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Here is the eighth update on the progress being made in the University’s conversion to an armed URI Police Department. This process that began in May 2014 has required many sequential steps involving administrative and state resources, purchasing, human resources, personnel background investigations, psychological testing, and officer training.

**Steps taken in January**

- **URI Police Policy and Procedure Oversight Committee:** The third meeting of the PAOC was held on January 15. The Committee received an update on the arming implementation timeline and continued the process of reviewing the new “Use of Force” policy. A final version will be on the agenda for the next meeting and the committee will be looking at the police complaint procedure in the near future.
- **Human Resources:** Nine Campus Police Officers took the written portion of the psychological test at Psychological Services in Providence. Additional interviews and tests had to be rescheduled for February.
- **Secure Firearms Storage Facility:** Most of the major construction was completed. Flooring, cameras, lockable cabinets and a work bench will be installed next.
- **Firearms Testing:** Lieutenant Michael Donohue assisted a member of the Rhode Island State Crime Lab in test-firing each new handgun. A discharged shell casing and projectile are kept in the police evidence room for each firearm to allow for weapon identification.

As we continue the process, updates will be provided to the community by email each month. All updates and related information are available online at [http://www.uri.edu/emergency/police.html](http://www.uri.edu/emergency/police.html).
Thank you for your continued support as we work to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

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