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Dale Florian

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Karen said 90 percent of the campus security is spent on non-criminal activities. Dale Florian has been director of security at UAF for the past three years. He previously worked at a campus in Las Vegas. They didn't have student patrol officers because the positions were commissioned by statute. At UAF the bulk of the police work is handled by student help. Florian said the student people are doing a tremendous job. They are doing a tremendous amount of work on campus. They are trained by him, the Alaska State Troopers, the Fairbanks Police Department, and Fort Wainwright military police. He said they are getting a real good training background to accomplish what they need to do on this campus.

Cedzo said the students are selected after a thorough screening process to test their written and oral skills as well as their ability to get along with the campus community and the thousands of visitors who come to campus each year. Being a student does not make the position any easier than for a professional officer. It's the quality of the people serving that determine the success of the department. Florian said every campus setting is different. They had a tremendous rapport with the campus community in Las Vegas. He thinks they have a good if not better rapport here. He thinks it is working well. He thinks it is the quality of the people working with the public.

Cedzo asked him what he feels are his major accomplishments. Florian said he feels good about the quality of the people they have in the department. They are very selective and very sensitive about who is representing them on the campus and who is representing the campus to the community. They are very noticeable in uniforms and in the level of service they give. One of the things that has increased is the level of service they do on campus. They service requests for assistance, answer calls for services, and investigate incidents or crimes on campus. Cedzo said they will soon be providing after hours assistance to the power plant. Florian said they will be answering after hours calls for assistance for the power plants and ascertaining whether they need to call out specialists in the middle of the night. The officers will be trained for this responsibility.

Cedzo said the UAF Police Department is staffed by five full time professional officers and 30 student patrol officers. Service if available 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

Karen Cedzo reports on the UAF campus calendar for the week including information about the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival.