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The UMBC Police Department is a comprehensive, full-service agency dedicated to providing fair, impartial and professional police services to the UMBC community. Our officers are sworn, certified police officers as required by Maryland state law. All officers attend training as mandated for police officers by the Maryland Police Training Commission. Enforcement authority of the University police is derived from the Annotated Code of Maryland Education Article 13-601.

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. The principles of **Truth**, **Civility**, and **Dignity** guide our actions as we fulfill our commitment to the university and each other.

In July 2016 we became accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This was the culmination of a four year effort to achieve national accreditation by a private organization.



CALEA accreditation is a voluntary program that verifies that the Police Department meets professional standards. Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services. We are proud to have achieved this status. More information about [CALEA](#) is available on their website.

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This report is often called by these names:

- the “Clery Report”;
- the Federal “Student Right-to-Know, Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act”;
- the “Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act”;
- the Annual Campus Security Report.

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.

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.