



University of Chicago Police Department Community Engagement

The University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD) has worked to keep our communities safe for more than 40 years. This professionally trained, accredited police department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is staffed with state-certified officers.

The UCPD has primary responsibility for patrolling the University of Chicago campus and University property, and serves as a secondary law enforcement agency in its extended patrol area that spans from 37th Street to 64th Street, and Cottage Grove Avenue to Lake Michigan.



Transparency

UCPD provides access to a range of data and information on its day-to-day operations. This information goes beyond what Illinois law requires of police departments at private institutions, but is provided as a way to enhance the transparency of its policing activities. This includes UCPD's daily crime/fire log at incidentreports.uchicago.edu and the Illinois Traffic Stop Study at idot.illinois.gov.

The following information is also available online at safety-security.uchicago.edu:

- Current practices, department responsibilities, officer training, and how UCPD operates in conjunction with CPD
- Specific information on traffic stops and field contacts
- Independent Review Committee reports containing information on complaints against the UCPD and any related policy, procedural, and communication issues
- Frequently asked questions and responses compiled from conversations with both the University community and neighboring communities
- Crime trends in the Hyde Park-South Kenwood community

The UCPD will also provide arrest records upon request, similar to the information provided by public law enforcement agencies.

Community Advisory Committee

UCPD's Community Advisory Committee provides a way to strengthen the department's relationship and collaborate with area residents on safety issues affecting residents of UCPD's extended patrol area. In addition to providing feedback from community members, the advisory committee helps promote UCPD's services through increased education on police activities and programs.

Community Advisory Committee members represent areas within UCPD's patrol area, and were chosen in consultation with community leaders and local aldermen representing the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and 20th wards. A representative of the University's Office of Civic Engagement also sits on the committee.

Feedback

Have you had a good or bad experience with the University of Chicago Police Department? Please let us know. You can compliment us, provide feedback, or file a complaint through our website, safety-security.uchicago.edu, or by stopping by our headquarters located at 850 E. 61st Street.

Community Relations Unit

UCPD's Community Relations Unit (CRU) helps build and strengthen relationships between members of the UChicago community and UCPD through education, intervention, and policing initiatives.

The CRU works to identify and analyze crime hazards in our community, and comes up with strategies to help minimize them. The unit also provides members of the University community with a variety of services, including safety presentations, community outreach initiatives, and bicycle and laptop registration.

Contact CRU at 773.702. 6008 or ucpd-cru@uchicago.edu.

COPPS Training

Community-Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Training is the policing strategy that the UCPD follows. COPPS promotes community, government, and police partnerships and proactive problem solving to help reduce crime and build a safer community. UCPD officers are trained on the COPPS philosophy and members of the community are also invited to attend the COPPS training, periodically offered by the department. There is also an online community-oriented policing course, available anytime to anyone at copstrainingportal.org.

Available on the UCPD Website

- Daily crime/fire log
- Field interviews
- Violent crime report
- Arrest record request form
- FAQs
- Traffic stops
- Crime trends
- Compliments & Complaints form

safety-security.uchicago.edu



Safe Zone

The University of Chicago Police Department (UCPD) allows the use of its lobby as a location for individuals to pay for goods found online or through social media channels. Safe Zone also allows for custodial exchanges between parents and legal guardians, in accordance with their custody agreements.

The UCPD headquarters lobby, located at 850 East 61st Street, is available for use between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. If the exchange time occurs after 5 p.m., the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) must be called in order to enter the building. The ECC can be reached at the UCPD's main number, 773.702.8181. No appointment is necessary to use the space for a Safe Zone exchange.



Contact UCPD

Emergency/Non-Emergency: 773.702.8181

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