



UW Police Department

UW Standard of Excellence

The UW Police Department is committed to operational excellence, both in efficiency and alignment of services to resources. We are proud of our diverse workforce and their high quality of work. UWPD is a nationally accredited law enforcement agency, and we are honored to uphold the professional standards of our field. UWPD believes that shared responsibility in our community is critical in addressing the safety and security of our campus, and we utilize community-oriented policing tools to achieve these goals.

Academic Community

UWPD strongly believes in crime prevention and education through building relationships with stakeholders. UWPD is actively involved with student leadership through community programs. We also serve as a resource for concerned parents by providing education at annual parent orientations and support during the academic year. The Department has a 24-hour resource (dispatch) that meets the needs of a round-the-clock campus.

It takes a special police officer to work in the University environment because of the high expectations around building relationships, supporting the community, protecting the integrity of the University at large, and respecting the magnitude of the research, teaching and programming of the University. UWPD has a service-oriented law enforcement team that understands the needs of this community and the developmental needs of students.

World Leaders in Research

UWPD provides a safe environment for world-class research to take place. The department is also actively involved in campus research projects that involve security issues. For instance, UWPD assists the Project Review Board with all new and renovated buildings, ensuring that they meet federal requirements for high security and environmental health and safety standards. Moreover, UWPD is engaged in our own research in crime analysis and detective work. These endeavors provide rich data, which we then use to educate the public.

Celebrating Place

UWPD provides security for occasions like Commencement, visiting dignitaries, and athletic events. A safe and secure environment is essential to the success of these campus celebrations. We are a critical part of making each event a safe, fun and inviting UW activity that captures the character of the University and celebrates its traditions.

Our safety efforts include planning and consultation for events that need security to ensure freedom of speech and academic freedom. We are committed to making it safe for members of our community to express themselves and seek forums for opposing views. We protect the principles of the marketplace of ideas at the University of Washington.

Spirit of Innovation

UWPD pursues innovation through the responsible use of technology and space. Many of our initiatives require city,

county, state and federal partnerships, and we are proud of the degree of cooperation we have achieved. An example of our innovative outreach to students is our programming in Residential Life. Annually, three police officers are assigned to Residential Life in order to strengthen relationships with students and staff, and to better understand the current climate and ever-changing experience of the student body.

World Citizens

UWPD fosters responsible citizenship by creating a community-minded law enforcement team, and embodying the values of civic responsibility with our students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members. The Department provides education on responsible behavior, effective programming, prevention and risks. Because Seattle is a city with global ties, UWPD also has a role in national security. As such, we employ an explosive detection canine.

Being Public

One of our goals is to provide a sense of safety, security, and belonging that extends beyond the boundaries of the campus to include the community, and to uphold the values of a public institution that prides itself in being open, accessible, and equitable. Innovative programs like the Incident Prevention Teams North of 45th Avenue demonstrate the commitment to partnerships and community building. There are 40 law enforcement agencies in King County. Creating special relationships with King County partners ensures that the community gets the best service possible through cooperative problem-solving.