University Police

Crime Awareness & University Police

The safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff are a high priority at Utah Valley University.

Although the UVU campus is a relatively safe place, we are not immune to those problems that beset all urban citizens, including problems related to public safety and law enforcement.

The Utah Valley University Police Department (UVUPD), a police force fully accredited by the State of Utah, is charged with protecting your safety and property on our campuses. The following outlines the services, policies, and programs which help us to meet that challenge.

The full support and cooperation of the entire University community is required to allow for the pursuit of knowledge in a safe and secure environment.

Utah Valley University police provide several important services to a diverse University community consisting of approximately 33,000 students and supporting faculty and staff by providing 24 hour-a-day police patrol and security protection for the benefit of all University properties, employees, students and visitors on campus.

Utah Valley University police officers have the same full police powers and responsibilities as do officers in other Utah law enforcement agencies.

All UVUPD police officers are trained at Utah State Police Academies and each year receive a minimum of forty (40) hours of in-service and specialized training in crime prevention and awareness, first aid, firearms, defensive tactics, legal updates, evidence gathering, traffic control and traffic accident investigation, follow-up on criminal and civil investigations, etc.

Several patrol methods are used to secure and patrol University properties, including uniformed and plain clothes, vehicle, foot, and Segway patrol.

University police officers are also responsible for providing a full range of public safety services to the University community, including the handling of all crime reports, investigations, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws regulating underage drinking, the use of controlled substances, weapons violations, and enforcement of all applicable State, County and local laws, in addition to all other incidents such as medical and fire emergencies which require police assistance.

University police officers prepare and submit reports of incidents brought to their attention. As a courtesy, they share information on arrests and serious crimes with any law enforcement agency having a legitimate need to know.

The serial numbers of all vehicles, office equipment, and personal property stolen from our University campuses are reported nationwide through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

UVUPD encourages the prompt and accurate reporting of crimes to our office by victims, witnesses or any other persons having knowledge that a crime has been committed on our campus.

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The University Dispatch office is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and can be reached by calling 801-863-5555 or dialing 9-1-1.

The University Police office is located in Gunther Trades 331.

There are emergency telephones located in each Orem Campus elevator. When activated these phones will automatically put you in direct contact with the elevator company.

Crime Awareness/Crime Prevention

An important function of UVUPD is making our campus users aware of how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

If requested, one of our University police officers will talk to groups regarding Crime Awareness/Crime Prevention.

UVUPD officers will also provide escort services to those who desire assistance in safely getting to their car.

CAMPUS Safety Awareness Programs

The Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, the University Fire Marshal and other staff members are involved in the University Safety Committee which makes periodic security and safety surveys of campus facilities.

Officer Friendly Program

Several times throughout the school year our University police officers will make an Officer Friendly presentation to the University Child Care Center emphasizing “police are our friends”. Child safety is stressed.

Grounds & Building Safety

The University Facilities and Planning/Plant Operations Departments maintain college buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. These facilities are inspected regularly; plant staff attempt to make prompt repairs and respond 24 hours-a-day to reports of potential safety and security hazards, such as broken windows and locks. The University Police Department assists maintenance personnel by reporting potential safety and security hazards. Students, as well as employees, are encouraged to call Facilities Planning and Maintenance (801-863-8130) to report any hazard.

Representatives from University Police/Department of Public Safety and Facilities Planning routinely inspect the entire campus to review lighting and environmental safety concerns.

Crime Statistics for the University Community
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The University Police Department submits a monthly Uniform Crime Report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) through the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification. UCR data is available online through BCI at publicsafety.utah.gov/bci.

UVU also submits crime data to the Department of Education. For a more detailed breakdown, see www.uvu.edu/police.

A glossary of offenses is available at ope.ed.gov/security/index.aspx.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT RESIDENCES

There are numerous privately owned rental units off-campus in which students reside. The University encourages students to locate and investigate off-campus living units whose owners have agreed to exercise reasonable efforts to maintain rental facilities in good repair including properly functioning locks on doors and windows. Some of the large apartment complexes provide their own night security watch.

THE UNIVERSITY CANNOT AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE OR REPRESENT THAT OWNERS AND MANAGERS ALWAYS MEET OUR SUGGESTED PHYSICAL CRITERIA. Thus, students are individually responsible to carefully choose a safe and secure off-campus apartment.

Crime prevention and crime awareness programs emphasizing security and what students and employees can do to help themselves from becoming a victim are provided free, upon request, by contacting local police agencies or the University Police Department, telephone 801-863-5555.

The University Police Department is responsible for policing the Utah Valley University campuses. The respective city police departments are responsible to police the surrounding areas where our students may choose to live.

The University Police Department has a mutual working relationship with all Local, County, Federal and any other State law enforcement agencies in Utah County (Utah Valley region), providing each department as requested, or as becomes necessary, with patrol assistance, information exchange, and back up.

Skateboards, Roller Blades, Hover Boards, Roller Skates, Bicycles, & Motorcycles

Skateboards, roller blades, hover boards, roller skates, and bicycles are allowed on campus exterior locations for transportation only. All Utah State traffic laws and University administrative rules regarding the use of such devices must be obeyed at all times. NO stunts or tricks are allowed. Motorcycles and like devices shall not be operated on sidewalks without the approval of the Chief of Police or the Facilities Director, unless it is a university owned vehicle responding to an emergency situation.

Sanctions

Violations of this policy may be enforced against students, employees and visitors of Utah Valley University by notices or citations which may be processed and settled through the police office or court of jurisdiction whichever is appropriate.

Other Facilities Utilized by UVU

UVU has satellite offices located in several communities throughout Utah such as: Spanish Fork, and Heber City. University Police provide law enforcement and crime prevention services for these areas as needed. Routine patrol coverage is by the appropriate local law enforcement agencies.

Please feel free to direct any comments and or questions that you may feel have not been answered in this document to the office of the Director of Public Safety.