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Public Safety takes steps to ensure students' safety in response to nationwide incidents

By ADRIANA CERBONE AND WILLOW SEIBOLD

In light of recent incidents occurring at other universities around the country, Quinnipiac University's Department of Public Safety took precautions with safety policies at the start of the spring semester to ensure a secure campus and stress-free students.

On Dec. 13, two students were killed and one injured by a gunman at Brown University in Providence, R.I. — just 112 miles from Quinnipiac. With several national tragedies in mind, safety is the No. 1 priority across all three campuses at Quinnipiac.

In August, there was an emergency preparedness exercise that included local and state law enforcements.

"I feel very safe on campus but honestly sometimes it is too much," Hailey

Webb, a first-year 3+1.5 occupational therapy major said. "It is a hassle to have people here that are not enrolled at Quinnipiac due to pub safety."

Webb also expresses how it is hard to use Uber or Doordash since they only allow food delivery and driving services to go to the North Lot.

Webb explains how she would make small changes to the way campus safety works. Specifically, Webb wishes Hogan Lot could be open to Ubers and Doordash again, as it was in the past. The change was made earlier this academic year in an effort to keep students safe from dangerous conditions in and around the parking lot.

"It is really inconvenient to walk to North Lot to pick up food or get picked up especially in the cold," she said.

Students expressed mixed views on the "overbearing" tactics of public safety officers. While students are confident in the safety on campus with Public Safety checking Q-cards and restricting visitors, this can also cause struggles with parking and guests.

"I feel like they do a great job at checking people in and making sure they go here or not," sophomore Diagnostic Medical Sonography major Samantha Hartman said.

But there is something she would change.

"The one thing I would change about public safety is how strict they are with parking," Hartman said. "I like how they are very concerned about who comes into the school but the students that have Q-cards and proof they go here should not have a hard time especially on the weekends. Some of the public safety officers can be very harsh for no reason."

Finding a balance that works for both the Quinnipiac community and safety officers is crucial for students' accessibility to navigate easy parking on campus.

Jaymes Ippolito, a first-year marketing student, also noted how he feels safe on campus, but suggests more prominence of the blue light systems in case of emergency.

At other universities, the average number of blue light systems is 250-300, whereas Quinnipiac only has roughly 56.

The Mount Carmel, York Hill and North Haven Campuses maintain a strong presence to keep safe and happy students all over campus.

If a student has any safety related concerns, they may contact Chief Tony Reyes directly.



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Any students who have safety related concerns are urged to contact Chief Tony Reyes or visit the Public Safety Dispatch Center.

RABBI REENA from cover

She explained that working with college students was the best fit for her personality and career. Judd wasn't seen as "too much" for college students. Students come to college to figure out who they are and who they want to be. Judd gave Quinnipiac students a place for learning and growth.

"By the time most adults become adults, you're set in your ways. You have your opinions. It's hard for people to even listen to opinions that are different from them, whereas in college, there is a hunger that's there. That's been what's kept me engrossed in college life, because the students with whom I interact are students

"I've worked really, really hard to try and keep that balance and make it that way for all the people that stop in."

— Rabbi Reena Judd



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY QUINNIPAC UNIVERSITY

Rabbi Reena Judd will leave Quinnipiac University after over two decades.

who aren't scared of me."

Judd's decision to leave Quinnipiac came from a place of love and time for change.

"I'm going to go into the rest of my life and sit in my backyard in my hot tub drinking margaritas," she said.

Judd mentioned her new goal is to publish an autobiography she's been writing throughout her life, titled "White By Default: A Rabbi's Reflections on Race, Religion, and the Bible."

The students of Quinnipiac are going to miss Rabbi Judd and her "too much" personality. "She means so much to everyone and she really touches everyone's heart," Leona Levin, student assistant for the herald house, said. "She's so special, honest and kind. She will really do whatever she can to try and make you better in every way and I think that's beautiful. I'm going to miss her a lot."