

# West Virginia University Police Department Morgantown, WV



The West Virginia University Police Department was established in 1961. The department currently has 55 Sworn Police Officers, a full service Communications Center that is operated by 12 Communication Officers, and 25 Student Cadets.

Our field operations team provides full service policing to our campus of approximately 30,000 students and 6,000 employees. Without them we could not do what we do every day. They are our first line in information gathering and interaction with our community. Our focus is on solving problems and community policing.

The department has several specialized units including an Investigations Unit, Emergency Management Unit, K9 Unit, Crime Prevention Unit, Training Unit, Bicycle Patrol Unit, and a Special Response Team.



The West Virginia University Police Department has partnered with several different organizations to assist with solving various types of crimes on campus and the surrounding area. The department has advanced partnerships with Federal, State, and local agencies including the Secret Service, WV Fusion Center, LiveSafe, and other police departments to assist with investigations, cyber/electronic forensics, crime analysis, and crime prevention.



During the summer of 2014 the WVU Police Department and the WVU Student Government Association partnered to bring a new smart phone application to WVU called LiveSafe. The LiveSafe application is used to increase the quality of life on campus by helping to prevent and solve incidents by increasing the communication between law enforcement and the West Virginia University community. It provides the University community with the ability to contact the WVU Police via text message directly using the applications Report Tips option. The report tips messages are monitored 24/7 by the WVU Police Communication Center. It also provides a Safe Walk feature that allows users to track friends and family through Google maps. The Safe Walk feature can be turned on and off by the user whenever they are traveling to locations on campus by foot and do not want to be alone. The application also has an Emergency feature that contacts the WVU Police or 911 and a Maps feature that provides the University Community with a map of important locations on campus. One of LiveSafe's primary goal is to increase peace of mind among users and heighten the perception of safety on campus. The WVU Police have also partnered with MECCA the Monongalia County 911 Center to install the LiveSafe Dashboard feature at their location to monitor LiveSafe for incidents outside of the WVU Campus.



The WVU Police Department currently has 5 working police dogs. Two Golden Retrievers (K-9 Bella and K-9 Ginger) and a Chocolate Labrador (K-9 Allie) serve as explosive detection K-9's. Our Black Labrador (K-9 Blek) and German Shepard (K-9 Sierra) serve as Narcotics Detection K-9's.

Our Explosives Detections K-9's provide inspections prior to Football Games, Basketball Games, Concerts and other large events. The Explosives K-9's have provided security for world leaders such as President George Bush, President Bill Clinton, The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen, Senator Joe Manchin, Senator John D. Rockefeller along with various other elected officials, dignitary's, visitors, students and staff. The Explosives K-9's are used in an alternating rotation and are handled by Lieutenant Josh Cook and Officer Zachary Camden.

Our Narcotics Detection K-9's are utilized in a proactive approach of community policing to locate and prevent illegal drug use. Our K-9's are used to check vehicles on traffic stops, assist other officers with drug call investigations inside residence halls and outdoors. The Narcotics K-9's are handled by Officer Zachary Camden and Officer Ryan Raines.

At the WVU Police Department our Investigations Unit have a social media monitoring system called ECM Universe. We have been using their services for the past year. ECM Universe provides real-time monitoring of social media sites and online communities. Investigators can search for topics of interest (ex. drug, weapons, etc.) We have several topics that are constantly being searched using key words that would be specific to our area/jurisdiction (ex. WVU, Mountaineers). Our investigators can also create new search terms to look for case specific information, like car flipping or fires.

West Virginia University Police Department's Office of Emergency Preparedness develops and communicates the University's core emergency policies, strategies, plans and procedures. The Office works closely with university departments and staff to design, train and test emergency response plans. Emergency Management is led by Lt. Josh Cook.

The office promotes a strong commitment to personal preparedness planning. We facilitate the education of students, faculty, and staff on mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies. The office assesses the University's preparedness for natural, epidemic and terrorist emergencies while working hand in hand with Federal, State, and Local representatives on emergency planning.

The West Virginia University also has a Digital Forensics Laboratory (WVUDFL) that was established in the spring of 2013, and is a collaborative effort between the University Police Department and the Office of Information Security. Bringing together the expertise of each into one cohesive unit provides the ultimate in capabilities and services for both the University and law enforcement.

Located in the University Police Building at, it consists of 3 forensic work stations, having the capability of imaging and analyzing a wide array of digital devices, including cell phones, computers, wireless and other portable devices.

The Lab Director Captain, Rick Jackson is a long time member of the University Police Department and a 30+ year law enforcement veteran with over 500 hours of digital forensic

training, including 192 hours of in-residence training provided by the United States Secret Service (USSS). He is recognized as a Certified Examiner through AccessData and serves on the USSS Pittsburgh Electronic Crimes Task Force as well as the WVU Cyber Incident Response Team (CIRT).

The Laboratory Co-Director, is the Senior Manager of Security Operations for the WVU Office of Information Security (InfoSec), leading member of the CIRT and a law enforcement affiliate. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science, CISSP® - Certified Information Systems Security Professional certification and over 15 years on the job with significant training and experience in digital forensics and investigation. Trained and recognized at both the state and federal level, he serves as an advisor in local investigations and technology acquisitions.

The West Virginia University Police Department is constantly seeking new ideas and strategies to help keep the WVU community both safe and educated. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community, the West Virginia University Police is committed to preventing crime, preserving peace, and protecting lives and property by enforcing the laws of our state in a just, impartial, and equitable manner.