

Campus Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

Members Present

- Matthew Carmichael – Chief of Police UPD
- Cat Hoyt – Alternative Program Coordinator UPD
- Daniel Benitez – Assistant Chief of Police UPD
- Danielle Neid – Housing and Residential Life
- Dr. Michael Supancic – Faculty Senate
- Chad Willis – Staff Council
- Dan Costello – Director of Facilities and Transportation

Meeting Minutes

An update was provided regarding the timely warning issued January 15, 2025.

Dan Costello provided a review of the Fall Campus Safety Lighting Walk:

235 issues were located and reported.

84 work orders have been completed.

Work orders consisted of:

53 tripping hazards

69 blocked lighting

51 burned out lights

32 others

A survey is being conducted to add new spaces to Buckner and Elm St to add 10-15 new parking spaces. The spaces will consist of green and red.

UPD reported that the Park Right Program has begun; rewarding drivers for parking correctly. Four awards have been given out so far.

UPD and Facilities are installing mirrors in Wood St Garage.

The Elm Lot is available for green permit holders.

Thorpe Lane Lot

The lot is currently in the design stage. There will be an estimated 500 spots with 2 bus shelters, emergency phones, and security lights.

The lot is expected to be available for parking mid-August 2025 and designed for commuter students.

The TXST shuttle will pick up from the lot on a similar schedule to the weekday gameday schedule. The bus route will run through the lot and not pick up on the street.

A consultant team has been put together with members from transportation and parking. This team will meet to discuss new construction regarding lots.

UPD will implement a new emergency channel program. This program will provide a single channel that is monitored by UPD dispatch. Campus stakeholders will have this radio and channel. Chief Carmichael will report before summer break who will have a radio.

UPD Stop Data will be available January 2025 and can be found online. This is a statewide report that includes all departments' data. Chief Carmichael will separate UPD data and will present the findings to Student Government and the committee.

UPD and DHRL have partnered together to create a "No ID, No Entry" program for residents.

Chat with Chief Matt February date is pending but will have a focus on naloxone.

Bobcat Safe Rides started service for the Spring 2025 semester on January 13th, 2025. The program is continuing the days and hours of last semester. So far, the program has had 1,714 passengers for the semester.

UPD is implementing Emergency Safe Rides. This service is offered to all TXST students in the San Marcos area. If they feel that they need help or need to get out of a situation quickly, the student can contact UPD dispatch and a full-time UPD employee will pick up the student.

The formal request for staff making under \$37,000 a year for a parking discount.

The committee discussed why vehicles are booted. Boots are placed on cars that have excessive tickets on their accounts. The owner of the vehicle can set up a payment plan to pay off tickets.

UPD is working on implementing a Parking School which will give students the ability to take this class to reduce ticket amounts – this is still in the works.

Questions and concerns addressed by viewers:

- The hourly pay rate at JCK is higher than the other pay to park areas around campus. The committee will do research and follow back up.
- Concerns of students parking in red spots at Matthew St Parking Garage with the new Residential halls being built. The question regarding installing a gate to separate levels was brought up.

The committee will send out the number of citations that have been issued at Matthew St Parking Garage.