Greetings and Happy New Year,

It is my pleasure to share with you the very first edition of the Gaucho Guardian. I am optimistic that it will provide you with a wealth of helpful information about the services we offer and give you a better understanding of the Department of Public Safety’s mission. This is also a wonderful chance for me to share with you some of the accomplishments and accolades that are frequently bestowed on UC’s finest! With any luck, I will have you anticipating the next edition and looking forward to reading all about the latest and greatest changes, updates and events.

Our mission is to maintain a safe campus and reduce the fear of crime while supporting the quality of life we all enjoy here at UCSB. Through our existing community partnerships and by utilizing a problem-oriented, data-driven policing model my department can quickly identify trends and develop intervention strategies to respond effectively.

We are also always looking to identify and find new ways to improve and enhance our focus on customer service, your feedback is encouraged and welcomed. I am developing a customer service survey that will benchmark where we are as a department and determine ways we can continue to strive for excellence. Additionally, I am working on updating the department’s website to create an intuitive and rich virtual environment where crime prevention techniques, department contacts, and outreach programs are accessible and readily available to our community. Please visit our website at: www.police.ucsb.edu

Please feel free to provide me with any comments, suggestions, or questions that you may have by contacting me directly at: dustinolson@police.ucsb.edu

Best Regards,

Dustin Olson
Chief of Police

AT A GLANCE: THE UC POLICE DEPARTMENT

The University of California’s Police Departments occupy unique positions within the Law Enforcement community. UCPD officers operate in areas joined by common purposes and goals: research and education. At the same time, the departments’ statewide jurisdiction brings officers into the diverse communities that surround UC campuses. As a whole, the UCPD has come a long way since the first officer was appointed in 1915 to supplement the Berkeley night watch. By and large, the most sweeping changes to UC Police Departments occurred during the 60s and 70s.

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The years between 1964 and 1972 witnessed widespread activism at universities across the country. Here at UCSB, bomb threats regularly emptied buildings and an actual bombing of the faculty club led to one fatality. Several riots also occurred in Isla Vista, culminating in the arson of the Bank of America. These threats and those facing other campuses resulted in the Regents’ commitment to improve all UCPDs. To this end, system-wide rules and regulations were created, training standards utilized by all California peace officers were adopted, a mutual assistance program for police services was articulated, and a quarterly meeting of University Police Chiefs was set. These measures in turn led to the evolution and professionalization of UCPDs. Although times have changed, UCPD’s commitment to providing quality police services and ensuring safer communities remains.

The evolution and structure of the UCSB Department of Public Safety is particularly unique because of its proximity to the community of Isla Vista. UC officers routinely respond to calls related to crime and provide additional security for persons and property in IV. Furthermore, UCPD officers serve on a rotating schedule in the IV Foot Patrol Station. In this posting, officers work closely with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department and the California Highway Patrol. These cooperative efforts in IV facilitate the exchange of ideas and methods between different agencies. Members of UCSB Paramedic Rescue also work alongside law enforcement personnel to provide round-the-clock coverage to the area.

At UCSB, the Department of Public Safety is resolutely committed to high standards of training and conduct. Junior officers are afforded unparalleled educational opportunities in interview techniques and DUI, traffic and crime scene investigations. Although this training is an invaluable component of everyday work, one of the greatest assets to the UCSB department is the support of the campus community. Without the collaboration and feedback of the University the department would have difficulty meeting the needs of a diverse and dynamic population. In the wake of the South Hall incident for example, Public Safety held forums to improve safety at the request of faculty and staff. This shared commitment to a safer campus and sense of community ensures the evolution of the Department of Public Safety and the improvement of UCSB.

MEET UCSB’S NEWEST OFFICER: ANTONIO MAGAÑA

Antonio “Tony” Magaña was sworn into UCPD in December of 2009. Although he his the newest officer to join UCPD, he is no stranger to law enforcement. “I became a cop,” recalls Tony, “because I had a real interest in working with people and giving something back to the community.” Before coming to UCSB, Tony worked for five years with the Guadalupe Police Department where he requested to serve as a school resource officer. “Many of the kids’ parents worked in the oil fields or on the farms. I identified with that lifestyle” says Tony, who was born in Michoacán and immigrated to the U.S. with his parents at age two. Tony elaborates, “there’s a lot of gang activity [in Guadalupe] and I wanted to show the kids that it was possible to achieve their goals without getting caught up in that way of life.”

When asked about his initial impressions of UCSB Tony could barely contain his enthusiasm, “I’m amazed by how nice everyone is! The community is really unique and open-minded.”

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Tony is currently getting acquainted with Isla Vista out of IV Foot Patrol. Speaking on UCSB and IV Tony concludes, “It’s a great environment to work in. The people I have interacted with have, more often than not, been accommodating and friendly. I look forward to getting to know the area and people better.”

When not on the job Tony says he spends a lot of time with his wife and two children. Tony’s daughter and son both attend colleges in the Santa Barbara area. Tony himself is an avid outdoorsman, loves to barbecue and when pressed about his other hobbies, he laughs, “I also really like to play poker with friends.”

QUESTION AUTHORITY  BY SGT. MARK SIGNA

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Gaucho Guardian. This is the UCSB Department of Public Safety’s opportunity to talk directly to you, and perhaps, for you to talk right back to us.

Over the several years I have been writing and presenting Question Authority, there has never been a time when people did not have questions for me or the Police Department. Whether it’s been about drug laws, how to take care of tickets, how not to get tickets in the first place, or even to dispel some of the myths about cops. Do we have quotas? Do cops write red cars more tickets? Do we like donuts? Well, dispel most of the myths at least.

It’s easy for me to sit here and tell people not to be afraid to just come up and ask us questions. The truth is, it’s not easy. When someone says “Cops!” most people are not thinking, “Oh boy! I’m about to get flowers and a hug!” Usually it’s, “what did I do?”, or “I’d better stop doing that”, or “here’s my license, registration and insurance...”

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GET TO KNOW UCSB’S PARAMEDIC RESCUE UNIT  BY KEVIN HIGHTOWER AND AUSTIN HAIN

Since the 1970s UCSB’s Paramedic Rescue unit has been a vital part of the campus and Isla Vista’s emergency response. Significantly, UCSB Rescue is the only Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance in the UC system. Rescue is staffed by 13 student EMTs and 3 career paramedics.

Rescue is comprised of an ALS rescue ambulance operated 24/7 by one EMT and one Paramedic per shift. Additional staff and units are also on call during busy weekends such as Halloween. As ALS providers, UCSB paramedics offer advanced procedures, both non-invasive and invasive for patient care.

Rescue’s response area covers all of Isla Vista and the UCSB Campus. IV’s diverse population gives rise to a variety of calls, the most common of which are alcohol related and accidents caused by biking or skateboarding. However, calls also come from Friendship Manor and Devereaux.

Most of the EMTs hired at Rescue are students who are interested in pursuing careers in the medical profession or the fire service. EMTs serve alongside seasoned paramedics and gain valuable experience in emergency medicine and handling stressful situations. Acquiring these skills while going to school provides a strong background for future careers. This experience also gives applicants to medical and nursing programs a competitive edge. EMTs are hired annually in the spring quarter and have the opportunity to work at Rescue as long as they remain full time undergraduate students.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Captain Cathy Farley at cathy.farley@police.ucsb.edu

"The principal goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done."

Jean Piaget, Psychologist and Philosopher
SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: LOST AND FOUND

A lost item can be frustrating and disruptive to your everyday routine. Fortunately, the Department of Public Safety’s Lost and Found exists for the purpose of reuniting you with your belongings! We receive daily questions about Lost and Found, and hundreds of items are delivered each week. These questions and the cornucopia of uncollected cell phones, sunglasses and wallets suggest that there may be some confusion surrounding Lost and Found.

If you find a lost item, turn it into the Public Safety Building at the intersection of Stadium and Mesa Roads. Public Safety will accept items 24/7 at the dispatch window. The Lost and Found office however, is located in a red trailer behind this building. Found items are retained for 90 days, after which they are either donated or auctioned off.

If you lose an item, the first thing you should do is report it missing via the UCPD web site at www.police.ucsb.edu/lost.html or by calling (805)893-3843. Office hours are Mon. and Fri. 1:00-4:30PM and Wed. from 9:00-12:00PM. Your report ensures that you will be notified should your item be found. You can also browse a list of found items that is updated daily on the aforementioned web page.

Perhaps the most difficult part of misplacing an object is waiting to see it again. It is important to note that it may be several days or even weeks before your item makes its way to the Lost and Found office. Some departments turn found objects into Lost and Found at the end of every week. Most of the time, a far less regimented schedule determines when an item is turned in. Once the item has been turned in, it also takes time for it to be catalogued and cross-referenced with lost item reports. While you are waiting to regain your item, do not lose hope!

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Not exactly the best way to build communication. Hopefully with articles like Question Authority and newsletters like this one, we can help provide an opportunity to present ourselves as people who are not just out there to write tickets and make arrests, but also to provide a helping hand, answer questions, or just be around when you need us. I can’t promise you flowers and a hug, my wife would probably kill me, but hopefully we can get you an answer for that question you’ve always wondered about while watching “Cops!” on TV. And before someone inevitably asks, yes, I like donuts. Happy now?

When I write this article, I am frequently asked if these are real questions. Yes, they are. Between the presentations, articles, information booths, and e-mails, we get asked thousands of questions every year. I try to take the questions that are most relevant and share them with everyone. I keep the questions general for privacy, but if you e-mail me, I will answer your questions as specifically as possible. I can’t guarantee you will like the answer.

And since my lawyer experience is limited to playing “Sammy the Legal Eagle” in third grade, I won’t provide specific legal advice. I will however, do what I can to point you in the right direction and hopefully help you get the answers you need. In my twenty years as a cop, I’ve learned a few things—some of them even have to do with the law and cop stuff! Who would’ve thought…

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To get us started, here’s a question from a recent incident that happened here at UCSB, in what I like to call “The Case of the Mad Magazines!” Oh, that’s horrible. I promise not to do that again...

A few months ago I was approached by a kid selling magazines trying to win a prize. He was really aggressive and I eventually bought a couple of subscriptions. Since then I haven’t received any magazines and I can’t find the kid. Was this a scam?

Unfortunately this is a very common problem at colleges and universities all over. There are companies that load up vans and travel from city to city selling subscriptions to magazines, or high-priced candy for charity. They use high pressure sales tactics and often out-right lies about doing it for a local school or sports team to get you to buy from them.

So what do you do if you get approached by them? Just say no. If they persist demand to see their Santa Barbara County Transient Business License. This is required in Santa Barbara. Also, at UCSB they must have permission from Business Services to sell on campus and door to door sales are not allowed. If you feel uncomfortable or something doesn’t seem right, it’s probably not right. Call the police and we’ll check them out.

I’m not saying everyone selling stuff door to door is trying to rip you off. I’ve bought my share of Samoas and been very happy. But, if that sweet little Girl Scout is showing a 5’oclock shadow and smoking a Cohiba, that little warning bell going off in your head is definitely trying to tell you something. Call us...

So that’s all the space I have for this time. I hope that you will take a moment to call, e-mail, semaphore, or telegraph me any questions or problems you have with the police. Not sure about something you saw? Got a question about a ticket? Just heard something from someone about something that happened somewhere to somebody? Don’t hesitate to Question Authority! In the mean time, take care and be safe.

Got caught by a cop? Your party popped by the Po-Po? Ticked by a ticket? If you have questions, don’t let them eat away at you. Question Authority! E-mail me anytime at QA@police.ucsb.edu.

Question Authority! In the State Street Room

Time TBD at the UCEN

Come and learn about campus law enforcement. This event will consist of an active shooter presentation followed by an opportunity to meet with Chief Olson. There will also be a raffle with prizes! Event details to follow.

Register your Bike with CSO!

Have you registered your bicycle yet? Bike theft is one of the more common types of crime at UCSB. Establish ownership in case your bike is stolen! Bike registration is also required as stated by California law! Register your bike with CSO in the red trailer, behind the Public Safety Building. Bring a valid photo ID and $ 6.00.

- Identifies your bicycle
- Deters bike theft
- Facilitates impound release
- Required per CVC 21113 (f).027!

The UCSB Department of Public Safety embraces community policing. It is our mission to work in partnership with the University and surrounding communities to create safer and more informed environments. An important aspect of this relationship is interaction and feedback between police officers, students, faculty and staff. Do you have a question about law enforcement? Would you like to see something covered in the next issue of Gaucho Guardian? Email the editor at evan.raleigh@police.ucsb.edu. We value and rely on your feedback!