

## USC CAMPUS SAFETY EFFORTS -- BLUEPRINT FOR IMPROVED UT SECURITY

Key points from the 2016 USC Security and Fire Safety Report.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT/PATROL AREA INFORMATION

#### Crimes Occuring in the Patrol and Response Area

*The Department of Public Safety's patrol jurisdiction extends beyond the footprint of the University Park Campus, and its geographical response area extends still further, both as shown on the map on page 80. As a result, DPS is able to better serve the USC community by responding to calls for service within this wider geographical area. The university relies on the close relationship between DPS and the LAPD in providing services to USC community members within this expanded service area.*

#### LAPD-USC/DPS University Park Task Force

The University Park Task Force (UPTF) is comprised of DPS personnel and *approximately twenty-six Los Angeles police officers who are assigned exclusively to the USC campus community to address crime and quality of life issues.* The UPTF utilizes crime-related intelligence, data, and crime analysis to more effectively deal with crime impacting the USC community.

#### **\*\* Establishment of the USC Safe Zone \*\***

*The USC DPS patrol and response areas have been designated by the City Attorney's Office as a "Safe Zone" in order to assist in the effort to follow up on arrests and citations resulting from UPTF and DPS activities. The Safe Zone designation provides for enhanced sentencing and penalties for those arrested and convicted of crimes committed within its boundaries. A dedicated Deputy City Attorney and Neighborhood Prosecutor contribute to USC's ability to prevent, combat, and suppress crime within its patrol and response area.*

#### USC UPC Perimeter Security

The university and DPS, in coordination with contract security personnel, *work to maintain UPC campus perimeter security by positioning unarmed security personnel at the entry points to campus between the hours of 9:00 pm and 6:00 am, seven days a week.* At the entry points, security officers screen individuals entering campus, *allowing entry only to those who articulate a legitimate reason to be on campus during those hours and who otherwise do not present as a threat to the campus community.* Additionally, guests of students are required to register in advance of entering onto the campus, and their identifications are also checked, verified, and logged.

### EXTRA SECURITY EFFORTS

**Security Ambassadors:** *There are approximately 60 "Security Ambassadors" (or "Yellow Jackets") posted at USC each day. **Approximately 40 Security Ambassadors are posted each day at off-campus locations, primarily to sidewalks and intersections traveled by a majority of students, faculty, and staff.*** About 15 are posted each day to the perimeter of the UPC campus, and 5 are posted daily to the interior of the UPC campus. Security Ambassadors wear bright yellow and cardinal colored jackets or bright yellow polo shirts. Security Ambassadors carry radios and are instructed to contact their direct supervisor and DPS in the event they observe a crime, a crime is reported to them, or they observe suspicious or unusual behavior.

**Get a Ride:** If you work, study or take classes at night, you don't have to walk to your car or home alone. Use the LiveSafe app to contact UPC's Campus Cruiser services which will take you to your destination. *If wait periods exceed 15 minutes, calls are automatically outsourced to Uber, which you can take for free*

**LiveSafe:** To immediately contact DPS or 911 with a push of a button on your mobile phone, download the Trojan Mobile Safety APP "LIVESAFE" from Google Play or the Apple iTunes Store.

**After-hours Access:** From 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each day, security personnel stationed at each open entrance will ask anyone coming onto campus, including students, faculty, and staff, to present their USC identification card or other approved photo identification. Guests, including parents and family members, must be registered to access campus after hours. Students and employees may use the online invited guest registration system at <http://visitor.usc.edu> to register their guests. Once guests are in that system, their information will be available to entrance personnel immediately. Registered guests may be admitted upon presenting photo identification.

### **SECURITY TECHNOLOGY**

As part of the Department of Public Safety's efforts to leverage technology and suppress criminal activity, in 2006 DPS launched the "Minimizing the Spaces" initiative, which resulted in the installation of 5 surveillance cameras and 2 license plate recognition cameras (LPRs). Due to the success of the initiative, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) added additional surveillance cameras and license plate recognition cameras in subsequent years on the campus proper and throughout the patrol and response area. *In 2016, DPS has a total of 134 Video Patrol Surveillance Cameras (VPC) and 69 License Plate Recognition Cameras (LPRs) as part of its coordinated crime prevention efforts.* The university's goal in employing this security technology is to monitor potential criminal activity on-campus and to document crime for the purpose of assisting local law enforcement with prosecutions.

\*\*Link to 2016 USC Fire and Safety Report (PDF format, copy and paste link in browser to access\*\*:  
<http://dps.usc.edu/files/2016/10/ASR-2016-Final-9-30-2016.pdf>

