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The mission of the UMBC Police Department is to provide a safe and supportive environment for our community through professional law enforcement, prevention of crime, intervention with offenders, problem solving, and community participation. The principles of **Truth, Civility,** and **Dignity** guide our actions as we fulfill our commitment to the university and each other.

We serve over 13,000 students who come from more than 150 countries, and almost 2,000 faculty and staff members. We house a business and technology incubator on campus. Our campus sits on 500 acres. According to The Washington Post:

“When you think of the top science universities in the U.S., schools like MIT and Caltech may jump to mind,” writes Andrew Rotherham in his Time essay on Hrabowski. “But perhaps the most envied science program in the country is at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.” ([Daniel de Vise, April 18th, 2012 UMBC’s Hrabowski named to Time ‘influential’ list](#))

“UMBC is an insider’s university, a place professors send their children, an academic brand as familiar to presidents and provosts as it is unfamiliar to the general public.”

“Recognition of UMBC as one of the nation’s premier universities was recently affirmed with the release of U.S. News & World Report’s influential list of best places for undergraduate learning. ... UMBC this year tied with Yale for fourth place in the judgment of college leaders who pick the nation’s top institutions for undergraduate teaching.” ([Daniel de Vise, March 20th, 2012 UMBC’s quiet revolution in teaching science is earning school extra credit](#))

You need a safe environment in which to learn. We are happy to report that crime on campus is low at UMBC. As with most college campuses, the primary crime is theft. We have highlighted many programs throughout our campus that will help to keep you safe. We need you to use this information to help us to create a safe and friendly campus.

This report refers to the “Clery Report, which was also known as the Federal “Student Right-to-Know, Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act” and the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act,”

The law requires institutions of higher learning to prepare, publish, and distribute a report concerning campus crime statistics and security policies on an annual basis through appropriate publications, mailings or computer networks to all current students and employees, and all prospective students and prospective employees upon request.

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This publication contains specific campus crime and arrest statistics as well as information about campus policies and practices intended to promote crime awareness, campus safety and security. The report is posted on our website, and distributed (via electronic notification) by October 1st of each year.

Copies of this report may be obtained from the UMBC Police Department 1000 Hilltop Road Baltimore, MD 21250 or by visiting the UMBC Police Department Web page located at: www.umbc.edu/police. Paper copies can be mailed via US Postal Service or Campus mail, upon request.