

# THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

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Here is the tenth 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 March**

- **URI Police Arming Oversight Committee:** The committee met twice during the month of March. The police complaint procedure and form and the use of force policy were finalized. The committee began to consider drafts of the prisoner transport policy as it completes its review of various policies that will be implemented relevant to arming.
- **Human Resources:** All psychological test oral interviews were completed and final reports were sent to Human Resources Administration.
- **Secure Firearms Storage Facility:** The HVAC System was installed. Cabinets and desks were delivered, the room received a final coat of paint and the facility is on track for completion in April.
- **Firearms Training:** Colonel Mark Porter from Brown University's Office of Public Safety conducted training in Ethics and Community Policing with the remainder of the police department. During the month of March, officers attended firearms range training conducted by the Rhode Island State Police at their training facility. This training included testing and firearms qualifications.
- **Multicultural Training/Outreach:** As part of their field training and evaluation program, two URI Police Officers who recently graduated from the Rhode Island Municipal Training Academy attended an open forum with students. Held on March 26 in Chafee Hall, the

forum was well attended and questions and answers continued for over an hour. Forums will continue as a part of the department's Community Policing efforts.

As we continue this 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>.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to ensure the safety of all members of our community.

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