

# 'Campus Police' to foster new image

by Steve Roth

Campus Security has a new name, "Campus Police," and a new chief, Richard Turkiewicz, who predicts that the crime rate at YSU will increase this coming academic year.

This increase, however, will not be due to more crime, but to better reporting procedures and to a better image of Campus Police which Turkiewicz intends to develop and to implement.

He explained that as the level of confidence in the police increases, persons will feel much better about reporting crimes. "We (Campus Police) will slowly

evolve into making ourselves known on campus."

Turkiewicz noted that "comparing Campus Security to Campus Police is like comparing apples to oranges." He added that the department now is using the skills "the officers always had, but were not using," noting that the force consists of police officers out of the basic school.

"We're in the process of changing to better serve the University, but few things will be readily apparent," Turkiewicz continued. "There is a lot to the picture."

The "picture" includes a com-

positor, an investigator, training programs to enhance skills, and a strong emphasis on crime prevention. For example, two officers recently attended a clinic on auto larceny at London, Ohio, and a pamphlet on "do's and don'ts" of parking and registration is slated for fall release.

An act of the state legislature has given officers authority to conduct follow-ups and apprehensions whenever necessary and to pursue misdemeanors off campus thus creating the need for an investigator. When hired, the investigator's duties also will include prevention programs.

The compositor, according to Turkiewicz is one step toward becoming an independent police department. Another step is the department's uniform criminal reports (UCRs) which are completed for each reported crime. The new police chief noted that, nationally, 60 to 70 per cent of crimes committed are not reported.

He said that he hopes to promote YSU as a center for law, which would include seminars and lectures. He remarked that the facilities here are "some of the best I've ever been around."

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Turkiewicz is currently working on the possibility of a two-day seminar for the Tri-County Police Officers on "Survival," based on a recent book which will provide clues and insights into varieties of urban problems.

Turkiewicz also stated that Campus Police can work together with the criminal justice department and other resources on campus.

The Department works closely with the Youngstown Police Department as well. Campus Police has a scanner to keep abreast of events in the city, and to notify city police of on-campus thefts.

This close tie with city police means that many procedures are not necessary to do on campus since they are a duplication and a waste, Turkiewicz noted.

Campus Police, however, does have a compositor kit, certain photographic equipment, fingerprinting equipment, and a Law Enforcement Automated Document System (LEADS). This system enables the force to obtain driver's licences and other information on the state and national level.

Turkiewicz pointed out that

some basic equipment is old and needs to be replaced. He added that a need exists for a separate, centrally located facility for the department.

Turkiewicz said that he feels that a separate facility is important for the image of the department. He added that a separate facility for Campus Police would be easier to find, compared to the current location on the first floor of Kilcawley Men's Residence Hall.

Turkiewicz stated that he sees the department's primary responsibility as serving persons on campus. Other top priorities are deterring someone who might try to cause others harm and alerting persons about potential problems; yet, he noted that the most important duty of Campus Police is to provide all types of service to persons who come on campus.

He pointed out that many services which Campus Police provide are not seen by most persons. After 4 p.m., Turkiewicz explained all calls come to the office.

Campus Police lock and unlock all buildings daily, recover lost property, answer fire alarms and admit people at the proper place

and time. Other duties include calling out snow crews, overseeing special events, making bank runs, filling out accident reports, providing escorts with no questions asked, helping the handicapped and issuing parking tickets.