

Deputy Chief Bob Wren
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Dr. Scroggins,

I am a CSO on campus and have worked here 21 years. I have been through five different bosses since I have been here. We now have Dave Wilson and Bob Wren. I just wanted to put my two cents in and explain why I'm writing this email. In the years I have worked here, these two gentlemen are by far, the best we have had in a long time.

I have learned more in the past two years and I feel the knowledge has made me a better Officer. We have briefings each morning with Deputy Chief Wren. He is very knowledgeable and has many years of experience in law enforcement which I am sure you are well aware of. He has taught us how to react in different situations, how to stay safe, given us training, and the list goes on. He is a brutally honest man, but that's what I like about him. He doesn't lie. He has said some things that were taken out of context and he has not been given the chance to explain why he said what he said. If people had a chance to listen to why he said what he said, maybe people wouldn't be so against him. This campus needs someone like him here to protect and guide everyone. Especially during an emergency situation. He knows what he's talking about.

I have been there in some pretty bad situations in the parking lots, and thanks to Deputy Chief Wren, I felt the training I have been given helped me make the best decision in the situation I was in. The main thing is that I went home that night to my family that night. That is why I don't understand the negativity even in my own department from other officers. There is so much violence everywhere and it just doesn't make sense to me why people wouldn't want the extra protection on campus. The students don't know the half of what we deal with. They get all worked up about the term "racial profiling" and refuse to listen to what Deputy Chief Wren was trying to say. It's more "criminal profiling." When we get numerous calls about a white guy looking in vehicles or following a girl or whatever it may be, we are going to look for a white guy meeting that description. We are going to do the best we can to find that person no matter what the race. Some people don't like what he has to say sometimes, but in all honesty if they actually listened, they would learn a great deal.

I hope I haven't taken up too much of your time, but there are a lot of us that do support him and respect him. Many people only complain and say something when it's negative, but I feel Deputy Wren deserves positive feedback as well. I know there are other people that feel the same way and I hope they speak up as well. Thank you for your time.

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