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#### **ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Annual Report: Campus Safety Special Constable Service, St. George

#### JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board *Terms of Reference* states that "The Board receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to multi-campus services and offices, Campus Police, Human Resources and Equity, crisis response, and campus organizations".

#### **GOVERNANCE PATH:**

#### 1. University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 31, 2023)

#### **PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The report is presented annually to the Board.

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

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## FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the University's operating budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The report is presented for information.

## **DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:**

University of Toronto - St. George Campus Special Constable UAB Annual Report 2022

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - ST. GEORGE CAMPUS SPECIAL CONSTABLE UAB ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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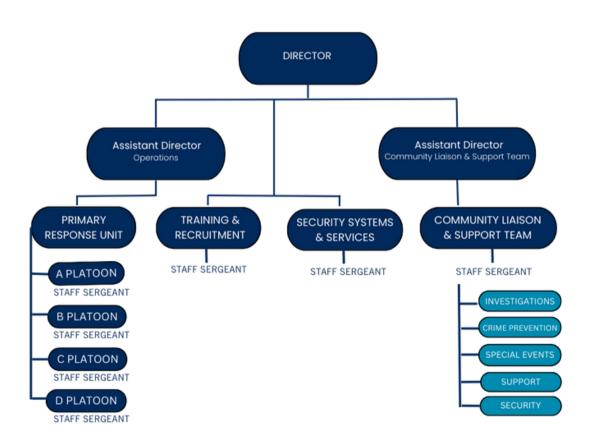
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## **DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION**

The St. George Campus Safety Special Constable Service operates 24/7 utilizing teams of uniform personnel led by a Staff Sergeant, assisted by a Corporal and dispatcher to support and guide the Special Constables in their work.

The Director, Campus Safety Services manages a portfolio that includes the Special Constable Service, led by the Assistant Director, Operations, and Assistant Director, Community Liaison and Support. Non-Sworn services include Building Patrol (Security Guard services), Call Centre and Security Systems and Access. They are not part of the special constable operation and no report is made for their activity.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



## **ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS**

## **UNIFORMED DIVISION**

The Uniformed Division is a 24/7/365 service. Uniformed officers provide proactive patrols, respond to criminal, non-criminal, and medical calls for service as certified first aid responders. They are the frontline officers that conduct initial investigations and submit quality occurrence reports. Throughout 2022, Campus Safety at the St. George campus received more than 21,000 calls for service.

#### **COMMUNITY LIAISON & SUPPORT TEAM**

The Community Liaison & Support Team supports the St. George Campus with more complex criminal and non-criminal investigations, security planning for VIP/special events and crime prevention initiatives. The unit works very closely with internal and external partners to ensure that robust and timely investigations and projects are completed.

## **BUILDING PATROL**

Campus Safety manage the Building Patrol service for various faculties and departments at the St. George Campus on a fee for service basis. Building Patrollers are uniformed licensed security guards under the Private Security and Investigative Services Act. Their primary function is to patrol University buildings, to provide TravelSafer escorts to our community, and to report suspicious activity to Campus Safety. Building Patrollers are equipped with radios for direct and immediate access whenever assistance is needed.

## **SECURITY SYSTEMS**

The Security Systems group is continuing to make progress in bringing all campus buildings under the Facilities and Services Security and Access Control system. New electronic locking systems are continuing to be installed in conjunction with the access control system which will replace exterior mechanical door locks on all buildings over the life of the project.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Campus Safety Communications Centre provides central Facilities and Services call taking and radio dispatching services to all three of the University's campuses. In 2022, the Communications Centre handled approximately 48,603 calls for service which were dispatched to Special Constables and/or Facilities and Services responders. Calls range from malfunctioning equipment, floods, and thefts to more serious situations requiring immediate response from Special Constables or a trade expertise.

## LEADERSHIP

#### **CAMPUS SAFETY APPOINTS NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTORS**

In 2021 the University of Toronto Campus Police rebranded to the University of Toronto Campus Safety Special Constable Service. The rebranding included building on the great tradition of service Campus Safety has been known for since 1904. Part of that rebranding in 2022 included a reorganizing and hiring of two Assistant Directors. One who would be responsible for Operations and second one would be responsible for Community Liaison and Support. Campus Safety hired two outstanding leaders including a highly regarded educator with law enforcement experience and an experienced knowledgeable internal candidate.

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS**

Dr. Peter Shipley (U of T Alumnus, BPHE, 1987) was appointed to the position of Assistant Director, Operations, for Campus Safety in November 2022. As a career educator, he brings 32-years of experience with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to this new role. Dr. Shipley previously served as the Senior Manager for the Strategic Research and Planning Unit and Chief Instructor for the Leadership & Design and General Patrol Training Units at the OPP Academy as well as his work in two Ontario correctional institutions. Dr. Shipley earned his Physical and Health Education degree from the University of Toronto and Master of Education degree from Brock University. He has also completed the Queens University, School of Business, Operations Leadership Executive leadership certification program, RCMP Senior Police Administration Certification as well as the Ministry of Solicitor General's Executive Certification program. Dr. Shipley received his doctoral degree from the American College of Education in Education Leadership with a focus on Community Organizations. Dr. Shipley served as the Chair of the Research on Mental Health Working Group in the OPP, Commissioners Advisory Board, Healthy Workplace Bureau and as an adjunct Professor at Georgian College. His experience also includes Chair of the Police Foundations Program Advisory Committee at Georgian; President of the Canadian Association of Police Educators; President of the Police Fitness Personnel of Ontario; and General Chair of State and Provincial Police Academy Directors (SPPADS) of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Notably in 2013, Peter became only the second Canadian in SPPADS history to have been elected to the Chair position.

Dr. Shipley has also served on numerous police training and education advisory committees, provincially, nationally, and internationally. He currently serves on the International Law Enforcement Trainers Network Advisory Board (ILET) and worked internationally with the Ukrainian National Police, Patrol Police Department and Patrol Police Academy. In fact, his contributions have been recognized by the Governor General of Canada with the Order of Merit of the Police Forces for his contributions to police training in Canada. More recently in 2022 he was the recipient of the prestigious Alumni Achievement Award for leadership from the American College of Education for his contributions, innovations to police training and higher education.

#### CAMPUS SAFETY APPOINTS NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY LIAISON & SUPPORT TEAM

Staff Sergeant Ryan Dow is a familiar face at Campus Safety and he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Director on November 1st, 2022. Previously he served as the Acting Assistant Director, Campus Safety for 14 months. He has been a member of the Campus Safety team (formerly Campus Community Police) since 2010 and has served in a number of different roles. Ryan's promotion ensures that he will continue to be actively engaged in a leadership role with Campus Safety.

Ryan currently serves the Assistant Director, Community Liaison & Support Team for the University of Toronto, Campus Safety, Special Constable Service. He leads a team of sworn plainclothes officers to manage ongoing investigations, crime prevention, special events and support initiatives on campus. Part of Assistant Director Dow's portfolio will be to implement a new Community Crisis Response process within the Campus Safety to ensure it is integrated with the University's approach to Student Mental Health. Campus Safety is in the process of hiring a Community Crisis Response Coordinator who will directly report to Ryan.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS**



#### **HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVE**

For the 17th year running, we close out 2022 by giving back to our community with non-perishable food, winter clothing, and monetary donations to the St. Basil's Church out-of-the-cold program, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and Ronald McDonald House.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Campus Safety has a proud history of supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run and raising funds for Special Olympics Ontario.

2022's event was a great success with a great Campus Safety turnout.



## **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY**

Our members joined the University community in remembering and honouring the sacrifice of our country's service members both past and present.

A wreath was laid in their honour at the Soldier's Tower ceremony that was held at the St. George campus.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**



**CAREER FAIRS & SAFETY BOOTHS** 



**CAMPUS SAFETY APP** 





Special Constable Veronica Martins accompanies a student (photo by Tianlei Wu)

#### **CAMPUS SAFETY TRAVELSAFER SERVICE**

The Campus Safety TravelSafer program was featured in the F&S Plugged In Newsletter.

"For now, I request a physical walk. Within minutes, Special Constable Veronica Martins rushes up, greeting me warmly. Any embarrassment about requesting a TravelSafer walk disappears. As we walk, she tells me how oneon-one chats with TravelSafer walkers are her favourite part of the job and the importance of making the TravelSafer walk an experience for the student or staff" **Nadia Elkadri** 

"Community policing is all about connecting with people. My conversations range from connecting to walkers by simply getting to know them, to being the support they may need in what could be a stressful experience for them," ~Special Constable, Veronica Martins

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Campus Safety continues to remain active on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more recently TikTok, to engage the University and broader community in matters relating to campus safety.

These platforms were used to educate new community members of the University Campus Safety's services, promote awareness of crimes targeting students and enhance public understanding of our services.



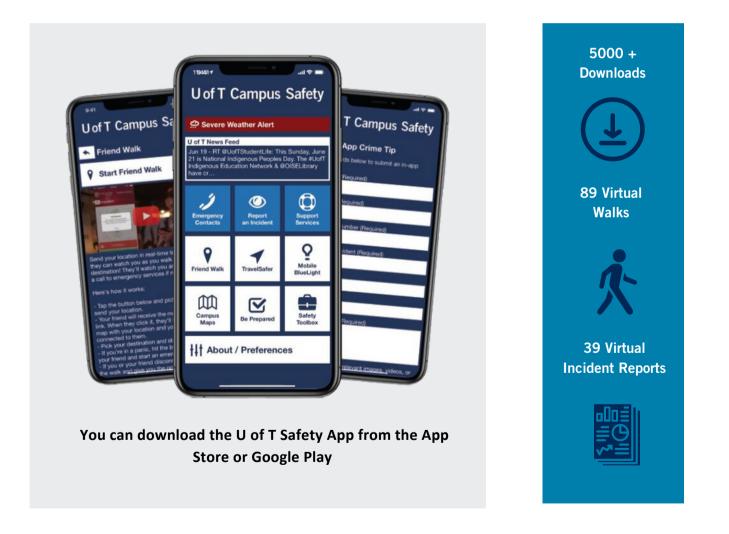




## **U OF T CAMPUS SAFETY APP - 2022**

The U of T Safety App is a personal safety app that was developed in partnership with the <u>Community</u> <u>Safety Office</u>.

The U of T Campus Safety App is available for free download at Google Play and the Apple Store. Key features include Live chat with Campus Safety, connecting with U of T safety staff in real-time; TravelSafer, allowing Campus Safety to monitor a user's route while travelling in and around campus; and mobile Bluelight, which sends the user's on-campus location to Campus Safety in a case of crisis. Additional features - such as Friend Walk and Support Services - assist users anywhere in the world.



# REFLECTING OUR COMMUNITY

We believe that our Service's success is only made possible through the strength of the relationships and the trust that we foster with the communities we serve.

"Reflecting our community" isn't just a motto to us - it's the standard that we continuously strive for through our practices, policies and programs. Our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion includes working towards greater representation in all aspects of our operations.

Our Service remains committed in its work to ensuring that our membership reflects the vibrant diverse community that we serve at the St. George Campus.

Take a look at what we've been doing over the past year.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO - ST. GEORGE CAMPUS**

16%

54%

# In 2022, women represented 46% of our frontline Campus Safety Team.

This figure includes women in the Uniformed Division, Community Liaison & Support Team and our Communications Centre

"First and foremost, the officers that responded were very professional, kind, and responsive to the situation. We primarily interacted with the female officer who asked trauma-informed questions and offered several resources to us. This was an extremely positive experience. She was also very respectful and mindful of my service dog. If possible, please extend my gratitude to the officers for their support." ~ Liz Tettman, University of Toronto Master's Student

## **10+ Languages Spoken**

More than 10 languages are spoken by the members of the University of Toronto - St. George Campus Safety!

French, Ukrainian, Russian, Hebrew, Portuguese, Punjabi, Mandarin, Cantonese and Korean are just some of the languages spoken by our Special Constables.



100% of recruits from the 2022 Special Constable recruit class have a university degree and/or a college diploma. 75% of recruits from the 2022 recruit class identified as a Person of Colour. 75%

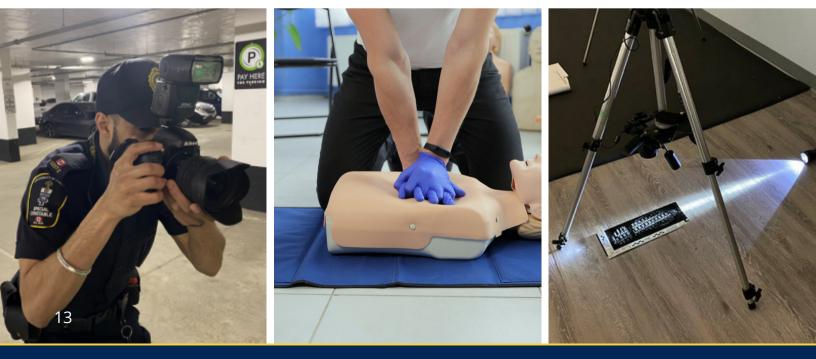
## TRAINING

Our training mandate is designed to meet the needs of the University. Changes in law, court decisions, and Federal and Provincial standards are included into a comprehensive learning model.

The Service strives to keep current with community policing and public safety trends while recognizing trends in social development and learning from professionals within and outside the University. The training program is developed through consultation with the community, other institutions and case debriefing of situations.

The recent passing of Bill 68, the Community Safety Policing Act, impacts Special Constables with specific topics that are legislated to be included into the training programs of special constables in the province of Ontario. Those topics include Ethics and Leadership, Racial Profiling, Anti-Oppression-Micro Aggression and Diversity, Crime Scene Management and Community Based Policing - (CPTED or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). We include this learning in our Orientation and Refresher training that all of our Special Constables receive.

The Service welcomes constructive comment from its clients. Recommendations from all levels of policing contribute to the process of designing and delivering the courses to meet the specific needs of the service and its community. The training curriculum is designed to ensure a balanced mix of mandatory skills training, sensitivity to the University environment and practical field experience. This is accomplished through a combination of on-line and in-class lectures, seminars and participative, in-group discussions to approximate campus policing situations.



The nature of the University community requires its Special Constables to have a high level of understanding of the cultures, beliefs and experiences of people from all over the world. Understanding people and developing empathy for their situations is essential to providing community safety services.

There are core learning requirements that lead to understanding diversity in many parts of the training, not just in courses titled as such. The following table details the training provided during 2022 to Special Constables at the University of Toronto - St. George Campus.

## **SPECIAL CONSTABLE TRAINING**

| Course / Topic   | Delivered By                                     | Duration | Number who received training |
|--|--|----------|------------------------------|
| Scenario Based Mental Health<br>and De-escalation Training | Canadian Police Knowledge<br>Network             | 1.5      | 4                            |
| Mental Health First Aid<br>Assisting Youth                 | Canadian Mental Health<br>Commission             | 9        | 4                            |
| Mental Health Supports for<br>BIPOC Students Webinar       | Centre for Innovation in Campus<br>Mental Health | 1        | 5                            |
| Peer Support Worker Program                                | Mood Disorder Society of Canada                  | 16       | 2                            |
| Recognition of Emotionally<br>Disturbed Persons            | Canadian Police Knowledge<br>Network             | 1.5      | 4                            |
| Special Constable Orientation<br>Course                    | TNT Justice Consultants                          | 200      | 2                            |
| Special Constable Refresher<br>Course                      | TNT Justice Consultants                          | 20       | 1                            |
| Annual Use of Force  | Campus Safety Instructors                        | 8        | 27                           |
| Standard First Aid   | Canadian Red Cross                               | 16       | 8                            |

## SPECIAL CONSTABLE TRAINING (continued)

| Course / Topic   | Delivered By                         | Duration | Number who received training |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Autism Spectrum Disorder                               | Canadian Police Knowledge<br>Network | 1.5      | 4                            |
| Applied Suicide Intervention<br>Skills Training Course | Living Works                         | 16       | 4                            |
| Micro Aggression and Anti<br>Oppression Training       | TNT Justice Consultants              | 8        | 25                           |
| Mental Health First Aid                                | Canadian Mental Health<br>Commission | 10       | 4                            |



## 2022 STATISTICAL OVERVIEW TRI-CAMPUS CALLS FOR SERVICE

## **TOTAL EVENTS**

(INCLUDES NON-CAMPUS SAFETY CALLS ROUTED THROUGH THE CAMPUS SAFETY COMMS CENTRE)

| Campus           | 2022   |
|------------------|--------|
| St. George       | 42,428 |
| Scarborough      | 4,933  |
| Mississauga      | 1,242  |
| Tri-Campus Total | 48,603 |

## **TOTAL CAMPUS SAFETY EVENTS**

(INCLUDES NON-EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY CAMPUS SAFETY CALLS FOR SERVICE)

| Campus           | 2022   |  |
|------------------|--------|--|
| St. George       | 21,402 |  |
| Scarborough      | 4899   |  |
| Mississauga      | 1221   |  |
| Tri-Campus Total | 27,522 |  |

## 2022 STATISTICAL OVERVIEW REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

| Description             | 2022 | 2021 | Change |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Break and Enter         | 10   | 6    | +4     |
| Robbery                 | 1    | 3    | -2     |
| Theft Over \$5000       | 9    | 0    | +9     |
| Theft Under \$5000      | 171  | 97   | +74    |
| Theft Bicycles          | 73   | 44   | +29    |
| Fraud                   | 34   | 31   | +3     |
| Possess Stolen Property | 0    | 2    | -2     |
| Disturb Peace           | 0    | 0    | 0      |
| Indecent Acts           | 4    | 2    | +2     |
| Mischief/Damage         | 180  | 191  | -11    |
| Sexual Assaults         | 5    | 4    | +1     |
| Assault                 | 16   | 14   | +2     |
| Domestic Incident       | 5    | 8    | -3     |
| Impaired Driving        | 3    | 1    | +2     |
| Criminal Harassment     | 11   | 10   | +1     |
| Threats                 | 5    | 6    | -1     |
| Hate Crime/Incident     | 3    | 1    | +2     |
| Other Offences          | 17   | 8    | +9     |

## 2022 STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OTHER ACTIVITY

| Description             | 2022 | 2021 | Change |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Arrest Warrants         | 11   | 2    | +9     |
| Alarms (non-reportable) | 1913 | 1463 | +450   |
| Fire Alarms             | 31   | 26   | +5     |
| Community Assistance    | 52   | 43   | +9     |
| Community Information   | 218  | 170  | +48    |
| Suspicious Person       | 30   | 33   | -3     |
| Trespasser Charged      | 13   | 14   | -1     |
| Trespasser Cautioned    | 26   | 30   | -4     |
| Insecure Premises       | 66   | 72   | -6     |
| Motor Vehicle Incident  | 11   | 9    | +2     |
| Mental Health Act       | 49   | 45   | +4     |
| Suicide/Attempt Suicide | 5    | 5    | 0      |
| Sudden Death            | 1    | 1    | 0      |
| Fires                   | 4    | 5    | -1     |

<u>Community Assistance</u> - Reportable calls for service including but not limited to medicals, access calls, and disputes.

<u>Community Information</u> - Reportable calls for service including but not limited to non-criminal reports, protest/ demonstrations and suspicious circumstances.

## 2022 STATISTICAL OVERVIEW CRIME, TRAFFIC AND ORDER MANAGEMENT

| Authority                            | Arrested | Charged<br>(Form 9/10, POT) | Released No<br>Charges<br>(Unconditionally) | Turned over to<br>Toronto Police<br>Service |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Criminal Code                        | 28       | 15                          | 5   | 8   |
| Controlled Drug and<br>Substance Act | 0        | 0                           | 0   | 0   |
| Trespass to Property Act             | 3        | 2                           | 1   | 0   |
| Liquor License Act                   | 1        | 1                           | 0   | 1   |
| By-law                               | 0        | 0                           | 0   | 0   |

## RESPONDING TO STUDENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISES: ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS

#### Introduction

In October 2022, the Vice-President, People Strategy, Equity & Culture and Vice-Provost, Students released an initial <u>Administrative Response</u> to the Final Report of the Review Committee on the Role of Campus Safety (Special Constable Services) in Responding to Students in Mental Health Crises. The Response identified five key areas to focus the University's efforts to address the recommendations, and affirmed the need for compassion, collaboration, and expertise in trauma-informed practices to develop solutions best suited to our diverse student population.

The following summary indicates commitments made collectively by Campus Safety teams under each key area. Going forward, progress will be shared in future Campus Safety Annual Reports and through the <u>People Strategy, Equity & Culture website</u>.

#### i. Achieving tri-campus consistency

Established in tandem with the release of the Administrative Response, a tri-campus safety leadership table (chaired by the Vice-President, People Strategy, Equity & Culture and Acting Vice-President, People Strategy, Equity & Culture) has been meeting regularly to share information and collaborate on standard processes, including institutional responses to students in mental health crises. Meetings frequently include subject matter experts such as the inaugural Senior Executive Director, Student Mental Health Systems, Policy and Strategy to ensure that the perspectives of campus mental health experts are considered in the discussions.

This tri-campus approach moves toward a shared set of standards that will develop consistent, responsive, and accountable practices across the University while still enabling local, tailored approaches that respond to unique student needs at each campus. Initiatives designed and implemented on one campus may inform models for similar initiatives on other campuses.

#### ii. Continuing to improve the breadth and depth of mandatory training for Campus Safety staff

- Directors on all Campus Safety teams have committed to enriching tri-campus training initiatives and exploring, in consultation with mental health and student wellness partners, the development of a new framework that embeds more deeply both equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and mental health considerations into this training.
- Each of the three Campus Safety teams now have a staff member dedicated to education and training initiatives.
- A Community Crisis Response Coordinator position, in place for some time at UTSC, is being integrated into the UTSG team, and UTM is working to similarly align its structure. As of June 2023, the UTSG Community Crisis Response Coordinator will begin providing biannual training.
- Equity offices are consulting with all Campus Safety teams on mandatory training.
- By December 2023, the UTSC Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office will complete a review of Campus Safety training and share their findings with other Campus Safety Directors.
- Joint training sessions with student mental health teams—where not already in progress—will be initiated by late Spring 2023.

#### iii. Enhancing recruitment, hiring, onboarding, and retention strategies for Campus Safety staff

- University HR will work with tri-campus Campus Safety Directors to review Campus Safety job
  descriptions for scope and accuracy. This practice will support both recruitment and retention
  efforts, ensuring alignment between performance expectations and the delivery of highquality, compassionate service to our community.
- The inaugural Director and Special Advisor, High Risk and Divisional Support (OSHR) is developing a Critical Incident Response Team to service the tri-campus community. Upon request, this team will provide support, such as critical incident debriefing, to Campus Safety team members.
- Currently, UTSC's Community Crisis Response Coordinator participates in hiring panels, ensures interview questions are designed with an EDI lens, and supports the creation of hiring panels that reflect the diversity of their local communities. UTSG and UTM are working to align their practices with this UTSC model.

## iv. Re-examining synergies between Campus Safety, student wellness services, and student groups in responding to students in mental health crises

- Early work is underway to develop a new collaborative model for Campus Safety, student wellness services, and other internal and external stakeholders to support information-sharing and role clarification and explore how to better define the range of responses needed to support students in mental health crises.
- Current areas of focus and discussion include the following: reviewing protocols and procedures around conducting wellness checks; the collection of student information; the use of appropriate community supports and agencies; and voluntary or involuntary student transfers to hospital emergency care, ensuring the integration of trauma-informed practices and a "least restraint" approach to transfers.
- The UTSC Director and Community Crisis Response Coordinator developed a comprehensive student crisis response process map by consulting with key stakeholders about how students engage safety-related resources. This initiative serves as a useful model for other Campus Safety teams.

#### v. Strengthening communications between Campus Safety and the U of T community

• The Division of People Strategy, Equity & Culture is collaborating with University of Toronto Communications and tri-campus Campus Safety staff on a communications plan that clarifies the roles and services of Campus Safety, how and when to access their assistance, and the functionality of the U of T Campus Safety App.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE 縄

## CAMPUS SAFETY ENGAGED IN NATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT

Campus Safety is involved in a national study in support of public safety mental health and resilience building. Campus Safety is committed to proactively improving Special Constable mental health training and research as recommended in the 'Review Committee on the Role of Campus Safety in Responding to Students in Mental Health Crises Final Report'. Our involvement is two-fold. Our new Assistant Director, Dr. Shipley is actively involved in the study as a collaborator in the Autonomic Modulation Training: A biological approach to building resilience and wellness capacity among police exposed to posttraumatic stress injuries (PTSI) study. This research project which is part of the Canadian Institute of Public Safety Research and Treatment study funded through a grant with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Secondly, members of Campus Safety (all tri-campus Special Constables) have been provided the opportunity to participate in this national study. This research, led by Primary Investigator Professor Judith Andersen (UTM) and Post-Doc Dr. Paula Di Nota (UTM) and their team, is a great example of how collaborative efforts will benefit not only all tri-campus members of Campus Safety but the broader law enforcement sector as well. The results of the research will provide all Campus Safety and law enforcement officers with tools to better manage their stressors and build up their personal resilience. This will ensure that our university community will be better served.





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#### **Community Crisis Response Coordinator - New Position**

As a Campus Safety civilian member, the Community Crisis Response Coordinator will work with a team of both sworn and civilian professionals and will help build the University of Toronto St. George Campus capacity to identify and support students, staff, faculty and visitors that may be or are deemed to be in crisis or at risk.

As a key Campus Safety representative, the Coordinator will be responsible for responding to Mental Health related calls for service with Special Constables, Case Consultation, Educational Outreach and collaborating with internal and external partners.

Some key responsibilities in the new role will involve initial case coordination and management in situations of crisis, critical incidents and the participation in debriefing incidents with the Special Constables.



## WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AND VALUES:

- respect for the dignity, privacy, worth and diversity of all persons
- fair and impartial treatment of all individuals
- a departmental philosophy that promotes safety and security as a responsibility of all members of the community;
- reliability, competence, accountability, teamwork and open communication, and
- an approach to campus safety that welcomes and encourages community involvement and promotes equity.





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