

President's Advisory Council on Safety (PACS)
Annual Report
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The President's Advisory Council on Safety Council was established by the President's Office in September 2007 to serve as a standing committee and advisory body on matters of safety and security for the University. The Council's primary responsibilities include:

- Evaluate ongoing safety and security initiatives at the University of Wyoming;
- Monitor the implementation and evaluate the effectiveness of the recommendations of the UW Emergency Response Plan;
- Work collaboratively with the UWPD, the UW Crisis Intervention Team, UW's Environmental Health and Safety Department and Risk Management Office to establish seamless response protocols for emergency situations on campus;
- Provide the President with an annual UW safety and security report to include recommendations on policies, procedures and initiatives that will enhance the security of the entire campus community

The President's Advisory Council on Safety consists of the following committee members:

- Andy Hansen, associate vice president for Academic Affairs
- Sara Axelson, vice president for Student Affairs
- Robert Aylward, vice president for Information Technology
- Dave Cozzens, associate vice president and dean of students for Student Affairs
- Dave O'Malley, sheriff, Albany County
- Jeff Bury, commander, Laramie Police Department
- Gary Egge, fire marshal, Laramie Fire Department
- President of ASUW
- Troy Lane, chief, UW Police Department
- Chad Baldwin, director, UW Communications
- Susan Weidel, chief UW Legal Counsel
- Nancy Fox, director, Environmental Health and Safety
- Laura Peterson, director, Insurance Risk Management
- Kim Reichert, special assistant to the President
- Jim Scott, director, UW Physical Plant
- Mark Collins, associate vice president for Operational Administration and PACS committee chair

Over the past year, the Council has focused their efforts on a number of important campus-wide safety and security initiatives, paying particular attention to training and education programs

related to the university's Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Under the leadership of PACS, a comprehensive tabletop training exercise was conducted in May to assess UW's ability to activate and implement its ERP. A total of 61 UW personnel participated in the exercise with technical support and assistance provided by the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security. The exercise allowed PACS to identify strengths, gaps and areas for improvement in the university's emergency plans and procedures.

In addition to the ERP training and education, PACS has assisted with the following safety and security initiatives over the past year:

- 1) Training on ICS and NIMS for university departments and campus stakeholders;
- 2) Annual testing and updates to UW's WYO ALERT system;
- 3) Development of a standardized Building Emergency Action Plan for all campus buildings and facilities;
- 4) Adoption of a text tips program which allows users to text anonymous tips of suspicious or criminal activity to the UW Police Department;
- 5) Planning for a Point of Dispensing (POD) Emergency Response Drill to test UW's medical distribution readiness with a public health emergency;
- 6) Investigation of computer security software programs for students, faculty and staff;
- 7) Coordination of a nighttime lighting tour with ASUW to identify any potential gaps in safety and security lighting on the UW Campus;
- 8) Support for Student Affairs Safety Initiatives including the UW Victim's Advocate Program, 766-STOP Dispatch Hotline, Revised Social Responsibility Rules and digital signage display monitors in student-centered locations on campus;
- 9) Coordination and Planning for a multifunctional Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at UW's new Energy Resource Center;
- 10) Development of emergency evacuation maps for all campus buildings

On behalf of the members of the President's Advisory Council on Safety, I'm pleased to submit this annual report to the Office of the President. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, or require additional information.

Respectfully,

Mark Collins
Associate Vice President for Administrative Operations
Chair, President's Advisory Council on Safety