

University of Washington Police Department Annual Report 2015

Our Mission

The University of Washington Police Department actively collaborates with our community to create a safe and secure campus through education, problem solving and enforcement. We use innovative practices, continuing training and partnerships to provide professional public safety services, thereby reducing crime and the fear of crime. In doing so, we foster and maintain an environment that supports the well-being of our students, staff, faculty and visitors.

Our Vision

The University of Washington Police Department aspires to be a world leader in innovative campus public safety practices. Our commitment to excellence supports the campus community's pursuit of academic and research goals in an environment free of crime and the fear of crime.

Our Values

The University of Washington Police Department is a team of full-time and part-time commissioned, civilian and volunteer personnel dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of the University of Washington campus. We are committed to the highest standards of professionalism and ethical behavior, and we conduct ourselves with P.R.I.D.E. in all we do.

Professionalism: We demonstrate our professionalism through our conscientious adherence to the highest standards in law enforcement. We build professionalism by creating an environment that encourages teamwork, innovation, collaboration and self-evaluation.

Respect: Employees are our most important organizational asset. Our success depends upon our relationships with our coworkers and each person we serve. We promote respect for individual rights and personal dignity in our daily interactions. We foster and preserve trust within the University community, creating partnerships to eliminate crime and improve quality of life.

Integrity: We expect truth, honesty and ethical behavior from all members of our department. We uphold our position of public trust by maintaining the highest level of professional integrity and ethical standards through strict adherence to the administrative codes of our university and the laws of our nation, state and region.

Diversity: We make every effort to anticipate, plan for and respond to the needs of a diverse and ever-changing community. We appreciate and understand our similarities and differences, and value every partnership we establish. We recognize that different viewpoints, experiences and backgrounds are central to meeting the unique needs of the community we serve. We seek the input and talents of all members of the University in our efforts to safeguard the campus.

Excellence: We strive to be a premier law enforcement agency through our commitment to collaboration, communication, education, mentoring, outreach and teamwork. In our pursuit of excellence, we support the implementation of creative and innovative strategies to address community concerns.

Safeguarding the Academic Community with P.R.I.D.E.

Message from the Chief

Dear Campus Security Advisory Committee:

On behalf of the men and women of the University of Washington Police Department, I am proud to present our 2015 Annual Report. In the following pages, you will read about our successes last year and our ongoing collaboration with partners across campus and across the city.

During 2015, the department focused on the areas identified as most important during strategic planning. These areas included patrol and dispatch staffing, community outreach and partnerships with other university departments, building coordinators and local law enforcement.

Responding to our staffing needs, we hired 19 police officers, four dispatchers, a full-time crime analyst and a senior computer specialist. The Office of Professional Standards & Training was crucial in recruiting and hiring, while the on-boarding and on-the-job training was supported by our hardworking field training officers and training dispatchers, all of whom worked with trainees throughout most of the year.

To support our efforts in community outreach, the Security Services division was expanded to include community outreach and crime prevention. A new division, Community Services, hosted our first annual building coordinators meeting in the spring and also hosted several “hot spot” meetings with building coordinators, to support crime prevention efforts for areas with particular issues. Additionally, Community Services was busy throughout the year with 24 security assessments for facilities across campus.

In 2015, we sought ways to improve our connection with the community, including partnerships with building coordinators and outside agencies, as well as collaborative crime prevention efforts with University departments.

We saw a 32% increase in the department’s Facebook fan base and enjoyed opportunities throughout the year to work on efforts with Transportation Services, Emergency Management, Student Life and various other departments – from launching the “Love Your Stuff” crime prevention campaign, to partnering on disaster response training and more.

As we look ahead into 2016, in anticipation of our big move to the police department’s new headquarters, we will focus on preparing for the relocation and technology that will come with the updated facility. As such, we have created a new division within the police department, Information Technology Services, which will oversee the transition to our highly-anticipated new computer aided dispatch system, along with other 2016 technology projects.

As I close, I invite all members of the community to call upon me or any of the UWPD staff with comments or suggestions for making our campus a safer place to live, study and work. We look forward to continued collaboration with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,
John N. Vinson, Ph.D.
Chief of Police

Achievements

Operations

Solving crime

Investigations increased cases in which latent prints were taken by 26%, increased our clearance rate for part-one crimes by 22% and maintained our stolen bike recovery rate at 8% (national recovery rate is 2-3%).

Partnerships

As we prepared for the opening of the Brooklyn and UW Sound Transit stations, the UWPD hosted four multi-agency tabletop trainings. The agencies and departments represented included King County Transit Police and Security, UW Medical Center, Seattle Police, Seattle Fire and UW Environmental Health & Safety, as well as the UWPD. Collaboration with other agencies was a big part of our year as we supported partners at various events, including the May Day protests in Seattle. This is the first time in the history of the department that the UWPD bike team was invited to participate alongside Seattle Police (SPD) at this event. Our team showed true competence in their technical skill, commitment to protecting the community and enthusiasm as a strong mutual aid partner and a positive contributor to the efforts of the SPD. On campus, UWPD patrol units were instrumental in ensuring the first-amendment rights of protesters, as well as ensuring the safety of people and property at various protests throughout the year.”

Victim advocacy

Our Victim Advocate continued partnerships with Green Dot, UW Health & Wellness as well as her community involvement with the Coalition to End Gender Violence and participation in UW committees to combat sexual violence.

K-9 unit

In the K-9 unit, K-9 Murphy passed his annual recertification with flying colors, scoring an excellent 95.8%! K-9 Kali, the UW’s first-ever explosive detection dawg, retired in November after more than eight years of service. Her handler, Officer Johns, selected a new dawg to take to explosive detection school.

Combatting bike theft

With a steep uptick in bike thefts over winter quarter, the department focused its crime prevention efforts around theft, particularly bicycle theft. In spring, we launched the Love Your Stuff crime prevention campaign, and patrol began focusing on the most prolific bike thieves. In summer quarter, we added a bait bike and in fall, in partnership with Washington Department of Transportation, Seattle Department of Transportation and Seattle Police, we requested the cleanup of several encampments near campus where several stolen bicycles were located. In November, we hosted a bike theft symposium, connecting with our partners across campus and across the city to collaborate on reducing bike theft. The event was covered by The Daily. In addition, the UWPD created a bike theft working group to pull in our partners to work on this

problem. Each quarter, as we added new bike theft prevention programs, we experienced continued reductions in theft, culminating in an 11 percent reduction in bike theft for fall quarter.

Office of Professional Standards & Training (OPS&T)

National re-accreditation

In March, we attended a hearing and banquet put on by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) where the UWPD achieved national re-accreditation.

Rape Aggression Defense training

The UWPD continued its commitment to offering Rape Aggression Defense training for free to women in the community.

Clery training

In June, the department hosted a training for Community Standards & Student Conduct on federal crime reporting requirements. Also in June, the department hosted a Northwest Regional Forum called "Reclaiming the Spirit of the Clery Act." The forum gathered representatives from colleges and universities from across the Northwest to develop recommendations for the federal government on improving the Clery Crime Reporting Act. The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report was published as required by the Clery law, and all students, staff and faculty were notified at the end of September about the report's publication.

Sexual assault policy update

The department launched an updated sexual assault policy and provided training in sexual assault investigation for commissioned personnel. Our commitment to combat sexual assault on campus will continue as we host a sexual assault panel for the public in the spring of 2016.

Orientation reach

The UWPD reached more than 10,000 freshmen and parents at orientations over the summer. The UWPD also made an extra effort over the summer to reach graduate students in professional programs, as well as transfer and international students, speaking to those groups about safety and security topics.

Recruiting and hiring

OPS&T was extremely busy throughout the year with recruiting and hiring efforts, resulting in the hiring of 19 police officers and four police dispatchers.

Community Services

Collaboration with building coordinators

In winter quarter, UWPD initiated development of collaborative efforts with building coordinators across campus. A select group of building coordinators from theft “hot spot” locations met with UWPD to brainstorm solutions and, on April 1, the UWPD hosted the first annual building coordinator kickoff meeting. In the fall, collaborating with building coordinators and other UW staff, Community Services increased its involvement in security assessments with 12 assessments in process at the end of the year. Interested in a security assessment for your facility? Contact us at crimeprv@uw.edu. Community Services also looked to the UW’s building coordinators to help spread the word about the UWPD’s Love Your Stuff crime prevention campaign.

Security training

Throughout the year, Manager Sletten presented targeted trainings to his security teams, helping the UWPD security guards develop observation, reporting and detection skills. The result has been several sightings of trespassers, leading to police contact and ejection from buildings, as well as the identification of brick thieves, a bike thief and confiscation of possible stolen property.

Security academy

Once again in 2015, Community Services hosted the UWPD’s annual security academy in the fall, covering customer service, active shooter and federal incident command system, among many other topics. We had 15 graduates from eight institutions across the state

Traffic and overtime support

Security personnel were instrumental in reducing mandatory overtime for officers. Four security guards volunteered for training in traffic control, and the training enabled them to take over some overtime details, easing the burden on patrol officers. Security personnel have also been actively involved in high-profile and high-sensitivity overtime assignments, providing site security for a total of more than 4,500 hours of security in addition to their regularly scheduled assignments.

Information Technology

New CAD/RMS selected

After months of research, the department selected a new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System (CAD/RMS). We are thrilled about the new system’s capabilities and the ease of data extraction from this new product. The system will come online as we transition into our new facility in 2016.

New software

To increase efficiency and aid in prioritizing IT support, the IT division launched an internal help application. The division also assisted with other major software projects including the upgrade to IAPro, a program used for tracking internal investigations and

other incidents of concern. The division also assisted with the new configuration and update for ADORE, a program that helps track the development and training of new police officers.

New UWPD technology

The IT division leader, Del Hazeley, was assigned as co-project manager for the new facility and is managing the technological side of the move, including hardware, software and server transitioning. He also is directing the E911 and radio re-locations and is overseeing the new technology that will come online with the new building, including our new CAD/RMS, an upgraded in-car video system and an upgraded E911 recording device.

Administrative Services

Love Your Stuff campaign

In collaboration with Transportation Services, the Love Your Stuff crime prevention campaign launched at the Bike Trail Party in May 2015. Love Your Stuff is a marketing campaign to deter and prevent theft of unattended items, including electronics, bicycles and items left in vehicles. Learn more online at police.uw.edu/loveyourstuff.

The department continues to collaborate with departments across campus to spread crime prevention messages through Transportation Services' Fleet Safe newsletter, as well as the Human Resources newsletter, The Resource. The department also makes use of the video displays in the HUB and the residence halls as digital methods of spreading our message to campus audiences.

Social media reach

The department increased our social media reach through Facebook and Twitter. Administrative Services also hosted the UWPD's first-ever K9 retirement party, which was promoted via social media and was well attended by our partners across campus and in local law enforcement.

Increased efficiency

Administrative Services implemented changes throughout the year to increase efficiency and bolster administrative support for patrol. We added a contingent of student employees to help with data entry in the records unit and by November, we met self-imposed crime data reporting deadlines. The records unit also took over public records requests for the department, easing the workload for the Office of Professional Standards & Training (OPS&T). The dispatch center took over completing the daily activity reports, a time-consuming administrative report previously done by patrol sergeants, which kept them from other duties.

Office of the Chief

Groundbreaking

We had a fabulous time last March, celebrating the groundbreaking for the new UW Police facility that will be located at 3939 15th Avenue Northeast. We stayed on schedule with construction, ending the year with installation of the exterior windows and drywall. Our co-project managers, Lt. Jaross and Del Hazeley, continue to meet weekly with the contractors, creating a road map to the grand opening in the summer of 2016. We hope to see you there!

UW Bothell

2015 marked the transition of UW Bothell security back to a civilian-run unit. After several years under the direction of the UWPD, a UWPD sergeant was hired as the civilian director of the unit. We look forward to continued collaboration and support.

Leadership training

The UWPD leadership team met monthly throughout 2015. The Chief led trainings at the meetings, focusing on practical skills as well as the qualities of leadership.

Engagement in the local law enforcement community

Chief Vinson continues to represent the interests of the university community through his involvement in the King County Police Chief's Association (KCPCA). In 2015, Chief Vinson was elected chair. His work as chair included supporting improvements in officer safety and well-being, working on non-biased policing and building community trust, as well as enhancing law enforcement partnerships and mutual aid response.

Crime statistics

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Murder/manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible rape	1	1	1	2	3
Robbery	4	4	5	3	2
Aggravated assault	3	0	6	5	2
Crimes against persons - totals	8	5	12	10	7
Burglary	87	74	96	43	38
Motor vehicle theft	2	7	12	18	12
Arson	2	3	1	2	1
Thefts (except MV theft)	534	509	539	619	620
Property crimes - totals	625	593	648	682	671
Total crimes	633	598	660	692	678

The statistics presented here correspond to those reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. These statistics only include incidents reported to police and do not include crimes reported to other campus security authorities, such as the Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Resource Information Service (SARIS).

These statistics will differ from the statistics presented in some prior years. Some previous annual reports used the statistics reported to the Department of Education. These statistics, in particular, are not available until the fall of each year so they were not available for this report.

Traffic Statistics

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Traffic citation cases	597	688	546	290
Traffic stops	2108	2584	2235	1569
DUI	30	39	22	5
Accidents investigated	72	97	118	81
Accidents involving bikes or pedestrians	8	17	12	7

Arrest Statistics

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adults	270	299	235	250
Juveniles	5	9	2	4
TOTAL	275	308	237	254

Complaints and Internals

	2012	2013	2014	2015
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Citizen complaints	0	5	4	2
Internal investigations	1	7	4	3

Use of Force

To show a more complete, detailed and transparent overview of our use of force, we began counting these incidents differently in 2014. As such, this data is not available for prior years but will be available for the years going forward.

Only the most serious use of force is counted (e.g., if a Taser was deployed, it is counted only in the Taser deployed column and not also counted in the Taser pointed column).

	2014	2015
Takedowns/pressure points used	6	12
OC spray used	0	0
Taser pointed	6	4
Taser deployed	4	2
Firearm drawn	1	4
Firearm pointed	5	4
Firearm used	0	1*
TOTAL	22	27

*A less-lethal shotgun that shoots a beanbag projectile was deployed in an off-campus incident while assisting another law enforcement agency.

Contact Us

UWPD emergency, fire, medical aid from any campus telephone
911

UWPD non-emergency line: 206.685.UWPD (8973)

Confidential tip line: 206.685.TIPS (8477)

Community Outreach Unit: 206.616.0873

Victim Advocate: 206.543.9337

Crime Prevention Programs and Services: <http://bit.ly/1wVLnMw>

UWPD online: police.uw.edu

Email: uwpolice@uw.edu

Facebook: facebook.com/UWPolice

Twitter: twitter.com/UW_Police