

# Campus Safety

## **Know It; Use It; Own It – York's Safety Awareness Campaign**

Launched in fall 2010, campaign includes a safety awareness website ([www.yorku.ca/safety](http://www.yorku.ca/safety)) designed as a one-stop safety site for students, faculty and staff of the York community. The goal of the site is to inform the community about some of the resources that are available at York University, so that members can take action about personal safety.

## **The York University Community Safety Council (CSC)**

CSC is an advisory body with a focus on safety outcomes, practices and policies. Reporting to the President, the Council will be inclusive of all parties in the communities in and around York University who share a concern for safety broadly defined. The Council will work collaboratively and proactively to amplify issues, facilitate coordination of safety related activities, focus attention of relevant administrative bodies and provide a forum for discussion of emerging challenges relating to safety. The CSC is chaired by Associate Professor Pat Bradshaw and consists of 53 members and 19 student reps.

## **Management Safety Committee**

Members of the CSC have been appointed to the Safety Audit Standing Committee (SASC), which is a standing committee of the Community Safety Council. The SASC will monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the METRAC report. SASC is chaired by VP Brewer and consists of 20 multi-disciplinary senior managers from across the University.

**Management Safety Committee** and the **Community Safety Council** are in place and actively dealing with, and implementing, recommendations that came out of last year's safety audit.

Of the more than 100 recommendations, as many as 40 recommendations have already been completed or are significantly underway. Many of the recommendations had already been put in place by the time the audit had been received.

Areas of interest resulting from the security audit include:

- Social Environment (perceptions, concerns, structures, engagement, programs, policies)
- Security Services (staffing, training, programs, operational policies)
- Physical Environment (lighting, signage, sightlines, isolation, maintenance, accessibility)

We believe that the **Community Safety Council** will prove to be an effective mechanism for both identifying and overseeing the satisfactory completion of issues that arise over time.