



Ontario Association of College & University Security Administrators

President's Message

This is the first edition of O.A.C.U.S.A. News. Its intended purpose is to provide a valuable forum for communication, co-operation and information exchange on all matters related to community safety and security on member campuses. All members and associates are encouraged to participate in providing material and suggestions for future issues.

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Election Time!

Reminder, elections will be held at the June A.G.M. for the positions of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary Treasurer and
- Director at Large

Please advise Larry Denomme of advance nominations at 705-675-4882 or ldennomme@nickel.laurentian.ca

This is a great opportunity to get involved and make new contacts!

Patrick Shand Inquest



Ted Carroll was kind enough to advise us that the Shand Inquest concluded on April 23rd, 2004. The cause of death is listed as "Restraint Asphyxia" with the following contributing factors, chronic and acute effects of cocaine use." The death was ruled accidental.

Mr. Shand, 31, died following an alleged shoplifting incident at a Loblaws store at the Agincourt Mall in Toronto on September 14, 1999. Store staff and a security guard were involved in the arrest, handcuffing and restraint of Mr. Shand. Mr. Shand was well known to authorities for substance abuse problems.

Many members with police backgrounds will recall changes to police training and procedures following a number of custody deaths attributed to "Positional Asphyxia" that occurred under similar circumstances to the Shand death.

The Coroner's Jury made 22 recommendations dealing with; licencing, training and re-certification, funding, licence classification and portability, identification (equipment/uniforms/identification on badges), record keeping, advisory and oversight mechanisms, Use of Force reporting, policy development and communication and compliance issues.

There is little doubt these recommendations will have a significant impact on

O.A.C.U.S.A. A.G.M

Reminder – The AGM will be held in Ottawa, **June 22-25th** at the Westin Hotel and is hosted by Algonquin College. Book early to avoid disappointment. June 22 is a social evening with meetings and PD sessions starting June 23.

See you there!

amendments to the Private Investigators and Security Guards Act (PISGA).

Recommendation # 2 also recommended that the consultation process relating to changes to the PISGA be "expedited". O.A.C.U.S.A. and several members have submitted a response to the Ministry.

Members are encouraged to read the full text of the recommendations, which is available on the O.A.C.U.S.A. net serve to members.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services indicated in an April 23/04, press release that "Legislation could be introduced as early as this fall."

Al Hunter

New Faces



Please join us in welcoming:

Scott McLean, Brock U.
Ed Pimentel, Fanshawe C.
Jerry Murray, Lakehead U.
David Patterson, Queens U.
Mike Mics, U. Western

We look forward to meeting you at the June A.G.M. in Ottawa.

News and Reviews



The May issue of **Blue Line Magazine** presents an edited version of the Corps of Commissionaires response to the Law Commission of Canada discussion paper "In Search of Security" by Ted Nurse.

The paper is provocative and identifies many issues shared with private and public sector security.

Conference U. of T.

"Students at Risk: Responding to Suicidal and Violent Behaviour on Campus"



This one-day conference on April 29, 2004 was a forum for professionals to develop effective and comprehensive strategies for responding to suicidal and violent behavior on campus. It brought together professionals from the clinical, legal, administrative, security and student housing sides of campus affairs.

The conference was set up, beginning with the Key Note Address given by Janet Warren on Assessing Levels of Risk for Violence, subsequently

followed by four concurrent information sessions in the morning, and then Plenary Address and four concurrent sessions in the afternoon, allowing professionals the freedom and opportunity to choose the sessions that effectively meet the needs of any given College or University. Topics for the sessions included; Chronic Suicidality, Identifying and Supporting Students at Risk, Policy Issues and Crisis Response, Introduction to Early Intervention Field trauma, Introduction to Compassion Fatigue, Confidentiality, Privacy, and Duty of Care, Applying Risk Theory to Practice, and Criminal Harassment in a University Context.

Given the different topics of the sessions the conference was both informative and interesting to professionals in all the fields that attended. The round table groups at the end allowed people to form and discuss their own opinions openly and honestly to gain insight into ways others deal with situations that have occurred within their own respective organizations.

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News, Views and Opinions

All members and associates are encouraged to send timely articles, items of interest or upcoming professional development opportunities to Claude Giroux at cgiroux@uottawa.ca or Al Hunter at ahunter@conestogac.on.ca

*See everyone in Ottawa in
June.*