

## **RIC Safety & Security Committee**

The President is convening a Rhode Island College Safety and Security Committee. There is no greater responsibility for this administration than to assure the safety of our students, faculty and staff on campus. The committee includes members of the faculty, staff, students, campus police and the community, and will be advisory to the administration.

Although much discussion has been generated on the topic of “arming campus police”, we have a greater responsibility to assure that our campus police department is highly trained in today’s best campus policing practices. James Mendonca, our Director of Safety & Chief of Campus Police, with his commitment to community policing, will be equally committed to this charge.

Professor Desirée Ciambone, Director of RIC’s Justice Studies Program, along with Margaret M. Lynch-Gadaleta, Director of Institutional Equity at RIC have agreed to Co-Chair the Committee.

The purpose of this committee is three-fold:

- 1) To offer recommendations to the administration regarding issues of campus safety and security;
- 2) To receive regular reports from Chief Mendonca on accreditation and quality assurance efforts;
- 3) Provide guidance on strengthening relationships between campus safety staff and students, faculty and staff.