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We are providing community members with the second monthly update on the progress of the University's transition to an armed URI Police Department. Since the implementation plan was presented on May 23, 2014, this update summarizes some of the training, human resource, purchasing and safety procedures that are being put into place. Below is the status on key steps:

- The Rhode Island State Police began background investigations of six members of the URI Police command staff. These are expected to be complete in August.
- In July, Saccoccio and Associates, a Cranston architectural firm, was hired to provide design options for a secure firearms storage area. Firearms and supplies have been ordered.
- Human Resources: New job descriptions are in process for the non-classified police officers. The vacant major's position was posted and closed on August 11. There are 27 applicants. The new director of public safety job description is with the Board of Education. The sergeant and lieutenant job descriptions were finalized and will be sent to the Personnel Review Committee for approval.
- Two campus police officer trainees were hired in July. They began the 22- week Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy and will use the URI Police Department authorized firearms for their academy firearms training. They are scheduled to graduate in December.
- Emergency Protective Actions Training: During the month of July, the Office of Emergency Management trained 150 facilities personnel in emergency protective actions and mental health first aid. In addition, 15 Ram's Den personnel were trained in emergency protective actions, and security assessments were conducted at Hillside Hall and the Health Center. Training will continue throughout the year.

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>.

We would like to reiterate that we are committed to the safety of every member of the University community.

Thank you.

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