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Public Safety Emergency Response Open Forum **October 18, 2015**

Paul Ominsky (Director of Public Safety): What I am going to do is run through the CPUC presentation and then open it to questions. First, we are enhancing our emergency response plan. Although we do have a safe campus we still need to plan and prepare to train our staff. Currently in the event of an active shooter the university reports to the Princeton Police. It is important to note that Princeton Public safety attend the same academy as state police. As practice have evolved officers used to have three or four officers present before entering a building. Now the first armed officer can respond. We are going to enhance the current response for access in to a rifle in these two rare occurrences. Our priority is ensuring the safety of Princeton's campus and working together to keep the campus community safe. To summarize DPS works to ensure community caretaking. Allowing access to rifles in these rare circumstances means increased response. The officers will not have access to firearms outside of these cases. This means that officers will not be armed on a daily basis.

Dallas Nan (U-Councilor): In the second instance that this may be used, in the case that someone has a firearm, I was wondering if you can talk a little more about the guidelines for if someone might have a firearm?

PO: In the instance that someone might have a firearm we will call the Princeton police. So this is very different than instances that have happened across the country. The case is if we have a credible report that someone has a firearm then we will engage.

Nick Horvath (Communications Chair): What will count as a credible report?

PO: A credible report will be a report coming from the community which is very different from an officer who is armed on a daily basis making a judgement call.

Ethan Marcus (U-Councilor): Where will the handguns be stored?

PO: The handguns will be under the control of DPS.

Shobhit Kumar (U-Councilor): If there were an emergency how long would it take for Princeton police to get onto campus?

PO: It could take several minutes for anyone to arrive. It could be a situation when DPS is there first and PPD doesn't arrive for several minutes. This is about the things that no one wants to ever happen. My goal is that we never have to respond to a situation with someone brandishing a firearm.

Brandon McGhee (U-Councilor): Have all the officers been trained or just specific ones?



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PO: That's a great question. Our security officers have not been trained. It is the sworn officers that drive the cars. They get 26 weeks of training by the state. We have 32 of them.

Stefanie Karp (Public Safety Director of Operations): Those officers wear navy blue suits and have a badge. You should be able to tell who they are.

PO: It is about safety for me and making sure that we keep the community as safe as possible.

Nick Horvath: Can you share how this decision came to fruition?

PO: After reviewing our emergency response and consulting with PPD and my boss, the executive vice president of the university, it was presented to the executives of the university.

Aleksandra Czulak (Vice President): Any other questions?

PO: If there are any questions after tonight just feel free to email us. We'd love to hear from you guys and thanks for having us.