The Chief’s Corner

Dear Community,

On behalf of the staff at the UCI Police Department, I would like to welcome you to the start of the new academic school year. Whether you’re a new or returning UCI community member, I would like to assure you that we are committed to ensuring your safety and security while you live, work, and play. As partners with the campus community, we strive to be at the forefront of community-oriented policing. Our police officers and professional staff have been hard at work this past summer attending training, simulating campus-wide emergency exercises, and engaging and interacting with community members through fun and wholesome activities.

It’s my sincere hope that this quarter’s magazine will give you a glimpse into the work we do to make UCI a safe and secure environment for all to enjoy. I encourage you to get a behind-the-scenes look into our department by exploring our social media and/or saying hello to one of our officers in the field. On behalf of the men and women of the UCI Police Department, we are grateful for your continuing support and partnership. Let’s have an amazing year together.

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COMMUNITY
IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE

UNIVERSITY HILLS
In partnership with the UCI Police Officers’ Association (POA), Irvine Police Department (IPD), and the University Hills Homeowners’ Association (HOA), the UCI Police Department hosted a BBQ in Gabrielino Park for the families of University Hills. Our officers initially anticipated approximately 150 residents to attend, but to their astonishment, several hundred people came out to show their support. The large turnout was so unexpected that despite serving 300 hot dogs, 300 hamburgers, and 120 slices of pizza, there still wasn’t enough food to feed everyone. Contrasting against the exciting rush at the food line, the back of the park displayed static police vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, and even Irvine Police Department’s friendly K9, Barrett, who was accompanied by his handler, Officer Paulsen (IPD). Barrett was a popular celebrity among the young children as Officer Paulsen explained the different ways he helps police officers in the field.

UCI Police Department officers including Sergeant Bolano, Officer Soon, Officer Juarez, and Officer Patton took turns speaking with community members about the varying aspects of policing, offering them a glimpse into a law enforcement career. Like any industry, law enforcement tactics shift over time to meet the safety needs of officers and the public. University policing is no different, so these conversations are important because it gives community members a different perspective to better understand why police officers approach certain situations in a specific way. Attendees at the event learned the history of our department and the years of transition it has undergone to adapt to the safety concerns of our rising population at UCI.
Former Police Chief, Jorge Cisneros, took to the stage during the latter part of the evening and thanked everyone who came out to show their support for the Police Department. He underscored the importance of maintaining a strong relationship between our officers and community members because unity and clear communication among everyone is the best strategy to deter crime. To end the evening, the department rented a gigantic outdoor inflatable movie screen to play the Disney movie *Coco* for the families. “This event represents the vision I have for where the UCI Police Officers’ Association should go.” said Officer Keith, “I truly believe we have a purpose greater than ourselves. The purpose should be on serving one another and serving the community.” •
Officer Paulsen and her K9 partner, Barrett, from the Irvine Police Department, greeted young children and their parents.
Coordinated by Lieutenant Reiss, the Huntington Beach Police Department’s Air Unit made a special flyover during the event.

Former UCI Police Chief, Jorge Cisneros, poses with Vice Chancellor of Division of Finance and Administration, Ron Cortez.
Top Left: K9 Barrett was professional, yet friendly with all the children.

Top Right: Officer Keith and Sergeant Park team up at the barbecue grill to serve the hundreds of residents who attended the event.

Right: Officer Patton shares bicycle safety tips to a group of young men.

Bottom Left: UCIPD Business Manager, Jen Vallejo, assists with serving hamburgers and hot dogs to guests.
Hundreds of University Hills residents came out to show support for our Department.

Lieutenant Mahoney and his son work quickly to prepare the hamburger and hot dog buns for hungry guests.
PROTECT & SERVE
(ICE CREAM)
Vista del Campo is not only home to hundreds of UCI students, it is also a place for officers and young adults to have fun. Each quarter, UCIPD holds the S.A.F.E.R. (Standing with Anteaters to Foster Engagement and Responsibility) event at a different housing community and this summer it was hosted by Vista del Campo (VDC). The event was held in the outdoor courtyard, with plenty of food and drinks lined across the tables, thanks to the housing staff who prepared tirelessly beforehand.

At the start of the evening, Sergeant Sloan organized his officers to distribute plates and serve chips, cookies, beverages, and even ice cream to the students as a small team of VDC staff members grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.

Throughout the night, the atmosphere was filled with excited chatter between officers and students as they joked and chatted about the old and new UCI, and life beyond college. Inside the community center, students crowded around the TV as they played a competitive game of Mario Kart on the Nintendo Wii against Officer Soon. In his usual good humor, he decided to increase the difficulty by challenging one of his opponents to wear the drunk driving simulation goggles while racing. Needless to say, it resulted in some spectacular results.
Like any real-life situation, both drivers crashed into walls, swerved off the race course, and could not even complete the circuit. Shortly after, Sergeant Bolano shared safe party practices and demonstrated field sobriety tests to curious students. Officers and students discussed stories about loved ones involved in drunk driving incidents and the impact drunk driving has on people and their families.

Looking back at the event, the student turnout was tremendously impressive thanks to the brilliant marketing efforts of the VDC staff as they sent out social media invitations and distributed flyers around the housing community. Our officers stayed late into the evening to mingle with the students and demonstrate what community policing is all about. By allowing students to see the human sides of our officers, it’s our sincere hope that they won’t hesitate to call on us for help and contribute a greater sense of pride to keeping everyone safe at our University. •
Officer Juarez held the post at the ice cream station, offering residents a choice of Neapolitan or chocolate ice cream.

Officer Patton was responsible for the beverage station, offering a variety of choices to students.
Top Left: Sergeant Sloan coordinated the S.A.F.E.R. event and led the officers in serving dinner to the students.

Top Right: Officer Hooshmand took command of the chip station, offering multiple flavors and brands.

Right: Officer Soon shares a lighthearted moment with a student.

Bottom Left: Sergeant Sloan and Officer Hooshmand snap a photo with Dalia Bahu, the VDC Resident Director.
Sergeant Bolano looks on as two students compete against each other in Mario Kart.
Sergeant Bolano performs a mock field sobriety test on a student wearing the drunk driving goggles.

Officer Farley laughs as Officer Soon ‘drunkenly’ races around in the video game.
Serving a Diverse Community

Officers Attend Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias Training
Training to Build Police-Community Relations

By Summer Sharma | Photos by Cedric Young

There were some high profile policing situations that occurred in several cities across our nation during the past several years that sparked distrust among communities and their local law enforcement. With these issues being publicized through the media, the UCI Police Department strives to be the anomaly by undergoing training courses that force our officers to self reflect on implicit biases.

In this particular training, Lieutenant Kilgore, from UCLA Police Department, led our procedural justice and implicit bias training that focused on policing approaches that help officers connect with the community emphasizing the importance of respect, listening, neutrality, and trust, while recognizing and addressing implicit biases that can be barriers to these approaches. The course helped officers reflect and review their relationship with the community and understand the role that history has played in hindering legitimacy with them in the past.

UCI Police Officers are always committed to promoting the safety and well-being of everyone at UCI by continually performing high levels of service. Thus these trainings are the stepping stones to bridging the gap and forging strong bonds within the University. •
Bias and Bias Based Policing

Does bias exist?

Can bias be used by the police appropriately or inappropriately?

What are two types of bias?
- Explicit
- Implicit
The course helped officers reflect and review their relationship with the community and understand the role that history has played in hindering legitimacy with them in the past.
The UCI Police Department has always prided itself on being able to respond to calls in less than 5 minutes, but also works hard to make those in the community self-sufficient in times of danger. One such safety procedure that UCI staff recently presented was how to cope with a campus-wide power outage.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2018, staff from various UCI departments with official roles in emergency management response, participated in the annual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) / Department Operations Center (DOC) Functional Exercise. This year, participants tackled an extended power outage scenario that aimed to test various planning objectives outlined in the latest revision of the Power Outage Annex of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). These objectives included executing scenario-driven processes such as prioritizing generators for refueling, confirming generator refueling schedules and generator run-times, and discussing potential academic calendar impacts of such an event. Additionally, how to implement common EOC/DOC processes such as fulfilling resource requests, entering data into a critical information management system, and disseminating timely notifications for staff, faculty, and students were discussed.

The exercise commenced at 8:30 AM with the activation of the EOC, followed shortly with the activation of five DOCs that included Environmental Health & Safety and Risk Services, Facilities Management, Office of Information Technology, Housing Administrative Services, and Student Affairs. Participants relied on their previous training to address tough issues designed to be realistic, yet manageable, in order to continue to foster our no-fault learning environment. This year’s functional exercise...
also boasted some of the highest participation rates for our campus in recent years. The campus’ EOC alone had over 50 participants, including external partners from the Orange County Fire Authority. We extend our warmest appreciation to all those who made this exercise possible, including our exercise planning team and participants.

While people before could survive a power outage for a few hours, now three days without power is a graspable concept. With this training the UCI community is better equipped to handle power outages for themselves and others. •
Division of Finance and Administration, Chief of Staff, Mary Clark, leads her team in the exercise for the ‘Planning Section’.

Luis Valdez and Krista Woodward, Americorps Fellow, discussing volunteer management during an emergency.

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Top Left: Interim Chief of Police, Paul Cooper, provides a critical update to members in the operation center.

Top Right: Kelly Kuehnert, UCI Food Services Director, concentrates on her plan.

Right: Anne LeSage provides her input and direction to a team member during the exercise.

Bottom Left: Krista Woodward reviews the volunteer management plans that encompasses nearly 300 people from C-SAR and Zone Crew.
Anne LeSage, Emergency Management Director, discusses and listens to the planning feedback from her staff.

Participants of the exercise were spread throughout campus, including staff members here discussing their operations inside the UCI eSports Arena.
Linda Bogue, UCIPD's former Emergency Management Director, served as an evaluator for the student affairs portion of the exercise.
GUARDIANS OF THE FLAME
On Thursday, May 31, the Flame of Hope passed through Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Tustin, Santa Ana and Orange. This event raises awareness and money for the Special Olympics of Southern California where more than 1,000 athletes compete in aquatics, track and field, basketball, bocce, golf, and gymnastics at the summer games at Cal State Long Beach. The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LET) began in 1981 when Wichita, Kansas, Police Chief Richard LaMunyon created the Torch Run. He hoped to blend law enforcement staff with the community to support Special Olympics Kansas. Just a couple years later, Chief LaMunyon presented the program to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and LETR became the largest public awareness and fundraising movement for the Special Olympics.

Today, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Southern California is the largest public awareness campaign with more than three thousand officers championing acceptance and inclusion. Currently, the Law Enforcement Torch Run is represented in all 50 states, Canadian provinces, and 46 nations with thousands of officers around the world, raising more than half a billion dollars since its inception. Here in Southern California, the program leads as one of the biggest in the world, raising $1.7 million in 2015 with participants representing over 200 law enforcement agencies.

2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run

Educating the community about the gifts, talents, and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities and promote unity and respect for all.

By Summer Sharma | Photos by Cedric Young
Top Left: CSO Pureco shows her spirit during the three mile run through UCI campus.

Top Right: CSO Zamora breaks from the cadence of the run to have a bit of fun with the camera.

Right: Lieutenant Frisbee and Lieutenant Reiss lead the pack as they run down East Peltason to eventually hand off the torch to the Irvine Police Department.

Bottom Left: The group took turns to hold the torch throughout the course. CSO Gewarges holds the torch as CSO Hoo sets the pace.
As part of the department’s bike unit, Officer Patton rode the patrol bicycle to escort the runners through the streets.

Police officers temporarily block traffic on Harvard Avenue to ensure the safety of the runners.
Lieutenant Frisbee and Lieutenant Reiss run the last fifty feet on Harvard Avenue to hand off the torch to the waiting hands of Irvine Police Department runners.
Having been involved with the Torch Run for 24 years and currently serving on the executive council for the Special Olympics, Irvine PD Commander, Mike Hallinan, snaps a photo of our team as we approach the torch hand off.

The Irvine Police Department Motor Unit watches as the torch is handed off to their department.
The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) held its third meeting in June, and UCI Police Officers shared their job experiences. The PSAC serves in an advisory and consultative role to Vice Chancellor Cortez of the Division of Finance and Administration. The mission of the PSAC is to make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor on decisions that affect public safety and the delivery of services. Appointed by Vice Chancellor Cortez, the committee consists of a diverse group of community members and stakeholders in issues that impact the safety and quality of life of students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors at the UCI campus and Medical Center. It serves as an important link between the campus community and the UCI Police Department. The PSAC provides a forum to discuss and make recommendations on public policies, community outreach, and participates in hiring panels for UCI Police Department personnel. To compartmentalize all the feedback, the committee produces an annual report to document and reflect the year’s activities.

This year’s committee chair is Carroll Seron, Professor Emerita of Criminology, Law & Society. Officers were invited to the June PSAC meeting to share their professional and personal experiences and what it is like to be a UCI Police Officer both in and out of uniform. Police Department representatives included Sergeant Eladio Acuna, Officer Benny Green, and Officer Michele Ramirez.
Former Police Chief, Jorge Cisneros, provides an introduction and shares his vision on what he hopes this advisory committee can achieve together.
Top Left: Officer Ramirez shares some of the reasons and early motivations that helped her become a UCI Police Officer.

Right: Vice Chancellor Ron Cortez speaks to the group on what he hopes everyone can accomplish together.

Bottom Left: Our UCIPD quarterly magazines were distributed to the committee to showcase the involvement activities that our officers participate in each month.

Bottom Right: Interim Chief of Police, Paul Cooper, listens as committee members share their vision on the future of UCIPD.
MEMBERS

- Carroll Seron
  Emerita Professor, School of Social Ecology (Chair)
- Adisa Ajamu
  Director, UCI Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research
- Karen Andrews
  Director, UCI Disability Resources Center
- Davidian Bishop
  Director, LGBT Resource Center
- Gwen Black
  OEOD Senior Associate Director
- Joe Brothman
  Director, EH&S, UCIMC
- Paul Cooper
  Interim Chief of Police
- Olga Dunaevsky
  Senior Financial Analyst, Engineering
- Meriele Macaraeg
  Campus Climate Commission, ASUCI
- Jim Meeker
  Emeritus Professor, School of Social Ecology
- Megan Morrison
  Residence Life Coordinator
- Connor Strobel
  VP of Internal Affairs, Associated Graduate Students
- Hobart Taylor
  Co-Chair, Homeowner Representative Board (HRB), University Hills
- Oscar Teran
  Director, UCI Dreamers Resource Center

Carroll Seron; Emerita Professor, School of Social Ecology (Chair)
2018 THE ANTI-CANCER CHALLENGE UCI Police Department

UCI | CYCLE & RUN FOR CURES
On Saturday, May 19, 2018 members of UCIPD participated in the 2nd annual UCI Anti-Cancer Challenge (ACC). This year the event was held at the Irvine Great Park. The challenge consisted of a kids ride, 5K walk, and bike rides of varying lengths. The ACC raises research funds for the world-renowned UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

UCIPD Business Services Specialist, Alisa Reich completed the 5K walk, and the following UCI Staff Assembly team participated in a 12-mile ride: Former Chief Cisneros, Sgt. Bolano, Ofc. Patton, Ofc. Bessolo, and Ofc. Zheng. UCIPD staff from the UCI Medical Center also participated. This day in particular had perfect weather, as the skies remained overcast throughout the day. Participants received an ACC medal and a swag bag upon completion of their event. The UCI Police Officers’ Association sponsored its members who participated in the bike ride.

Upon completion of the events, participants enjoyed a delicious meal from The Habit Burger Grill, listened to live music from an 80s band, and connected with the representatives from the various trade booths. UCIPD staff met with event organizer Carlin Motley, Staff Assembly Chair Nicole Bourbon, and other staff from a number of UCI departments.

As part of the ride, the officers rode in formation on their Safariland patrol mountain bikes and their uniform consisted of a 5.11-style dark navy polo with shoulder patches, embroidered badge, and badge.
number, officer name and ‘POLICE’ screen on the back. Each bike is equipped with emergency lighting. The officers look forward to implementing more bike patrols during special events and also on regular patrols, as staffing levels permit.

In addition to having fun, this event shed light on how important bike patrols are in connecting with the community, and the department and officers look forward to more patrols on special events and in every day work. •
Behind the Badge - Bringing our popular learning series to the UCI Medical Center staff
Officers are normally seen as a generic entity whose human characteristics are swallowed by the uniform and vest. To counter this, UCIPD presents *Behind the Badge* as a way to be transparent about the equipment that officers use.

Due to its popularity on the UCI campus, the department brought this series to the UCI Medical Center for the first time this year. Medical staff members who attended the event had the opportunity to hear from the Chief regarding some of the exciting projects that are being developed. The discussion also included strategies on improving our operations to address the concerns brought up by the Medical Center staff.

After the Chief’s presentation, Officer Lopez invited members of the audience to guess the weight of his tactical vest after one member asked why some officers wear a vest and others do not (it comes down to a matter of personal choice). As the vest was passed around and staff members made several incorrect guesses, they were astonished to ultimately learn it weighed forty pounds despite its compact appearance. Depending on each officer’s preference of tools they place on the vest, some vests can be even heavier. To help fortify the officers’ real world experience, Dispatch Supervisor, Barbara Barry, shared facts and figures regarding the number of inbound calls received each year which simultaneously exceeded the state standards in response times. The entire presentation resulted in a constructive dialogue that will likely be continued in the months to come.
Chief introduces our department by sharing some of our notable statistics, particularly emphasizing how 85% of our police officers have a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Officer Gomex shares a lighthearted moment with an audience member after she asks about why officers like to stand with their thumbs in their vest.
Top Right: Interim Chief of Police, Paul Cooper, and Sergeant Keller listen in on the presentation.

Left: UCIPD Business Manager, Jen Vallejo, assisted with coordinating the Behind the Badge event at the Medical Center.

Bottom Left: Dispatch Supervisor, Barbara Barry, impresses audience members with our dispatch center’s facts and figures.
Participants attempted to guess the weight of Officer Lopez’s vest and were surprised to learn it weighed forty pounds.
The UCI Campus Search and Rescue (CSAR) program, which is coordinated by Anne LeSage from UCIPD’s Emergency Management Division, held its annual training for new members in August 2018. CSAR is a voluntary program that is open to all UCI faculty and staff, and provides participants with the necessary tools and information to improve their ability to assist family members, neighbors, and colleagues during and after an emergency or disaster.

With the completion of the 3-day, 18-hour training, which was held in the Palo Verde Community Room on August 3, 10, and 17, the campus welcomed its 23rd CSAR Cohort that was comprised of 32 new volunteers. These new members will now bolster the cadre of dedicated CSAR volunteers – over 400 individuals have been trained since the program’s inception in 2004 – that are prepared to answer the call and assist the campus following a large emergency or disaster. For example, should an activation of CSAR by campus leadership be required, these individuals may be asked to assist emergency responders by searching lightly damaged buildings, triaging injured people, providing limited first aid, and performing other duties, as necessary.

As such, the rigorous, yet fun and engaging, CSAR curriculum has been designed to ensure all participants who successfully complete the program have the adequate knowledge and skills to perform the aforementioned vital duties following any emergency or disaster. In all, topics covered during the training include disaster preparedness, emergency utility shut-offs, hazardous materials handling, fire safety and suppression, disaster first aid and triage, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, terrorism and active shooter incidents, and a review of campus emergency management plans. Lastly, the final training session closes with a full-scale drill to practice and reinforce everything learned throughout the course.

If you are a UCI faculty or staff member and are interested in learning more about CSAR, please contact Anne LeSage at awidney@uci.edu, or visit the CSAR webpage.
Sergeant Park, Corporal Doan, and Officer Bessolo attended the first Swim Meet hosted by the University Hills' Narwhals Swim Team comprising of approximately 115 kids. Officers distributed coloring books and crayons as a way to engage with the kids who produced a colorful collection of masterpieces. As part of the Irvine Swim Team league, the Narwhals are a summer youth swim team created exclusively for the residents of University Hills. The team often holds practice sessions in the late afternoons at the Coltrane Pool which was built specially for the team to practice and host swim meets.