

The University Police (UP) provides police and emergency services on a 24-hour basis including police response and criminal investigations.

UP Dispatch is a full service 911 answering point and handles over 27,000 calls for service each year, ranging from homicides and sexual assaults, to burglaries and thefts, to injuries and vehicle assists. These calls generate over 1,900 police reports.

The UP is the 8th largest municipal police department in Montana with an annual budget of over \$3 million. At full strength, UP consists of 20 full time sworn, state certified officers, 5 part-time police officers, 6 parking officers, and 12 support staff.

The University Police Parking Services Division distributes over 8,500 parking permits, issues over 8,300 parking citations and manages an inventory of over 6,000 parking spaces.

Program Summary

The mission of the University Police Department is to provide students, employees, and visitors with a safe and secure environment for living and learning. The department achieves their mission by providing both traditional law enforcement service and non-traditional community services. UP takes a comprehensive approach to preventive patrol using vehicles, bicycles, Segways, and foot patrol. UP offers a variety of crime prevention programs that allow our community to protect themselves through awareness. When crime does occur, UP provides the full range of police services including report writing, crime scene processing, investigation, follow-up, filing of charges, arrests as appropriate, and, where possible, recovery of stolen property. UP regularly partners with other local police agencies including the Bozeman Police, and Gallatin County Sheriff, as well as Federal agencies such as the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement for information sharing, joint investigations, and training purposes. UP prides itself in taking a leadership role among the local police departments to combat problems shared by all agencies. A recent example was UP forming a joint task force to combat an upsurge in white supremacy on campus and in Gallatin Valley. UP has full police jurisdiction on all Montana University System property as well as City-wide jurisdiction in Bozeman.

Community Policing Approach

The UP provides services using a community based approach. While many departments use such an approach, the MSU Police utilize a unique model that combines intelligence-led policing with community policing to ensure that our officers really are an active, integrated part of the larger University Community. Programs such as these are designed to foster an atmosphere of trust and approachability as well as to open lines of communications between officers and the larger community. One example of this is the Adopt-a-Cop Program that partners police officers with each residence hall in a program that sees the officers interacting with residential students in an unprecedented manner. Officers in this voluntary program eat meals with the students, provide safety and security programs for the students and join the students in activities such as hiking and other social events.

Services

The University Police Department provides the following services: law enforcement, safety, security, first responder for fire, medical, and hazardous material incidents, public safety answering point (9-1-1), parking lot maintenance, traffic control, accident investigation, crime prevention, education, services to motorists including battery boosts and lockouts, snow removal, liaison with local, state, and federal law enforcement and security organizations, and oversight of the University Emergency Operations Center (EOC). University Police has responsibility for first response in the event of major incidents such as an active shooter. The department routinely trains to respond to these threats.