



Personal Safety is Everyone's Business

Upstate Medical University Campus Personal Safety Committee

2003 - 2004 Annual Report

The Committee held eight meetings from September, 2003 through June, 2004. Members from all areas of the hospital staff, administration, faculty and student body supported the Committee.

Our main focus continues to be keeping the campus informed about safety and security related issues. We respond to concerns about individual personal safety in the following areas: parking facilities and the shuttle system; emergency procedures/notification; campus and fire safety procedures.

The Committee held an evening meeting in November using a walking tour of the campus as a format to evaluate lighting as well as other safety issues. Our findings in the enclosed memo were sent to Mr. Gary Kittell and Mr. Steve Brady with recommendations for continued improvements and comments on the positive changes we've noted. A response from Mr. Kittell explained the steps being taken to address our concerns.

In the spring, members of the Committee rode the campus shuttle bus and discussed the experience. The consensus is that the shuttle is efficient and the vehicles and parking lots are generally safe. The enclosed memo has been sent to Mr. Dick O'Shea with our impressions.

We completed the design of a personal safety brochure to be distributed to new students and new employees. Funding for printing is anticipated this summer with the new fiscal year. The brochure includes personal safety tips and campus/community resources.

Next year we plan to continue our annual evening outdoor safety walk and inspect at least one more building. We will continue with our web site to allow for feedback from campus members and continue to promote safety awareness.

For the purpose of complying with requirements regarding bias-related crimes outlined for campuses in Article 129-A of the Education law, the Personal Safety

Committee is willing to serve as the “Advisory Committee on Campus Security” if needed.