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UMBC POLICE DEPARTMENT *(Policies Concerning Law Enforcement)*



UMBC's Police Department is a part of the University System of Maryland and has the authority and responsibility to enforce all applicable local, state, and federal laws; whether on property owned, leased, operated or under the control of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The agency is comprised of the following:

- Office of Chief of Police
- Operation's Section
- Support Services Section

2.01 Police Authority

Since 1975, the UMBC Police Department has been a full service law enforcement agency. The 26 sworn police officers in the Department are vested with full police authority under the provisions of the [Maryland Public Safety Article, §3-201](#). They are fully certified in all areas of law enforcement responsibility and licensed by the [Maryland Police & Correctional Training Commission](#). It is also their responsibility to enforce State and local laws and campus regulations. UMBC Police may also refer students to the Student Judicial Programs for violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

The Department has the investigative responsibility for most criminal incidents which occur on the property of the University. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with the Baltimore County Police Department to handle serious criminal investigations: i.e.; felony sexual offenses and homicide. Any victim of a crime on campus, or anyone who witnesses a crime on campus, should call the University Police immediately at 410-455-5555 or by using a "BLUE LIGHT" campus emergency telephone.

The department assists with a "lost and found" to assist the campus community in the recovery of lost property. Lost and Found property is delivered to the Front Desk at the University Commons Building. Police personnel also provide assistance to persons with vehicles disabled on campus or when keys are locked in a vehicle. The department has a bike patrol program which uses specially equipped bicycles to complement the fleet of marked patrol cars in the conduct of routine and directed patrol activities, selective enforcement, and special events.



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2.02 Police Communications

Operators staff the department's communications section 24 hours/ 365 days a year.



2.03 Security Services

UMBC employs security officers to supplement the sworn police force with trained security services on campus. Security officers provide visible security patrols around campus primarily during the evening hours. Additionally, the Police Department has a Student Marshal program that employs students to assist the police department with certain security related functions.



2.04 Allied Police Support

A memorandum of understanding exists between the UMBC Police and the Baltimore County Police Department for the coordination of law enforcement responsibilities between the agencies. The agreement clarifies and affixes police responses to emergencies, investigation of certain crimes and jurisdictional boundaries. Due to the sophisticated investigative resources required to properly investigate certain crimes; the UMBC Police Department has arranged in certain circumstances for the assistance from either the Maryland State Police and/or the Baltimore County Police. [The Baltimore County Police Department's Wilkens District is located on UMBC's grounds](#), and Baltimore County police officers regularly drive through the campus.

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2.05 Nationally Accredited

The [Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies \(CALEA\)](#) has accredited the UMBC Police, following an in-depth examination of the agency's administration and operations. Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. We take pride in our agency knowing we represent the very best in law enforcement for our community.

CALEA developed the accreditation process so that law enforcement agencies have the opportunity to voluntarily demonstrate their compliance with an established set of professional standards. The accreditation standards established by CALEA are designed to:

- Increase law enforcement capabilities to prevent and control crime
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services
- Increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system
- Increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency

To maintain accredited status, the agency must remain in compliance with applicable standards and undergo on-site assessments by CALEA representatives every four years. The agency submits annual reports to the Commission attesting to continued compliance and steps taken to correct any matters of noncompliance.

