Public Safety Orientation

Community Engagement Officers

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University of Cincinnati Police Division

• Serve and protect students, faculty, staff and visitors
• Fully empowered law enforcement agency
• Operate 24/7/365
University of Cincinnati Police Division

• Prevent crime through community-oriented policing, investigation, crime prevention/education
• Serve Uptown campus, UC Blue Ash, UC Clermont, College of Applied Science Campus
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UCPD

- 72 sworn officers
  - Patrol
  - Community Engagement
  - Investigations
  - Special Investigations Unit

- 26 security officers
  - Blue uniform shirt

Partner with CPD

- Districts 4 & 5
- Meet regularly to review data and strategize to keep UC community safe
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In an emergency…

• Dial 9-1-1
  – Campus phones connect to UCPD Dispatch
  – Cell phones – connect to Cincinnati Police
    or Hamilton County dispatchers
  – Tell dispatcher you need help on UC campus
    and they will connect you to UC

• If you can’t talk, dial 9-1-1, leave Center/Dispatch

• Emergephone off hook. Dispatcher will know your location and send help.

Communication ncy & non-emergency calls answered

• 24/7/365
• 14 nationally certified dispatchers
Emergency Alert Notification:

When an emergency occurs, several tools are utilized to quickly communicate with members of the university community in a coordinated manner. These tools include a building voice notification system, text messages, emails, electronic signage boards, university website, social media (Twitter and Facebook), and the university emergency mass notification system.

Fire:

Audible fire alarms are designed to notify building occupants whenever fire alarm pull stations, smoke detectors, heat detectors, or fire sprinkler systems are activated. Students, faculty, and staff should become familiar with buildings, including all exits, department meeting locations, and emergency equipment. Do not reenter buildings during emergencies unless approved by emergency responders. As a reminder, candles and open flames are not permitted on campus.

Note: Unless otherwise stipulated, the Ohio Fire Code mandates evacuation of building occupants whenever a fire alarm is activated. All fire alarms are to be considered as emergencies until resolved by UC Public Safety or local authorities having jurisdiction.

Severe Weather:

Once a tornado warning has been received from the National Weather Service (NWS), UC Public Safety will make building speaker system announcements in buildings located in the affected counties and informing occupants to seek shelter. Relocate to the lowest interior level of the building and in an area away from outside doors and windows. Note: This area may be in a nearby building and different from the one to which students, faculty, and staff are regularly assigned.

Calling 911 on Campus:

It is imperative that whenever placing a 911 call using a cell phone from any location that the caller provides the call-taker with the specific UC Campus and location where emergency assistance is needed. For example: 911 call takers are trained to ask callers, “911, where is your emergency”? In this example, the caller should reply, “The University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Campus; Walters Hall; Room 144”. ‘Where’ is more important than ‘what’ to ensure emergency assistance arrives at the correct location.

For more detailed information and specific building emergency plans, consult your supervisor, or call UC Public Safety at 513-556-4900. Building Emergency Plans are available at http://www.uc.edu/publicsafety/staying-safe/preparedness.html
Safety Resources

Help Phones

- Help phones are in blue boxes or on black poles with blue lights
- Direct line into UCPD Dispatch
- Police, Fire, Medical
- Reporting Crimes
- Lockouts
- Need directions
Safety Resources
Motorist Assistance

• Jump start or unlock vehicle
• Service provided to students, faculty and staff with University ID.
• Within 3 block radius
• Free service
Safety Resources

Bearcat Transportation System

- BTS Hours: Mon-Fri, 6 a.m. to midnight
- uc.doublemap.com/map
- Download the Double Map App to track shuttle routes
Safety Resources
NightRide

• Transportation within one mile radius of campus
• FREE
• Call 556-RIDE (7433)
• Hours:
  Sun-Wed 8 p.m. to midnight
  Thurs-Sat 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
Safety Resources
NightRide Shuttle

• Runs on two routes, moving from one location to the next every 20 minutes
• Hours: 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
• FREE
Safety Resources
Bearcat Guardian

- Report tips and send photos
- Connects users with UC Police
- Create a safety profile with important information for emergency responders
- Set up a safety timer with a location and expected arrival time
- FREE app, search “RAVE Guardian” on the App Store or on Google Play
Alcohol & Drugs

• First priority is safety and well being of student
• University takes drug and alcohol use seriously
  – send a copy of the report to Judicial Affairs, can prosecute.
• Student Code of Conduct includes amnesty policy
  – encourage victims/witnesses to report alcohol use.
Safety Resources
Ambassadors & Campus Watch

Safety Ambassadors:
• Serve as extra eyes and ears for UCPD
• Patrol off-campus
• 6 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
• 513-446-2968

Campus Watch:
• Student program
• Serve as extra eyes & ears
• Patrol on-campus
Safety Resources
Notifications

• **Emergency Notification**
  – Voice system, text message, email, electronic message boards, website, social media, Campus Safety Network (Nixle)
  – Sign up when registering

• **Timely Warning Notification**
  – Email to all students, faculty and staff
  – Required by law to warn campus community of certain incidents if there is an on-going safety threat
  – Parents can sign up through Campus Safety Network
    • visit www.uc.edu/publicsafety
Personal Safety

• Don’t leave belongings unattended
• Report unusual behavior
• Give a parent, guardian or friend a copy of your schedule in case of emergency
• Mark text books with your initials on page you will remember
• Walk in pairs/groups, especially at night
• Have keys ready to enter your residence or car

#BeSafeUC
Commuter Safety

• Don’t leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle
• Remove cell phones, radar detectors, power cords, stereo face plates & loose change
  – Remove or place in trunk of car
• **Lock** your vehicle
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