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Department of University Police
2020 - 2021

Welcome to Department of University Police Annual Report

2020-2021 Departmental Report

Our mission to the University is to help create and maintain an atmosphere which enhances the educational process and allows the total mission of the University to be accomplished without fear or interruption. Inherent in this effort is ensuring the safety and welfare of all persons connected with or present on our campus.

At UPD-Fredonia, we aim to accomplish our mission by showing kindness, empathy, and honesty in every interaction with members of the community we serve. We embrace and celebrate the diversity of our campus, and we work hard to ensure we exhibit professionalism and respect to all.

We achieve our mission through two main efforts. Firstly, community policing is emphasized to foster trust and build positive relationships among members of the campus community and the University Police Department. Our intent is to have the vast majority of interactions among police officers and students occur in non-emergency, non-law enforcement scenarios. Secondly, continual training is pursued to ensure our police officers have the knowledge, skills, and tools to effectively provide emergency assistance to campus members in need. As detailed herein, SUNY Fredonia's crime rate is very low, due in large measure to the continuing bonds of trust and cooperation between the campus community and the University Police Department.

This annual report is presented in an effort to reflect the crime situation on our campus. We hope it provides readers with a sense of the safety posture and needs of our University.

University Police Mission Statement

The State University of New York at Fredonia Police Department will work toward a peaceful, quality partnership with the community and a safe learning environment for all students.

Achievements

The University Police Department marked a number of important achievements in the 2020 - 2021 academic year.

- University Police partnered with the Student Association to establish a first-of-its-kind “Student Advisory Group on Campus Safety.” This group, composed exclusively of students selected by students, was charged by President Kolison to provide advice to the Chief of University Police on improving community policing, enhancing pathways of communication and trust among students and police officers, and resolving concerns our students may have regarding policing on and around our campus. The inaugural meeting of the Group occurred in April 2021 and included thoughtful and insightful input from student members. The Group's work will continue early in the Fall 2021 term.
- UPD quickly adapted its emergency and routine operations and procedures to respond to the needs of our students and the campus community when the Covid pandemic began in early 2020. We worked with other departments in ESS, especially Residence Life and Student Wellness and Support, to meet the needs of our students during the pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, UPD maintained its standard of excellence in providing caring and compassionate policing to our students and the broader campus community.
- UPD continued important training priorities during the 2020 pandemic with officer training in Current Trends and De-Escalation in Uses of Force and Ethics in Law Enforcement.

Crime Reports for 2020

During the 2020 calendar year, our officers logged a total of 2606 incidents. An incident is defined as any actions taken by our officers. These can be self-generated, such as traffic stops or property/area checks, or calls for service from members of the community. Of the 2606 incidents, 150 were of a criminal nature, initially classified as follows:

Crime Classification Reported Offenses

Crime Classification	Reported Offenses
Drug Possession	19
Larceny	45
Criminal Mischief/Tampering	23
Harassment/Aggravated Harassment	18
Burglary	5
Fraud	2
Sex Offenses	1
Rape	2
All other offenses (e.g. Village ordinances, ABC violations)	35

Traffic Offenses:

Traffic and parking enforcement is and has been a priority function of the University Police Department. This is not only from a safety point of view for the students, faculty, staff, and visitors to our campus, but also to ensure the prime mission of education by the University is carried out without interruption or undue interference.

Our campus setting lends itself to a considerable amount of vehicular traffic each day, and is also a convenient "shortcut" for the surrounding residents. This high-density area is also restricted by physical limitations on the number of parking lots and spaces available.

While traffic violations are not considered as serious as Part I and Part II Crimes, the safety implications of good traffic control and the volume of traffic offenses on campus require close attention. UPD issued 43 traffic tickets in 2020, summarized here:



Service Reports:

The University Police Department's service to the campus community extends far beyond our law enforcement function. The officers of UPD always respond to help those on our campus who experience medical emergencies, car or injury accidents, or other events where they need a helping hand. Our goal is to provide very prompt and caring responses to anyone who needs assistance. The following is a representation of the service reports taken by this department in 2020.

Residential Fire Alarms	62
Academic Fire Alarms	20
Suspicious Persons or Events	207
Animal Complaints	3
Medical Emergencies	60
Calls for Assistance	139
Lost and Found	76
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15
Vehicle Lock-outs	35

