

## **Off Campus Student Welcome Meeting - Transcript**

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Thank you for joining us for the BRANDEIS University annual off-campus student Welcome program. No matter where you are, whether you're living on campus or off campus, you are BRANDEIS, and we look forward to engaging with you today and beyond. Today we're joined by members of our BRANDEIS community in our greater Waltham community. Raymond Ou our Vice President for Student Affairs. Jamele Adams, Dean of Students for Student Affairs. Steve Weglinski, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Affairs, Chief Edward Callahan, is joining us by phone, Director of the BRANDEIS University Public Safety Department and representing the Waltham Fire Department Lieutenant Scott Perry. Throughout the program, we invite you to send us questions. We will answer all questions at the end of the presentation. During this time of COVID, like any other, we encourage you to be a good neighbor and an informed neighbor. Any questions about COVID-19 and BRANDEIS could be answered on the BRANDEIS University website and any questions about COVID-19 information and the City of Waltham can be found on the City of Waltham website. All BRANDEIS resources are available to you. Please seek information on the BRANDEIS website for office resources such as the BCC, Spiritual life, OEO, PARC, the Dean of Students Office, the Health Center, the Umbuds office, and academic services. Again, I thank you for joining us. And let's begin. I want to thank you panelists for joining us. I will invite you one by one to introduce yourselves. Welcome our students and share information. And resource is we will begin with Raymond Ou, our vice president for student affairs. They do so much.

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Monique. Welcome, everyone. Welcome, Panelists. It's good to see everyone on. And I would like to give a shout out to not only students living in the Waltham area surrounding areas but anyone who may be beaming from beyond the slough because we are certainly not a community bound by geography or buildings. Aziz, I've used this analogy repeatedly. Sorry, Jamele. I think our house this year is not only Archil they didn't ever expending. I'm very quickly. I want to make all of our wealth in partners. We couldn't have gone this large is going up without you and your attendance today at this gathering is one of many symbolic things that I've observed in my short time at BRANDEIS of the ways in which our partnership is strong a same time. These pandemic is unprecedented. And so we wanted to make sure that despite the virtual nature of today, we still convey our commitment not only to one another, but ultimately to our students and their safety on. I also want to give just a very quick reminder to all of our students. While many of the email she may have received from me, Jemele and others may feel more sincere, Um, or punitive. Then, before we want to underscore the rationale, whose is that? We want to have a positive safe scaling up opening up this semester and to bridge and

pave the way for another since that's false a semester in the spring. And this pandemic is not going away anytime soon, despite the good news about vaccines that we're hearing this week. So we're taking the approach of cautious optimism way we stand by that approach a same time. We want to underscore because of the health risks. There are serious consequences to conduct violations especially related to cope it on and again the rationale for our stances because we care about your educational experience. And if you're not saving, you don't feel safe. That experience will not be possible. Eso With that, I want to thank all the students again for joining us on day. Let's have a good year and let's strengthen our partnerships with partners. Thank you, Monique.

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Thank you very much, Raymond. Before I move on to Jamele Adams, I want to welcome and recognize the city of Waltham City United Representative Officer Jon Bailey. Thank you so much for joining us.

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Thank you for having us.

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I'll turn it over to you, Jamele.

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All right. Staying. So this is undisputed world again. Underscore what Vice President Raymond has shared. Understanding this virtual platform does not compared to an in person opportunity at all Also will stop us from making a connection. We appreciate having ability to connect in this way and discussed the importance of maintaining a relationship with each other. Um, between the campus and folks living off campus, the folks that on the scream of us are apartments. We all work together to create an experience that we hope is a safe one. That's an enjoy one. At least the great memories of your college experience, although where, in a moment of most book medics, maybe financial ratios, systemic racism and also the medical piece, uh, we want this experience as far because experts to be one that matters that's important. This absorbed Okay, the other piece is your role. Being on campus doesn't mean that you don't have an impact to everyone on campus. We impact each other and how we connect and represent BRANDEIS University as the university family. So the piece of social solidarity that we all of men with no in the mail of that you have received but also the training is very rare in your role in that is appreciate it. And we want to thank you for playing a positive and a good roll up into this point in time. We hope that it continues, because when we all do this together that we have the best possible chance moving forward and getting through the fall with success and success in some ways means, you know, not meaning to shut down and keeping their each other as safe as possible. I understand that all of us made at your disposal ago when that all in the office on a regular

basis that doesn't that mean we cannot be contacted? Everyone that you see here today can be email or you have a full extension for them. You can a missed him in that way as well. The other things that I want to thank you all for absorbing the adjustment that was asked of US students. You had a change. How you have the academic experience at the just a little bit, how campus life and life will campus exists, and so to the effect that you have been able to do that responsibly for the accountability and with attention and commitment to social solidarity is appreciated. The level a Polish. Many of you have contacted us to make sure that we are aware of all things that are alleged that potentially be it happening. What's happening, not happening is very, very appreciated. I can't just in our partnership is what keeps us strong in our bonds as community members to brightness is what helps us to again reach some level of success. With this, we need each other in order for this to happen. The last thing I want to do is ask over show love to each other and we do that. I mean the kid. Then we'll be doing with commitment and honesty. Transparency. So I appreciate that we all appreciate that. Ask you to continue to do that act so love, inclusion and trust and would like that very much smoking. Pass it back to you, you very much to meal,

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Hello, everybody and thank you. Unique. Thank you, everyone for showing up today. My name is Steven Weglinski. I'm assistant director of graduate student Affairs. I work with are graduate students with off campus housing, helping them find on secure off campus housing, as well as assisting with any kind of things that can come up along the way in the process, whether it's the actual act of finding the housing but also managing the relationships within, uh within that those dynamics. So that could be with your landlord or with your housemates, etcetera. So I am here as a resource for all things off campus housing both for graduate students. But if undergrads are living off campus or want to know information, I'm here and I'm available, and I'm happy to help you. So on the screen here I have my our graduate student affairs page that you can access also. So the first thing I want to talk to you today about his renter's insurance. Um, lads, just last year, but the right, Yeah, just about last year we had students that, unfortunately, were in a situation in which their apartment caught fire and all of their belongings. Sorry, we're sharing screen down. Hold off a second here. Um, thank you, Elba. So for renter's insurance, it's something that often a lot of folks don't think about. I'm getting it's It's something that, um it's an important thing toe have. So you want to think about protecting your property. It is often around \$10 a month or less, and in protection, personal properties, your loss of use. So if you know in this case, if you have a fire, protects uh, your ability to find temporary place to live like I'll tell room or another place where you need to pay for rent and also any kind of liability and medical payments. If you get injured in your house or somebody else gets injured and they wanna come after you, then you're able to have some protections there. So it's something I do encourage

you to look into in terms of protecting yourself, and it is much cheaper than you would normally think. So moving on Teoh housemate agreements being able to be up front and discuss expectations and speak to each other the people that you live with is a very important thing to do, to be preemptive, to avoid future conflict. So taking the time to go through a housemaid agreement and figuring out the logistics of who's gonna pay what bills and how you want to manage the common space or how you want to communicate together will be paramount in order for you to have a positive living experience, especially in this time now, where often you are taking your classes at home and you're on your laptop. Or, um, uh, you're literally just home most of the time because of Kobe, Did you want to make sure that you're taking time? Teoh, sit down with all of your housemates and come to some common agreements with how you want to interact with each other and the rules and regulations that you want to follow within your home. L But if you don't mind going to the link. Just you, Um we could just do a quick overview. As you could see, it kind of just shows a little bit about how much each of you are gonna pay per month. Well, you're gonna pay that to just trying to kind of figure out the logistics. So these they're gonna have most of the logistics that you will want to talk about with housemates talking about utilities. What kinds of things that you're gonna share payments for, etcetera. How are you gonna share foods? Are you gonna label it in the fridge or, um, you know, our Is it okay if people kind of take what's available? Um, the moving down personal property. How are you gonna share your cleaning supplies? Um, you know, if one person's kind of really gung ho about cleaning another person isn't great a schedule and create a way to come? No, that each of you, we're gonna take turns cleaning common space. So they're often things that you would overlook or that you think are simple. But they are things that would be embedded in a lot of disagreements that I see and come across and it's better to be able to get get those disagreements out of the way and have expectations before those things bubble up to, uh, to a point where you can't, um, you know, really have fruitful conversation with your housemates. No. So you can access that remain agreement on our website. And although these links in the chat box after I speak So here's a few tips for you. Um, as you are all likely moving in at this point, your current residents, whether it's now or in the future, always take photos when you first move into somewhere, makes you have documentation of what that apartment looks like. What did your rooms look like if it was dirty? If there were damages, Um, etcetera, I can't tell you how many times I get to the end of the year and students are telling me, Hey, you know, the landlord is wants me to pay for this cost this this dent in the wall We didn't make that dent that was there, and we got there. And the only way to prove that is the half documentation to make sure taking photos of the beginning and then afterwards, when you are leaving your apartment. And then if there's things that you think that should be fixed, you communicate that with your landlord. Most landlords are not gonna have any problem with fixing little things along the way that our common damages, whether it's like a dent in the wall or something. If it was just made by mistake, those are often things you don't have to hide from. And you want to make sure that those are documented and covered throughout the term of your lease for that documentation piece you want to document your conversations with your landlord with your housemates. If you speak to your landlord and they're

gonna promise you something all over the simple email and say thank you for the phone call, I really appreciate you saying that you would fix this of this banister in the stair or etcetera. So, um, do you make sure that there is a written dialogue even if you don't think things were gonna go sour or things are gonna get complicated, Um, you are going a negative way in the future. It's always good to have a track tracking system with documentation and last last but not least, communication is key if you're able to communicate with folks. Oftentimes, when disagreements are are there, it's because folks are not communicating with each other. So if you're able to communicate your needs and able to talk about your the things that are bothering you about your apartment or you know anything like that, you're able to often resolve things by just having those simple means of communication. In terms of my role, I've helped to mediate some difficult situations in the past. The please. If you find yourself in a difficult situation, reach out to me and I'm happy. Teoh uh, to join in the conversation and find a way Teoh find some common grounds and move on. So in addition, Teoh helping students with off campus housing, I also helped run the BRANDEIS Food Pantry on campus, which were named Nick naming Fresh this year. Eso uh, we are due to Kobe. We're not quite open on campus. It's a grab and go. You're not perishables, but we do want to make sure we're taking care of our folks off campus. So we do have a form available on our food resource is website on. That's two for this new program called Fresh Express. What we're gonna do once a month is drop off a box of non perishables directly to your door, and those will be something that once a month you can depend on over the next couple months. So do you feel free to fill out that form and you'll be able to have access to those those fresh deliveries of non perishables? We will look to see what other initiatives we can include as we move on through the semester. But for now, this is going to be where we start on a good way. We feel to serve our off campus presidents and students. In addition, we have We've been partnering with Healthy Waltham throughout the summer, and they have community food distributions twice a month. So every 2nd and 4th Thursday on the months in which there's 1/5 Thursday will be having another distribution day as well. So on the next page we have the flyer, and so you're able to view that fire there and see the dates and information again that that information is on our website and we're communicating that through our newsletters to all our students, eso we do hope that you take advantage of these viable resource is and I look forward to working with you and supporting you in all things off campus throughout the year. Thank you, Steve.

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Thank you so much. For all the information very much appreciated. I wanna make sure that I encourage you all and remind you that if you have any questions at all, please feel free and post them to los people. Answer all questions at the end and just thank you all so much for your participation. Next, I'd like to turn it over to Chief Ed Callahan, Director for Public Safety, Brandeis University.

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Thank you. Thank you, Monique. And welcome to Austin's for coming back to BRANDEIS. Obviously, these are challenging times, and we're here is unique and all my colleagues that spotted about to assist you and provide a safe and healthy campus for everybody and I want to thank Monique for inviting me an elbow for all the participants is, as Stephen mentioned, I worked closely with all of my colleagues, were all an essential piece on student success. Be a student life, public safety, the grad school, the kid team, every everybody on these teams works essentially together, obviously, for student success of every minute of the community, so I'd like to thank my wallet them apart is work cohesively with the fire department, the Police Department, Jon Bailey and Scott Perry of Valuable Resources. Obviously, Steve had mentioned off campus safety. Scott will elaborate about fire safety and drying his close friend of mine World. Elaborate about the resource is that Waltham police provides, obviously would here to provide educational assistance. I'm also a member of the canteen, which Monique and my colleagues said on for student concerns, anything that obviously comes up during a tenure a student of Brandeis were concerned about. We're concerned about your health, safety, your assimilation into the community and obviously, uh, getting along with your roommates and everybody else, which is integral to our partnership. A Z Morning mentioned on the director of the university police. Public safety is a major concern on campus for student safety I, also from the Student Escort Safety Service and the transportation services that we provide to you with students in the community. We have walked and shows that run daily throughout the week Monday through Friday. All our schedules are up to date they posted online, so we're only a click away on the BRANDEIS website. I also an organizationally responsible for BEMCO, which is the brand s emergency medical corps. And they work cohesively with the Fire Department and they provide just on campus services, which I just need to reiterate that while you're on campus, if you have some type of medical concerns, obviously you can reach them. Go through the university police emergency number, which is 781-736-3333 We asked you program those numbers into your telephone in the last for extensions to the university police for a routine call is 5000. Obviously, all calls are important to me. I'm very accessible via email. You get emails of my qualities, please email me and I connected dots with City Be a building concern. Scott Perry can help me a John Bailey or any of the other individuals that rough welcoming constituents of City United as morning a kid explains. So, um so I believe are kind of something's up in, uh, obviously, we welcome you back in where he had a serve. You and assist you and anything that I could do. Teoh, assist you. Please let me know when. Thank you. Morning.

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I'm sorry. Thank you. Thank you very much, Ed. Appreciate it very much. Next, I'd like to turn it over to look Lieutenant Scott Perry, representing the Waltham Fire department.

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Thank you very much, Monique. First of all, thanks for having me. This is my second year. I think last year you gave what was it? About? An hour and a half. You guys gave me to talk. So, um, I think I took

about an hour and a half, but I want to thank you all. This is the second year doing this be personally in the brain is community. You guys have been fantastic having us involved with this. All the services here on Wall Thing were available for people. For people who are just now, First time off campus folk. Uh, welcome. Thank you for allowing me to speak. If you guys have any basic premise of my speaking here is to tell you if you have any questions regarding fire safety or general safety pertaining to the city of law. Fam please reach out. Chief Callahan is fantastic. I usually try to steal a quote from Dean Adams when we do this. So I think he said something about showing love and partnership. I love that. That's fantastic, cause that's how I try to incorporate the Fire Department aspect into this. Is that you know, we want to be part of the community. We want you to be part of our community. Everyone's here together with what's going on. Now, um, we're dealing with some things that people just didn't foresee. So you're now more part of the Waltham community than you probably thought you were. Um, and that's fantastic in a certain aspect. So in our line of work, we try to train to be able to overcome toe adaptive things. So I want to change that, saying a little bit to say, adapt, overcome, and then lets prosper. I think that you guys have a lot to offer this community, and, um, I'm not a very technical speaking person. So what if I say you guys that please, no offense meant by that? I just mean a collective of all of us. Okay, But everyone together, I think it can really, you know, make this whole situation work out for the better, and we become better people for it. Um, getting to the fire safety aspect of things. If you were in a housing situation, first time off campus. Well, first time living with other folk reach out. We want to make sure that you're safe. We want to make sure that you have working smoke detectors. You want to make sure they're right type. You know, I'm not the most fantastic chef out there. So my kids have known that I might burn a thing or two. Every now and then, the smoke detectors are gonna go off to the right type. They go off a little less. The things we don't want to have happen is people get callous and they start to take smoke detectors down, or they take batteries out of them for remote that they might think they need somewhere else. We're here for that. So if you have questions as they can, you come take a look. Let me know. I think, uh, Officer Bailey is probably gonna touch on the whole 911 system, but were not hard to get a hold off. Um, don't be embarrassed. Ever call? That's what we do. We come out and we assist. So if you think it's something that you really don't want to talk about our cheese, I don't know if I should call them for this. We can talk to you in the office versus 911 call. Um, but take advantage of the services here. I mean, hopefully you'll get out and about, get to see some of the city and know where you are. That's one of the bigger things and know where you are and know how to get hold of emergency services that my pertains on campus. If there's a dialogue number, if there's a nine or eight or a pound something, you should know what that is from your cell phone. You want to make sure that you're getting a hold of us. We can give you the number to the dispatch center out here. Most likely you're probably gonna channel through BRANDEIS first. And we have a very good working relationship with both, uh, chief Callahan's folks with the campus on deans of students, assistant deans of students with that residents life. I think that we won't work well together. We have a working relationship with BEMCO, which is the EMS system. Some of you folks might work for them, co. I'm sure you've dealt with us. We're here to help. We're not

here to judge anyone. We're not here to make anyone feel diminished in any way. And hopefully you know, if you have an emergency, that's what we're gonna be here that help mitigate. If you need our help, please contact any of the four get involved in this and as well as chief galleon, they'll get a hold of us. If you have any questions, you can throw them at me through chat or through any of you know, any of the folk through, uh, BRANDEIS community and to be able to reach out to us and we'll get back to you. So with that, I say thank you. Begin. Thanks for letting me be here. I know. I kept it under an hour and a half. I took a stack of stuff and I just put it away. I just won't go there. You know you won't go, but I will stick around for questions. If you have any specific questions. And thanks again.

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Thank you. Thank you so much. We really appreciate it. I'm in. I asked you all to excuse me. I had to jump away. I'm in true fashion as we rotate in and out of the office door this time of co bit. I'm in the office today, so I had a student hot by who needed my help. So thank you. Appreciate it. I'd next like to turn it over to our Waltham City United Representative Officer Jon Bailey.

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Good afternoon. Welcome to the community students on behalf of ma'am, a coffee and wolf them, Chief of Police McPherson. We certainly hope that you find your college experience to be productive in rewarding in that you enjoy your stay here in Walter him realizing that this may be the first time you living away from home, we'd like to make sure you're aware of some of the complaints that we've had in the past from from the neighbors. These complaints regarding issues that prohibited, prohibited by local city ordinances. The first and most important, one that we have coming across in the pass is a trash being put out on the curb. Several days prior to pick up trash being put out on the curb in an in appropriate receptacle, which allows the animals and rodents to, uh, tear through the trash and make the neighborhoods a little messy. Parking motor vehicles on untreated land, lawn sidewalks and so forth. Loud and disruptive parties, public drinking and, um, pets abandoning pets upon leaving college. Um, let me just touch on a on a few ways that we can address these issues. Trash being the big issue that we're coming across, make sure that you just put the trash out the evening before it's supposed to be picked up. Don't let it pile around on the sidewalk for too long. All it does is, uh, bring upon that small animals to knock over the trash cans, get into the trash cans and so forth, and try and put your transgender trashcan. They're supposed to be putting trash cans to stop that type of behavior from the animals, you know, knocking over the trash, we said, tend to see a lot of people putting trash in in boxes or plastic bags. If you can put it in a proper trash receptacle, that will certainly help. Ah a lot. Another big issue is when people have guests. They tend to park on sidewalks and untreated land in parts and stuff like that, that that is a violation of the units. And generally what we will do is we'll we'll knock on the door. Ask the people that just popular vehicles, appropriately. And, uh, you know, we go about our business and we're like, toe educate more than more than enforce these sorts off city on incidents. Most times it's It's a result of people just being unaware of. No, the



ordinances that we have here and pets or another big issue that we tend to come across at the end of semesters and end of the school year. It's always nice to have a little cat around, but unfortunately we don't want to leave those pets behind. If you do run into a situation, we are unable to take the cat home. We certainly asked you with their contact the M S, P. C. A or the End Animal Rescue League. But certainly you can contact us and we will direct you to the right place that might be able to help you out. Uh, with that animal, they abandoning the animals. They is a felony, and it is considered animal cruelty, and we certainly wouldn't want that to happen. And, you know, we want you to be a responsible cat. Owner Scott had mentioned the 911 system. I do want to touch on the nine mil in system just a bit. When you contact 911 using a cell phone that does go to the state police. I would suggest that you put a, uh, the Waltham police number or our dispatch number in there under emergency so that you will go right directly to the wall for him. 911 center, as opposed to going to the state police. It just saves. Ah, a lot of time in case of an emergency time is very, very crucial. Um, like Scott said, we way. We've worked very well with the colleges and in the community. We love to see the students coming in. We've created some great friendships over the years with some of the students, um, and we and we look forward to it. We we can be reached at any time at the substation during the week at 781-314-3150 I do want to touch a little bit more on City United and how we came up with that program was implemented to identify problems which have a negative effect on the quality of life of Waltham residents. Some of the members of the city united of the Health Department Building department Street department, obviously the final time in the Police Department, along with the Housing authority, city councils as well as Realtors and an attorney, City United Champions Robert Scott Cohn, who works closely with the members of this group to identify and solve problems that deal with landlords. Talents Property manages any code violations and off campus college houses on. Like I said, we can be contacted to answer any questions that you may have any issues that come up along those lines. We often get calls from students regarding landlords, tenants and, you know, the property manager of the apartments that they're renting. So I do. Uh, I hope that the information that we've been able to provide you will be of some assistance maintaining a good quality of life environment for you and the neighbors. And, like Scott, I will stay on if you have any questions, feel free, do my best. And from for you.

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Excellent. Thank you so much. Officer Bailey, I appreciate your words. And I appreciate the words of everyone who has joined us here on the screen today to talk to our students. I think you are for silliness questions, and I am going to post some of those questions to our Panelists. One of the questions is in regard to there being a place on campus for our students together. Um, I can take that question. We do have our commuter lounge on campus for folks who would like to use the lounge. Um, there is a process that we have in place for that. So students must have card access in order to access the lounge. To do that, you can connect with the Department of Student Activities for access. Um, off campus students should email student activities at [BRANDEIS dot eu](mailto:BRANDEIS@eu) for the form. It can take

up to five business days for access to be granted. I just want to pass that on. Thank you. Next question. I have a couple of questions regarding financial assistance couple students have shared that. They need financial assistance. And I'm going to turn that question over to both Dean Adams and also vice presidents. Do Vice president of Student affairs Raymond. Oh, if one of you could answer an address that please Thank you.

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So thanks. Morning. by all means. So school is if you have a financial need in an emergency situation. One of the resource is that still exists from march on that's been made available by the university is that of emergency funds. And you can do so by emailing emergency funds at BRANDEIS that you get enough. That, uh, did you no justice emergency funds that brand I shot you in some way? The post of us. Please do that. The other piece is you could also be in contact with the folks that students signed into services. Well, you can either email them SF s and BRANDEIS debut for calling them at 781-736-7000 three sevens are 3700. So again 781-736-3700 is the number to student financial services. But we it appreciate the university. Being able to have some financial assistance available to folks is to your benefit to contact and as soon as possible, the folks their role do everything that power to assistant. If this able to happen, it will happen if there's another. If it's not able to happen immediately, Usually they have some other resource is that they may be able to assist you with that are outside of the university. But the whole point is to be of assistance to you and give you some direction. If not to be able to provide some immediate kind of a resource to you. Would you like to adults That war?

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I want to underscore on Jamele, not only because of the things of love and inclusion that Jamele remind us about. I think it is also tie into our shared commitment or graduate undergraduate students online and also person that we know emergency things and situations come up, Andi. Justice family members help one. Another of the fund is established with the understanding that when things come up and students are in dire straits, that we step it as we can to to assist So it's something that I've seen grand nice to routinely, as students are different circumstances. I'm so absolutely If you're struggling with something because of the financial impact, let us know. And we're happy to point you.

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The NFL the out adult, too. I'm now actually just coast on the neck or wherever. That said, if you can't reach those emails, I don't remember it. For some reason. Contact one of us from this. Okay, Excellent.

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Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Next question, I will hand over to Chief Callahan, Lieutenant Perry and Officer Bailey. What should I do if there is an emergent matter in my apartment and Brandeis. So I think the most important money Thank you for

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providing that question and whoever in the community center. First of all, I think the most important situation is to notify the correct wall same department because this question comes up a lot. And obviously the university is concerned with any type of safety being a residential safety, a police matter. But I think the most important point at Scott and Jon mention is to notify the Waltham fire department in or the Police Department. And obviously, in addition, when ah, comma moments prevail if it's an emergency, we also understand the trauma and tragic situations that go along with fire situations. As uh, Steve had mentioned, we had several residential students displaced by fires one on South Street in one on Child Street, I believe, and we rallied immediately do a Sisto students and locate them on campus between community living in the dean's office and financial and mental health support was provided, but it's imperative to notify. Walked in first, and then, obviously, someone in your group or somebody else can send me an email. Monique, Jamele. So we can obviously assist with any type of residential concern, a health and safety concerns. Hopefully, that addresses information that my colleague would sense off. Purcell.

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Thanks very much, Ed. Anything? Lieutenant Perry, our officer Bailey.

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Well, if I could add one thing money. What the chief said. One thing that students should keep in mind is that we are in radio contact with with BRANDEIS throughout Dispatch Center. So there really is no wrong answer to that. If you called us, obviously we'll dispatch a car or emergency personnel. We can also contact Bentley via the BRANDEIS via the radio as well. We have both both college in both universities. He and, uh, again academy on our radio system. So we have a pretty good communication with with all of the higher education groups in the city.

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Jon, thanks for mentioning the good piece that I forgot. And obviously, you know, we have a great relationship with fire in the world in police, and my staff usually notified me instantly when they hear something that something is communicated about a student safety concerns the A fire or police are health related. So thank you very much, Lieutenant Perry.

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Sure. I mean, it could reiterate with what's been said, but I think perhaps the biggest thought process right now is that we're dealing with a population that is very tech savvy. Brandeis has got an amazing ability to notify you for on campus situations. Should you opt into that notification system, The attacks cellphone on what Officer Bailey said is paramount. You want services to get there quickly, and, uh, the best way to do that is to have those numbers program in your phone. So the outside line to dispatch. They will answer that as well, Which is a 781-893-4105 Or if anyone doesn't remember that they could get ahold of Chief Callahan or just look it up on the Internet or through any of the Panelists will be glad to provide that to anyone. But if you have that programmed in under emergency number contact, it would be a lot more efficient. And again, through all the interrupted building that we have, messages will be sent between and you'll be receiving help from both police. Fire, EMS, BEMCO, BRANDEIS I think we all got you covered. Hopefully. So thank you very much.

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Steve regarding the GSA. What is the GSA. And how often are the meetings?

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Perfect. Thank you for asking. I actually did the adviser for the Grad Student Association. That's what the G stands for. And so they have the representative body of all graduate students and the meetings they meet anywhere between once a week. Teoh once a month, depending on your level of interests and participation with the group. So we're currently actually hosting a G s a Stein night tonight, which is there Thursday night event that they holds. We're gonna hold virtual this year, but usually it's at the campus campus bar the Stein. So if you would like to join us tonight and learn Mauritz at seven o'clock and I'm just gonna throw the link to the zoom there, that's the link to the Stein night. Tonight we're gonna talk about elections. So we are doing the elections process this week. So if you're interested to learn more, you can go to our website and also that link on there for you as well. You could check out more information about the G s, A. And Andi find out how you can get involved.

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Excellent. Thank you so much. I appreciate that I have a question for Ed engine meal and I'm wanted link it to another question that we've been asked. So the question is what happens during a Waltham snow emergency? Um, how do university and walk them notifications go out? I think that another question that is a wonderful addition to that is how does the BRANDEIS Police Department and the brand and BRANDEIS partner with the Waltham community partner with the Waltham police department, for example.

SPEAKER 5

Monique, that's a good question. Thank you. I'll try to answer a piece of it, and I'll also rely on John from the city perspective. Usually I receive messages on the wall in Patch on. I received information

from the walking police about pending snow emergencies and you know, if we had received information. I don't make a call to the police of the DPW Department of Public Works to glean some information so we can send it out to community members Vieira campus email system. And I believe probably there's a system also for students. I look to join to elaborate on that so students can maybe link into the wall damn website or something pertinent that the police DPW they send out and getting into the part two of the sections. Um, you know, as John had mentioned the walking police here to educate as well as my staff when we work cohesively around the clock to assist community members not only off campus are on campus, and I think we've fostered this relationship as well was unilaterally with the student life in community living. And so we're all here to assist students and not police police them per se but trying to foster good relationship. Educate students so we may be educated. What is needed by us to community. But join If you could elaborate from the city's perspective. Meeting about the snow merges again please, George Chief.

#### SPEAKER 6

A Zara's a Snow emergency goes for off campus. We will do reverse time of one calls. We'll do public announcements if it's in the early hours of the evening or night, we'll go over R P. A system in that Cruz is going through communities, letting people know that Ah, snow emergency is in effect on if it isn't effect. There's no motor vehicles allowed on the street. We try and do our best not to tell Any vehicles will make every effort that we possibly can to find the owners, get them to move the cars. And during the snow emergencies, you can park your motor vehicles in any of the city lots. Ah, lot of the downtown areas have ah, a lot of students living off campus. There are a number of ah municipal loss where they can park that guys. The only thing we ask is that after the stone emergency's been lifted you move your cars back to where they're normally kept so that we can clearly obviously back in lots. Ah, but we do go above and beyond to try and, uh, remove those cars, Aziz, quickly, in best as we can so that we don't have to, uh, you know, burn anybody with any toes. Unfortunately, sometimes we do have to tow cars because we've got, you know, maintain the safety and cleanliness of the streets so that so that people can drive on the streets safely. But but the key is, if you if if you no, there's a snow emergency, move your car to a municipal lot, let them clear the streets, get him cleaned on, then move your cars from the municipal lots that the following day, so that they can clean clean those up.

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I think money is also good. Point is for students who drive to campus the last three days with registered student motor vehicles, which obviously would provide a BRANDEIS University clacking decals, which John had mentioned. Sometimes it's tough to get in touch with students, but obviously they have a decal on your vehicle. As the community student at BRANDEIS, Um, the police and Walton will call my staff and locate you and get just information so we can give you timely notification to move your car. So it's not impeding snow operation in the city. So in addition to what has been shared, we'll need

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records to the partnership with the what the police Department that's one of the university has absorbed, utilized as needed. Their response to us is in partnership with our probably safety department. So they work together, um, wonderfully, into the benefit of our community and to the students. A new addition, piece of support beyond just safety and service Is that Bill any acts of bias as well? And in the acts of hate mail concurred with something status quo to Freedom Team, which also clues of the chief of police for the Police Department. Well, so if there any acts of, uh, bias hate that happened, you absolutely, uh, contact myself. Uh, and we'll get that address. So I just want to make sure folks knew about that. There's a commitment to addressing those from the city of Walk them. We also have this A. It's in transition right now, but there's also Collison, the Asian position that were you last from. They want their police department as well. And so once, uh, once in position, we plan on continuing their relationship with the individual to make sure that I was students on campus off campus are opens. Love goes safe, so connected to the police and not over police or unfairly prey upon as well. So we appreciate attention and, uh, and balance and fairness in that relationship. So I just want to see a movie about some of the partnerships that we have with not only at least with walking, thank you very much.

SPEAKER 2

A meal I could interject.

SPEAKER 3

Um, please, this just goes back. Mortar like the snow emergencies in would have you, um, if there's anything that needs to be put out an alert The city, I think back in 2015 put together a code red application, which go through a 911 center so people can register cell phone. If you go to the City of Water and Facebook Page, I believe it's on there. So if anyone listening wants to register for that, that will pop up with alerts and a lot of those earth alerts will be school closing snow emergencies, things like that. So they'll know ahead of time. Hey, there is a snow emergency declared. You should move your car into one of the municipal lots for X amount of time would have you or anything else that's going on. I know you have an internal system that you could register for through BRANDEIS public safety. But this one is Ah, I think they call a code red again. If you go to the city's Facebook page, I get this is direct link to it. I'll try to get that. Get that over the chief Callahan. But I'm sure someone searches up City walk in Facebook Code red. It will come up with an option to register. You'd have to input some information. So this data input for your contact information whether you want to be text message, whether you wanna email, would have you in the type of emergencies that might be on there as well so you can limit you're not hearing every single thing and that you're in a class in your phone is beeping up with 40,000 messages, but you know, just the more important ones that they send out the other thing that I like to add again.

#### SPEAKER 4

When I spoke about the Waltham Freedom Team, there's a hotline that you can use for that as well. And the recipient is a member of the community, and the name is Mary Jones. She's bilingual mini. She speaks English and Spanish. So close can use that. The number is 7813143733 and get a 78131 for 37 you're doing. I think that spells free. I think this would dispel 781314 Free of the lead us with best ball so you can keep that in your phones as well as additional resource.

#### SPEAKER 2

Thank you, Jamele. I want to, I think all of you again for joining us today for our program. And again remember that no matter where you are, you are BRANDEIS. You are a part of our BRANDEIS community, and we're all also part of our greater Waltham community. So if you find you have any questions regarding anything that you have heard today, please feel free to reach out to the dean of students office e mail us at the dean of Students office at BRANDEIS out of you, and we will make sure that we direct your question to the right individuals and we'll get back to you before we end. I would like to turn it over to our Panelists and ask you if there's anything any party words that you may have for off campus students. There may be something that you wish you'd have the opportunity to say today, So we have a couple of minutes left. I don't want to turn it over to you.

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People need to jump in. I think. Obviously the university cares about you. Uh, this is not just rhetoric. Obviously, we hear it's a concerted effort a month. All my colleagues work of the re hod. We understand sometimes difficult for young adults to speak up. Obviously, we would like to hear your comments and feedback and obviously reach out to us should be any concerns or questions. You know, my smoke detective work of the land will. It is not receptive. Lieutenant Perry could get in touch with the building department you can through with the landlord, or you don't have adequate locks on your door in your apartment or you have any type of safety concerns in the apartment. There are a lot of people in the building. The bomb is that addressed these things with landlords. It's important that you're safe in your apartments. And obviously, when the weather is warmer, you know, I think we're anticipating some or weather. If you live on a ground floor apartment, please remember to lock your windows and made from a safety perspective. I think that's not only if you live on campus, but obviously if you would want campus. I know at home I just like my windows at home, just a proactive measure and obviously, make sure window locks work. We're getting into the heating season, and I don't want to take Scott's job away from, But it's importantly of land blitz to maintain safety with your heating elements in your apartment being gas or oil, it's very important, you know, you learn these things later on in life. But that's how you rely on land Board that you have oil system. You know, I have a clean if it's gas that obviously think that maintain or electric. And if it's electric, their safety concerns with extension cools to close off drugs and things like that. That may be burning. So just take a look

around your pot and your residents in the building. Make sure exterior who was locked Make sure meal does not build up or newspapers. If you receive newspapers, be careful who, you know. She emails and passports was just some parting words, you know, from a a proactive were forced perspective. Thank you. Morning.

SPEAKER 2

Thank you. At very much Appreciate it. You have about one more minute before we wrap up.

SPEAKER 1

I just want to thank not only everybody, but I wanted to do a quick gone out to step. Grimes are terrific. A day in the office is Well, I see her back in the room with us is a progressive. I just wanna be that even though not all of us are on the screen today really is a team effort. We care about all of the students on and off campus. And without our Waltham partners, we wouldn't be able to have the campus experience and the virtual experience that we want for our student. So I shot out to instead, crime scene step crimes. Um and thank you for all the students. And we're glad that you're back.

SPEAKER 2

Excellent. I want to think all of our Panelists for joining us today. Thank you all so very much. Thank you For all of the students who have joined us today. We appreciate your presence and we want to wish you the best during this academic year. We encourage you to stay safe and again If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us. Thank you so very much for joining us today. Take care and have a good evening. You

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