

# Mansfield Community Campus Partnership

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## Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2006

- 1) Welcome new members
- 2) DMHS Grant- Kevin
- 3) Housing Inspections Update- Matt
- 4) Off-Campus Incidents- Sgt. Cox, Matt, Julie
- 5) Off-Campus Student Services Update- Colin
- 6) Legislative Update-
- 7) DWI- Sgt Cox, Tom
- 8) Licensee Invitation-Matt
- 9) Alcohol Awareness Week, Tom
- 10) Committees- Chairs and Missions



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## Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2006

Present: Mayor Elizabeth Paterson, Dr. Julie Bell-Elkins, Andrew Marone, Tom Szigethy, Todd Sullivan, Sgt. Sean Cox, Rachel Watts, Matt Abbate, Master Sgt. Linda Killarney, Liza Makuch, Kevin Grunwald, Liz Prince, Officer Thomas Ryan, Michael Sarra

The meeting began at 1:00.

The Partnership discussed recent off-campus incidents at area apartment and residential communities.

- Mayor Paterson will be meeting with university officials to discuss.
- Sgt. Sean Cox said that more criminal elements are coming to the area than ever before. He attributes this to an environment that does not discourage this behavior. Additional State Troopers will be assisting in the future. More resources are necessary.
- Master Sgt. Linda Killarney said that there will be extra UConn police officers on duty. UConn police have reported more assaults on the Celeron path.
- Dr. Bell-Elkins asked if the numbers of DUIs and arrests have increased. L. Killarney said that alcohol is the common denominator of the type of crimes we have been seeing.
- S. Cox said that the UConn Student Health Service is not open on the weekend, which has been very problematic for police. Intoxicated students are not transported by the campus escort service, so police are forced to transport them to Windham Hospital. In one night, eight individuals were transported to WCMH in a 90 minute period.
- L. Killarney also said that this is a concern, she has been handling fights alone because other officers are busy with intoxicated individuals/transport.
- Kevin Grunwald said that some states (Massachusetts), have detox centers set up in areas with demand. We may want to discuss the possibility of this for our area.
- S. Cox agreed. There is no way for police to handle intoxicated individuals without utilizing EMS (ambulance) at this point.
- S. Cox suggested introducing an ordinance to require a permit for “functions” or parties to allow police to disburse a party before it becomes a public safety hazard.
- E. Paterson asked if the Carriage House lease prohibits kegs. S. Cox said that yes, kegs are prohibited. Matt Abbate said that Carriage House management will fine for violations, but will not evict residents.



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- S. Cox said that a significant allocation of manpower is needed for at least four years. He said that state police plan to fine and refer students to the Dean of Students Office. He said that the DOS Office has been following up on referrals.
- Liz Prince asked if anyone had spoken to individuals involved in the gun incident. L. Killarney said that she didn't know of any effort to do so.
- S. Cox said that it is important that we reach out to students every September, as it is a new group entering each year.
- J. Bell-Elkins said that there needs to be an action-reaction message detailing consequences and that Carriage House and other apartment communities need to distribute this message.
- E. Paterson suggested that the group begin education efforts toward parents. The Partnership discussed moving Family Weekend to the Spring Weekend event timeframe.
- S. Cox said that large collaborative efforts have been working.

Tom Szigethy discussed home football games and issues pertaining to Rentschler Field.

- We need to take action there to prevent irresponsible behavior and drunk driving.
- L. Killarney is concerned that many students are driving intoxicated from Rentschler Field back to Storrs.
- Andrew Marone said that alcohol is easy to obtain at the stadium – beer is sold at every window.

S. Cox said that fraternities and sororities did a great job establishing a designated driver program.

T. Szigethy discussed the upcoming AOD programs for athletics and greek organizations. AOD will also be providing risk management and safe partying assistance to student organizations.

A. Marone provided an update on the Undergraduate Student Government Guard Dog program. T. Szigethy followed up, reporting that there will be 2 vans contracted from WRTD. This will limit liability to students.

J. Bell-Elkins discussed the planned legislative issues forum for November.

J. Bell-Elkins provided an update re: the Off Campus Services office. The professional position is being categorized at Human Resources and a search committee has been formed.



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Thomas Ryan spoke about his outreach & education efforts with UConn First Year Experience classes. More than 400 first-year students will come to the Police Department to talk about campus safety.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm



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