

## PROJECT NAME: KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY AND BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN SECURITY PLAN

### PROJECT OWNER:

Kutztown University

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

### Project Description:

Following the brutal beating death of Kutztown University student Kyle Quinn (in the Borough of Kutztown), the University Foundation hired Standing Stone Consulting Inc. (SSCI) to assess the Borough as well as the University in an effort to make both areas safer for all.

Working with the Mayor, Police Chief, University President and many other groups, SSCI utilized the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Response Enhanced Design (RED) to assess the threats, vulnerabilities and risk. The assessment was used to determine a baseline of current risks and then developed a plan to mitigate those risks. The risk assessment determined the consequence of threats, (criminal or other inappropriate activity) which occurs in areas that are vulnerable to such activities. The analysis and evaluations performed allowed the University and Borough to understand conditions at the time of the work, jointly decide how they wanted to improve and then select the best crime prevention tactics (such as CCTV, altering police patrols or creating a citizens crime watch) to accomplish their goals.

The SSCI team members then developed specific goals for reduction of criminal and other inappropriate activities. These goals addressed strategies for law enforcement including, but not limited to, allocation of police personnel, patrol techniques, cooperative support from adjoining police agencies, police staffing levels, available technologies for incident tracking, and use of non sworn (Act 120) support personnel for patrol purposes. For the general public, strategies that included educational programs were suggested to minimize the risk of victimization from a criminal offense. Additionally, the assessment determined the applicability of Closed Circuit Television, (CCTV) that is either static or mobile, hardwired or wireless; the availability and placement of emergency contact phones; adequate lighting; use and effectiveness of programs such as town-watch; safety escorts; and other citizen initiated activities.

The work resulted in the development of a 'safe corridor' between the University and Main Street in the Borough; a coming together of Town and Gown (previously at odds), the enhancement of KUBOK a joint effort between University and Borough citizens to provide community watch services and increased shuttle runs between the University and the Borough (especially late hours). Additionally, University and Borough Police enhanced working relationships providing organized surveillance coordinated with the 'safe corridor'.



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