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TO: UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: 2

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

2024 Annual Report: Campus Safety, UTSC

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The UTSC Campus Affairs Committee

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (May 8, 2025)

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

The 2023 Annual Report on Campus Safety was presented to the UTSC Campus Affairs Committee for information on May 6, 2024.

HIGHLIGHTS:

At the University of Toronto Scarborough, we believe that developing a safe and secure environment is a shared responsibility, and along with the strong partnerships we have developed with various departments and our community, community-based safety initiatives play an important role in our continued success.

Campus Safety

The Special Constables within Campus Safety are governed by a Memorandum of Understanding between the Toronto Police Service Board and the University of Toronto Governing Council and are

provided their authority and responsibilities by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services under provisions of the Police Services Act.

Calls for Service

In 2024, UTSC Campus Safety responded to or proactively conducted 3,016 calls for service within our community, which generated 692 reports.

Community Partnership Focus

Strategic- and intelligence-driven techniques, as well as problem-solving approaches, are dominant aspects of community safety within an academic setting. Initiatives include providing educational material on campus safety during orientation to all first-year students, training seminars, theft prevention programs, strategic patrol initiatives, and participation in various committees. Committee participation allows for a greater understanding of the issues specific to this environment. This understanding, in turn, provides greater support for our students, faculty and staff, often leading to more successful outcomes.

Community Crisis Response Coordinator

Over the past few years, there has been a call to reduce police involvement in situations where students were experiencing a mental health crisis or were subject to a Mental Health Act (MHA) Form 1 or apprehension under Section 17 of the MHA.

Over the past year, this position has continued to evolve. The CCRC continued to provide experiential learning opportunities to several UTSC students in 2024. The CCRC implemented and conducted various “decompression sessions” that were well attended. The CCRC continued to coordinate semi-annual training days for Special Constables and Building Patrollers on topics related to mental health and EDI in addition to wellness sessions.

The CCRC continues to enable Campus Safety to respond to all members of the community who are experiencing mental health concerns. In addition to helping our Special Constables respond to mental health calls, it reduced the need and number of uniformed Constables attending these types of calls. The CCRC also regularly consults and supports our Faculty related to behaviour concerns taking place within the classroom. Minimizing uniformed presence in times of personal crises is something our community indicated as a priority.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no proposals in this report carrying financial implications.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

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May 8, 2025

Tanya Poppleton
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Campus Safety

2024 Annual Report Presentation



Campus Safety



**DEFY
GRAVITY**

Statistical Highlights

►► ↑ in reportable occurrences

►► Theft Over \$5,000 ↓ by two

- Vehicle Thefts

►► Theft Under \$5,000 ↑ by eighteen

- Unattended/Insecure property

►► ↑ in amount of Medical/ First-Aid incidents

►► ↓ in number of alarms

- Residence removed ovens

►► ↓ Mental Health incidents

2024 Training

53 different training courses totaling 1,391 hours taken collectively in 2024

Mandatory Training

- ▶▶ 2 courses taken
- ▶▶ 248 hours

UofT Administered Training

- ▶▶ 20 courses taken
- ▶▶ 251 hours

Externally Administered Training

- ▶▶ 33 courses taken
- ▶▶ 1,140 hours

Community Crisis Response Coordinator (CCRC)

➤ Established in 2022

Community Members	Responses	Consultations
Student	151	
Faculty	3	11
Staff	6	
Total	160	

➤ SPC Hiring SPC & BP Training

➤ Campus Training

➤ Campus Safety classroom work

➤ Established Community of Practice

➤ 2 Diversions

➤ Faculty/Staff Consultations on Conduct Matters

➤ Four Decompression Sessions, 298 students

➤ Looking ahead



The Path Forward

- ▶▶ Revise SPC hiring practices
- ▶▶ Campus Safety classroom work
- ▶▶ Enhance Campus Training
- ▶▶ Embed “Culture of Care” in our day to day

Thank You!

Questions?

