

UMDPD NEWS

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WELCOME BACK!

UMDPD is excited to welcome students, employees, and guests back for the 2021-22 school year!

UMDPD is a full-time, full-service police department that serves our campus and community 24-hours per day, 365 days per year. We respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service with officers fully trained in modern law enforcement skills. We conduct proactive patrol and criminal investigations to fill UMD's public safety needs.

Our officers conduct a variety of community engagement activities such as safety seminars, self-defense clinics, and threat response training. We also host a ride-along program, which allows students and citizens the opportunity to accompany officers during their work shifts and see firsthand what we do. We invite you to join us!

We consider UMD students, faculty, and staff to be our partners in making UMD a safe place to learn and live. We look forward to serving you and we thank you for choosing to be part of UMD!

UMD: MINNESOTA'S SAFEST CAMPUS

On July 19, 2021, YourLocalSecurity.com named UMD the safest college campus in Minnesota! The accolade was made using data from the U.S. Department of Education's Campus Safety and Security and the FBI's Uniform Crime Report.

"Our officers and staff work hard every day to contribute to the safety and security of our community," says UMD Police Chief Sean Huls. "We are proud and grateful for this recognition, which reflects the dedication of all campus safety partners as we strive to make UMD a secure, welcoming place to learn, enlighten, and live."

YourLocalSecurity.com evaluated the safety of a college campus based on a combination of these factors:

- Violent crimes per 10,000 people
- Property crimes per 10,000 people
- Hate crimes per 10,000 people
- Number of Violence Against Women Act offenses per 10,000 people

Huls says his officers appreciate the recognition, while sharing the honor with UMD students, employees, and neighbors. "In addition to my department, this community makes important contributions to our campus safety every day."

This is the fifth consecutive year that YourLocalSecurity.com has researched the safety of college campuses across the country. For more information:

<https://www.yourlocalsecurity.com/blog/safest-college-campuses-2021/>

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Sgt. Shovein conducting a self-defense workshop Lt. LeGarde working an event Ofc. Martin assisting a resident of a nearby care facility

all photos were taken prior to the pandemic- therefore masks are not worn

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STRIVING TOWARD GOAL 2

In our efforts to enhance our support for Goal 2 of UMD's strategic plan to "advance equity, diversity, inclusiveness, and social justice within the campus community," we worked closely during Spring semester with Dr. Cedric Alexander of CL Alexander Consulting. Dr. Alexander is an expert in law enforcement with over 40 years in public safety. Dr. Alexander and his team conducted listening sessions with our department and the campus community to identify strengths and opportunities to improve UMDPD's effectiveness, to enhance campus relationships, and to increase public safety and trust.

Dr. Alexander and his team provided a report with findings and recommendations. The report conclusion states "Overall, UMDPD has low levels of use of force incidents and does not have disparate outcomes in arrest data.

However, the broader national and state context has raised the need for every law enforcement agency to deepen its relationships and capacity to be open and transparent; to fully engage their communities, especially the most marginalized, and those most often interacting with police."

We invite you to [read the full report](#). While it focuses on identifying areas for improvement, it also recognizes the strengths of UMDPD. The department has taken significant steps to broaden officers' skill sets in de-escalation, mental health, and cultural sensitivity, as well as to enhance community relationships. This commitment to ongoing change as a modern police department supports UMDPD's mission to serve our community.

Ride-Alongs are Back!
Come see what we do by accompanying an officer during a duty shift.
COVID-19 precautions in place.
See our website for more info:
<https://www.d.umn.edu/~umdpd/forms/ridealong.html>

Looking for us on social media?
UMDPD is excited for the upcoming launch of our Instagram account!
Stay tuned!



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NEW LENSES, NEW LOOKS

This Fall, UMDPD is excited to implement the use of “Body-Worn Cameras” (BWCs) among its patrol staff. For use in interactions between officers and those they encounter or contact, BWCs are proving to be an invaluable tool for law enforcement agencies worldwide. They promote openness and transparency for departments while bolstering accountability for both officers and citizens by assuming the role of an impartial eyewitness to an event. They can be of tremendous value in documenting evidence, actions, and statements for use in court proceedings. And in UMDPD’s constant effort to improve and enhance its service, BWC footage can be used in training and development, providing us with the ability to observe and study ourselves to correct any problems and build on our strengths.

Perhaps you’ve noticed a different look to our officers of late. Several are now utilizing a healthy new means of wearing their protective vests and carrying equipment, including the BWC. The Load-Bearing Vest (LBV) is a recent development in public safety and it’s already paying dividends in the musculoskeletal health of our personnel. Officers typically carry about 30 pounds of gear on their persons while in uniform. Imagine all that weight concentrated about the waist on a traditional utility belt for a 12-hour shift. The ergonomically friendly LBV allows the officer to transfer much of their equipment to the torso, distributing gear weight among other muscles. The result is less prolonged pressure on lower back and hips, alleviation of related pain and long-term deterioration, and a longer, healthier career.

ON THE LOOKOUT

Through a grant secured by the University of Minnesota Department of Public Safety this past summer, UMDPD has acquired a Mobile Pro Commander 3400 camera trailer (example pictured above). The Commander 3400 is a mobile video camera and lighting platform that allows remote viewing of an area or event. Its 36-foot retractable mast provides overhead camera coverage that can be monitored in real time. Its debut deployment occurred during the Housing & Residential Life Move-In on August 25-26. It was very effective in allowing us to watch for and traffic congestion and parking availability. It has since been used in various locations for vehicle prowling prevention, and its mobility and versatility could enable its use in emergency management and security at special events.



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REACHING OUT

UMDPD continues to reach out to members of our community and seeks every opportunity to build trust, legitimacy and enhance relationships with those we are honored to serve. UMDPD participated in area National Night Out (NNO) events in the neighborhoods surrounding UMD. UMDPD officers have conducted numerous tabling events and have conducted several safety and self defense presentations and workshops. UMDPD officers also participated in the recent Take Back the Night events during Sexual Assault Awareness month. Please look for the following events coming later this Fall:

- Coffee & Donuts with a Cop
- Pizza & Pop with a Cop

TRAINING

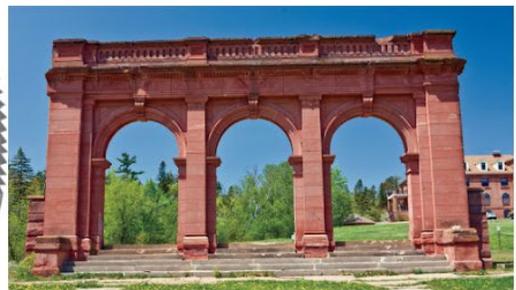
In our efforts of continual improvement, we are always seeking professional development and training programs that enhance the skills and preparedness of our officers and staff. These training programs help our staff better serve and meet the needs of our community. Here are just some of the training programs our staff participated in this year:

Scenario-Based Virtual Training (including de-escalation tactics)
Duty to Protect & Duty to Intervene
Implicit Bias
Mental Health Assessment & Intervention
Ethics & Professional Conduct
Persuasion & De-escalation
Suicide Prevention
Procedural Justice & Police Legitimacy

Did You Know...?



Depicted on the UMDPD badge is the arched entryway of Duluth Normal School's "Old Main". Predecessor to UMD, Old Main was built in 1902 and lost to fire in 1993.



The arches still stand at Old Main Park, 2305 E. 5th St. in Duluth.

Thank you for your time! We look forward to serving you and we wish you a safe and successful year!