

Campus Safety Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 11/14/2022

Meeting Location: Thompson, Orchard Field, Sinclair Hall

Members in Attendance:

Chief Daniel Daugherty
Coryn Phillips
Deanna Devlin
Jill Bandura

Guests:

Professor Eileen Kelly- Criminal Justice
& Her Law Enforcement and Community Relations Class

On November 14th 2022, members of the Campus Safety Committee and guest Criminal Justice professor Eileen Kelly and her Law Enforcement and Community Relations Class met in front of Thompson Hall. At which point Chief Daugherty welcomed all the guests and discussed the point of the meeting.

- In early September, a resident student was crossing Route 110 from Target, back to campus. She did survive but sustained serious injuries, such as pelvic fractures/ multiple broken bones. She had to be airlifted to the nearest hospital. She is now undergoing extensive rehab.
The current intersection has been reviewed by campus officials, University Police, Town of Babylon, Dept of Transportation, Suffolk County DPW, etc.

Chief Daugherty informed the guests the point of meeting, was to walk over to Orchard Hall and the field behind it and get an in-person look at the Route 110 corridor and the intersection with Melville Road to examine the area and discuss safety issues that are visibly a problem, as well as any solutions.

The committee and guests walked over to the intersection and discussed the issues:

- The right turning lane has a yield to merge sign- No stop sign.
- There is no walkway on the North side of the intersection of Route 110 or across Melville Road.
- There are a number of trees and bushes blocking the view of any pedestrians/ vehicles.
- The field is on a hill. Once a student walks down the hill, they automatically step right into the street.
- There is no sidewalk on any side of Melville Road, or along Route 110 on the campus property.

Once those issues were presented, the committee and guests walked to Sinclair Hall to continue the discussion.

Chief Daugherty discussed with the students the importance of campus safety and personal safety. He also discussed the importance of mental health on campus and introduced Jill Bandura. Jill Bandura, who is a member of the campus safety committee as well as one of the school psychologists discussed the wide range of services Campus Mental Health has to offer. Counseling is offered for individuals, couples, and groups. Among the areas that are address include anxiety, stress management, coping and problem-solving skills, relationship issues, depression, family crisis, trauma and loss, adjustment to college life and living, anger management, communication skills, substance use and abuse, and habit disorders.

The Chief concluded the meeting with inviting Professor Kelly's class to work on a project to come up with signage, social media pictures, etc. to spread the word to the campus community to use crosswalks!

Meeting Concluded.