

YSM Safety & Security Committee Meeting Notes  
July 1, 2024, 12pm

Meeting notes:

- **Town Hall Planning:** Maia James and Chief Anthony Campbell discussed the upcoming town hall meetings, highlighting the importance of addressing public safety concerns, especially in light of potential protests and the upcoming election. They emphasized the need for a structured agenda for Chief Jacobson and New Haven PD's participation.
  - **Panelist Selection:** Maia James secured panelists for the next two town halls, including representatives from the transportation, traffic, parking department, and New Haven PD, to discuss South frontage, Vision Zero bill, and safety measures for the New Year.
  - **Public Safety Focus:** Chief Campbell highlighted the need to address potential high-level protests due to the election and the ongoing war, emphasizing the importance of focusing on public safety, including active shooter situations, encampments, and fire safety issues.
  - **Collaborative Agenda:** Arnim Dontes and Chief Campbell discussed structuring the agenda for Chief Jacobson's participation, considering the potential for protests and the importance of public safety during the election period.
  - **Meeting Insights:** Maia James noted the importance of capturing the panel discussion details for future reference, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the topics to be discussed during the town hall meetings.
- **Security Video Development:** Nick Proto shared plans for developing an armed intruder video, aiming to include diverse scenarios and locations across the health system to ensure relatability and inclusiveness. The video aims to educate on various forms of armed intrusion, not limited to firearms.
  - **Video Concept:** Nick Proto detailed the concept for the armed intruder video, aiming to include a diverse group of intruders and scenarios across multiple health system locations, ensuring inclusivity and relatability for all employees.
  - **Collaborative Effort:** Nick Proto discussed collaborating with Duane Lovello and Chief Campbell, incorporating ideas from Yale University's video and planning to involve Yale University police and New Haven police in the video production.
  - **Video Content:** The video will address various weapons beyond firearms, and tie into workplace violence issues in medical facilities.
  - **Production Logistics:** Nick Proto outlined the logistical challenges of filming across different locations and ensuring the video reflects the diverse disciplines within the health system.

- **Parking Lot Security:** Nick Proto discussed the increase in thefts from vehicles in system parking lots and the measures being taken to address this, including mobile cameras and increased officer presence. The discussion highlighted the challenges of securing leased lots and the importance of visible security measures.
  - **Theft Increase:** Nick Proto reported a rise in thefts from vehicles in hospital parking lots, prompting the need for enhanced security measures and increased officer presence.
  - **Security Measures:** Mobile cameras and lights have been installed to interact with individuals in the parking lot, providing a sense of being watched and enhancing security.
  - **Collaborative Security:** Nick Proto mentioned coordination with New Haven Police Department and the possibility of involving Protective Services in parking lot patrols.
  - **Employee Concerns:** Nick Proto acknowledged the anxiety among employees due to recent robberies and emphasized the importance of perception and presence in ensuring safety.
  
- **Survey on Safety Concerns:** Maia James presented a survey designed to gather feedback on safety concerns from the School of Medicine community. The survey aims to understand the community's awareness and satisfaction with safety resources and town hall meetings.
  - **Survey Purpose:** Maia James introduced a survey to assess the School of Medicine community's awareness and satisfaction with safety resources and town hall meetings, aiming to gather feedback on safety concerns.
  - **Survey Structure:** The survey includes questions about town hall attendance, satisfaction with safety updates, understanding of safety resources, and the frequency and timing of town hall meetings.
  - **Live Safe App:** The survey inquires about the usage of the Live Safe app and whether safety concerns have been addressed since attending town hall meetings.
  - **Feedback Collection:** Chief Campbell suggested collecting metrics from the Live Safe app to complement the survey feedback and provide a comprehensive view of safety concerns.
  
- **Window Egress Concerns:** Sue Cascio raised concerns about requests for keys to windows at 2 Church St South for emergency egress, suggesting modifications to allow ventilation without compromising safety.
  
- **Street Conversion Update:** Peggy Atherlay provided an update on the city's plan to convert a portion of York Street under the air rights garage to two-way traffic, emphasizing the need for community awareness due to the change happening soon.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Live Safe App Metrics:** Gather and report metrics from the Live Safe app to the committee (Chief Campbell)
- **135 College St Security:** Monitor and report any further incidents or concerns at 135 College St (Sue)
- **Armed Intruder Video:** Coordinate with Yale University police and New Haven police for the development of the armed intruder video (Nick Proto)
- **Parking Lot Security:** Continue to monitor and adjust security measures in the parking lots to ensure safety (Nick Proto)
- **Survey Coordination:** Coordinate the timing of the safety survey with other surveys being distributed to avoid survey fatigue (Maia James)
- **Window Egress Safety:** Modify windows at 2 Church St South to prevent them from opening more than six or eight inches for safety (Sue Cascio)
- **Two-Way Conversion Notification:** Send out a notice about the two-way conversion of York Street under air rights garage (Peggy Atherlay)