

Safety Committee Agenda

November 5, 3:00 p.m., Zoom

Attendees: Sherry Schumann, Chief Jenkins, Mike Messina, Terrence Brennan, Ben Copeland, Nicole Darmawi, Matt Geracie, John Glass, Tanatswa Gwaze, Jon Hardesty, Susmita Jyotishmati, Karen Musa, Gen Northup, Michael Phillips, Clair Robertson, Monica Velazquez, Jennifer Wright, Sarah Densmore

Not in attendance: Chris Eyle, Greg Forge, Lee Powell, Meredith Wang

I. Introductions – Dr. Sherry Schumann

Went around the room, with everyone introducing themselves, providing their titles and stating what area(s) they represent.

II. Purpose of the Committee – Dr. Sherry Schumann

Provided information about why the committee was formed, the policy it represents, etc.

III. Overview of Policies and Practices Related to Weapons on Collin Campuses – Chief Scott Jenkins

- Legal policies have been established to balance individual freedoms and rights on one side and public safety and individual responsibility on the other.
- Constitutional carry of a handgun passed in Texas this year. We obtained some 30.07 signs to let people know that open carry is not allowed on campuses.
- Exclusion zones are outlined in Board policy CHF (Local). 30.06 signs are located at the entrances to exclusion zones (i.e., places like the child development lab, locker rooms, polling locations, chemical labs, etc.).
- Michael Phillips - asked about the School Marshall Program – how many people are involved, what types of training, etc. Chief's response: as of yet, no one has been selected or trained for this program. There is a Board policy but the program has not been implemented.

IV. Effectiveness of Policies and Practices – Chief Scott Jenkins

- No arrests for firearms or weapons.
- No injuries related to firearms or weapons.
- No detentions based on concealed carry or permit-less carry.
- A few reports of dove hunters near the Plano and Technical Campuses.
- One call of shots heard near student housing – could not be determined where shots were made.
- One call of shots heard from the shopping center next to the McKinney Campus.
- The Texas legislature expanded individual freedoms related to the second amendment. No adverse or measurable impact on the Collin College campuses or centers.

V. New Texas Legislation – Chief Scott Jenkins

- Constitutional carry was most widely discussed provision that went into effect September 1, 2021.
- Citizens in Texas now have the right to carry a handgun in Texas as long as they are not restricted by law or a court. (such as someone who has committed a felony, etc.)

- License to carry is still in effect for citizens who meet the standards to obtain a license to carry a handgun.

VI. *Safety Programs in November – Chief Scott Jenkins*

a. *Rape Aggression Defense Training – November 5-6th, Frisco Alumni Hall*

This training is open to all females. If a group of males are interested in going through this sort of training, get with Chief and he will get training provided. The training is open to all students, faculty, and staff. Chief will get with SGA to provide more information to students.

b. *Stay Safe with Student Government Association*

- *Wylie, November 8th*
- *McKinney, November 15th*
- *Plano, November 17th*

VII. *Updates – Michael Messina, Director of Safety and Emergency Management*

Emergency Response Teams – all campuses have a trained emergency response team except for the Celina Campus, and all campuses (except Celina) have gone through a table top training exercise (bomb threat scenario). An active shooter training exercise was done at the Technical Campus. Better collaboration with municipal partners was the most significant recommendation based on the exercise. Mike will work with municipal partners to see if they are willing to train with Collin ERTs and Police. Other identified areas for improvement include the limited wireless communication capability at the Technical Campus and enhancing ERT training with additional medical topics.

The JCAR (Junior College Audit Report by the Texas School Safety Center) was submitted this year to the state. It is required every three years. It is a self-assessment done by many different areas of the College, including Emergency Management, Police, Facility Operations, etc.

VIII. *FFDA (LOCAL) Changes – Terrence Brennan, Dean of Students*

Annual Security and Fire Safety Report has been posted as of October 1, as required by state law. This report is mandated by the Clery Act.

Another report, required by THECB, talks about SB212 mandatory reporting that all employees of community colleges and state colleges are required to provide a report if they become aware of dating violence, stalking, etc. that takes place on campus. New regulations went into effect in August 2020.

New Title IX regulation (as of July 2021) mandated by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights – witness statements, evidence, etc. no longer requires active cross-examination in a live hearing during the Title IX resolution process. In the past, witnesses had to participate in an active cross examination at a live hearing. The new law has been incorporated into Board policy FFDA (LOCAL) and the Title IX Resolution Process Handbook (available on the website).

Annual Title IX training has taken place for all Title IX participants in the resolution process.

IX. *Round Robin*

John Glass – lots of SOBI referrals lately. A lot of students are in various degrees of crisis. Counseling services is full. SOBI is acting as a triage team, seeing who they need to refer each case to. If there is an active distress, they refer to counseling, but counseling is over utilized at this point. SOBI is recommending that faculty be more aware, and follow up with students to see what their needs might be. Faculty being more aware has made a positive impact. SOBI is recommending that one person be designated as a case manager to follow up and provide a point of contact for these cases.

Michael Phillips – asking for theory why so many SOBI cases, why the increase? John’s response: part of it is the time of year, holidays and mid-to-late term of the semester. Terrence’s response: hopelessness is becoming more prevalent. The stigma surrounding mental health is decreasing for college students, which enables them to open up more. Counseling services has also been much more visible around campuses and goes into the classrooms to let students know they are available to help.