involved, your location & any injuries to victims you may be aware of.
- If not immediately threatened by the situation, take protective cover and stay away from all windows and doors until notified otherwise.

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Ljungquist. His father was the general manager for Pizza Hut of Las Vegas, and at first it appeared that Robert would follow a similar path. However, early on Robert determined it wasn't for him. He then joined the UNLV Police Department in 2003.

After joining the force he

married Andrea, a UNLV graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education. Their family soon grew with the birth of their son, Dillon. One of Robert's favorite pastimes is playing with his son, but he also enjoys participating in his church's Sunday school programs as well as reading anything written by Tom Clancy.

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in the event they are separated from you during shopping.

- Don't leave packages on the seat of your car, and always remember to securely lock your vehicle.

Driving During the Holidays

- If you attend parties where alcohol is served, remember to use a designated driver.
- Take breaks to avoid fatigue, especially when driving long distances.
- Buckle up! That means passengers and kids, too!

Home & Holiday Decorations

- Make sure all doors & windows have secondary locks and use them.
- Ensure that the outside of your home is well lit.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- If traveling, use timers for lights and radios; suspend mail & newspaper deliveries; and ask a friend to watch your home.

Gifts & Bills

- Pay close attention to bills and report any unauthorized charges.

- Photograph & record the serial numbers of your gifts and engrave them. This will help police recover your property and prevent thieves from pawning it.



Mailing Address for the Department of Police Services

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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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POLICE SERVICES &
POLICE SERVICES**

Public Safety Mission Statement

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.

We're on the Web!

www.unlv.edu/studentlife

UNLV Department of Police Services New Hires

- **(November 1) = Jon Kong** — Before his appointment to UNLV, Officer Kong was a police officer for the Henderson Police Department for approximately a year. John received his police academy training from the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy at the College of Southern Nevada. John plans to attend UNLV and earn a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He resides in Las Vegas with his wife, Sandra and their daughter and son.
- **(November 13) = Jonathan Huynh** — Prior to Officer Huynh's appointment with UNLV, he was employed as a police officer for the Henderson Police Department for approximately a year. Prior to working for Henderson he also worked locally in the food & beverage division of Harrah's Hotel & Casino. He received his law enforcement training from the Southern Desert Regional Police Academy, and he would like to pursue a bachelor degree in criminal justice from UNLV in the future. He currently resides in Las Vegas.

What's in a Name? UNLV Public Safety Changes its Name

The UNLV Department of Public Safety has changed its name. The new title of the department will be the UNLV Department of Police Services. In the coming months various changes will be made across the University to reflect this change on both campus signage and telephone directories. The reason for the change was the fact that the department's mission had changed. In the past, the Public Safety Department handled issues beyond law enforcement including parking services for the campus. With the creation of UNLV's new Department of Parking Services this responsibility has been removed from the police.

Chief Elique views the name change as a positive outcome of this change the department's mission. According to Chief Elique, "Public Safety was a more ambiguous title than Police Services is, and it did cause some confusion within the campus community. Anyone hearing the new name knows instantly that they are dealing with a law enforcement agency, which is critical when an individual is confronted by an emergency and in need of assistance."