"We take pride in our brand of policing and security."

The University of Virginia Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. We take pride in our brand of policing and security that is grounded in collaboration, service delivery imbued with fair and impartial policing, and community engagement. Our goal is achieved through comprehensively meeting the needs of the community. Please don’t hesitate to call us.

Tommye Sutton
Assistant Vice President and Chief of Police

UVA and its surrounding communities continue to be one of the nation’s safest places to learn, work, and live. Members of the Department of Safety and Security are committed to providing high quality public safety services inclusive of all members of our community. The information included in the following pages is intended to help you become familiar with the many safety resources the University offers.

Gloria Graham
Associate Vice President for Safety and Security

Internationally accredited police agency

50K
Serves almost 50,000 people everyday

Committed to fair, equitable, and transparent policing

77
Sworn police officers

64
Security officers

30
Support staff

24-hour patrol, investigations, and crime prevention

33K
Responded to more than 33,000 calls for service*

235
Conducted more than 235 community policing events engaging more than 14,000 community members*

*2018 CALENDAR YEAR.
WHO WE ARE

The University of Virginia is proud to provide a professional police service to the University community. We emphasize recruiting and hiring a diverse professional team to provide security, safety, and police services to our community. We have high training standards, and embrace the fair and impartial policing model.

Accountability and transparency are the core of who we are. Every police and security officer within the University Police wears a body camera and records all enforcement encounters with the community. We strive to earn the trust and respect of everyone we serve.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are not police or security, but are an additional safety resource in areas where students live, shop, and socialize off Grounds. In addition to being a proactive presence, they provide personal safety escorts and make requests for medical and police assistance. You will see the Ambassadors in their neon yellow shirts driving, riding bikes and walking in densely populated student areas.

Because Ambassadors are not law enforcement, you should always call 911 in an emergency. But if you need non-emergent assistance or have a question, ask an Ambassador!

TO LEARN MORE visit ambassadors.uvapoli ce.virginia.edu/

PUBLIC SAFETY SUBSTATION

Located in the Corner district, the public safety substation is staffed by the Ambassadors 24/7. Additionally, UVA Police and Charlottesville City Police frequently stop into the substation while patrolling the Corner area. The public safety substation is a safe location that students can use while waiting for a friend or ride, or just when they need somewhere safe to go.

EMERGENCY PHONES

The University has more than 480 emergency telephones on Grounds, including outdoor blue light phones and indoor emergency phones. When you push the emergency button on a blue light phone, you will be immediately connected to UVA Police with two-way communication. UVA Police can track where a phone has been activated, even if you are unable to speak into it, and will always respond when an emergency phone has been activated to search the area for any activity.

MOBILE SAFETY APP

The LiveSafe mobile safety app provides a two-way communications platform, as well as many personal safety features. With LiveSafe, you can quickly report an incident, access resources related to your safety, share information with police and security, and invite friends or family to virtually walk with you to your destination.

SEE http://app.safetyandsecurity.virginia.edu

AFTER HOURS TRANSPORTATION

Late Night Bus Service

The University Transit Service normally operates until 12:30 a.m., but on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights while school is in session, bus service is extended until 2:30 a.m. These late night buses run approximately every 20 minutes along the Northline and Outer U-loop routes.

USE TRANSLOC, a bus tracking app, for live service predictions at uva.transloc.com.

Charge-a-Ride (with Yellow Cab)

Students who find themselves in uncomfortable situations with no reliable or safe means of local transportation and no money for cab fare can call Yellow Cab Charge-a-Ride at 434.295.4131. Use your valid UVA ID card to charge the ride to UVA. You will be billed via the Student Information System – no questions asked.

Safe Ride

Safe Ride is an on-demand van shuttle service intended to provide UVA students with safe transportation in lieu of walking alone when UTS buses are not in service.

Safe Ride operates within a specific service area to maximize van availability and minimize wait times. Rides may be requested via the Transloc OnDemand app or by calling 434.242.1122.

LEARN MORE AT www.parking.virginia.edu/after-hours-parking-and-transportation
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PREVENTION

The University Police Department offers outreach programs to enhance safety, relationships, and trust in our community.

Safety programming and lectures on alcohol, drugs, hazing, sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, date rape drugs, and more. Contact Sgt. Rexrode at br7u@virginia.edu or at 434.924.8845.

Student-Police Advisory Board: Facilitates regular communication between the student body and the University Police Department.

Meet and Greets: Several times throughout the year, UPD offers free food and giveaways across grounds to have informal engagement with the community.

SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING CLASSES

UPD offers two types of self-defense training classes free of charge. For details and registration contact Sgt. Rexrode at 434.924.8845 or br7u@virginia.edu.

R.A.D. Systems of Self Defense for Women: A 10-hour course taught over several sessions.

Basic Self-Defense Course: A one-hour course offered throughout the year. Popular in first-year dorms. Interested first-year students should ask their resident advisor to set up a class for your hall. Other students should contact Sgt. Rexrode (see above).

UVA EMERGENCY ALERTS AND TIMELY WARNINGS

A UVA Alert is triggered by an event that is currently occurring on or imminently threatening Grounds. Active students and employees with a valid UVA email address automatically receive an emergency email when UVA issues an Alert.

- Add more email addresses or phone numbers to your account at virginia.edu/uvaalerts.
- Alerts are also automatically sent to the LiveSafe mobile app, LED/LCD screens in classrooms, laptop popups when installed at https://uvaemergency.virginia.edu/alertus-desktop, and @uvapolice and @uvasafety on Twitter.

Timely warnings are triggered by crimes that have already occurred but represent an ongoing threat.

REPORTING CRIMES AND EMERGENCIES

FOR A CRIME IN PROGRESS, ALWAYS CALL OR TEXT 911.

911 will reach police, fire, and emergency medical services on Grounds and off Grounds.

Don’t wait for a crime or emergency to call. Call or text 911 if you feel unsafe or when a situation just doesn’t feel right. Trust your instincts. The police want you to call.

For non-emergency police assistance or to report a past incident, you can call UPD’s non-emergency line at 434.924.7166.

TipSoft: This confidential platform allows community members to anonymously supply information or tips to UPD. You can submit tips through our website at virginia.edu/uvapolice or use the TipSubmit app.

Biking is a great way to get around Grounds and the surrounding community. We encourage everyone to register their bike with UPD. If the bike were lost or stolen, having it registered could aid in its recovery.

Register your bike at https://uvapolice.virginia.edu/bicyclescooter-registration-form
FAQ & COMMON MYTHS

Can I leave my belongings alone for a few minutes in places like the library and dining facilities?
It takes only a few seconds for someone to commit a theft. Laptops, cell phones, and backpacks are the most common items left unattended and also the most common items stolen.

Should I hold the door to my residence hall open for a guest I do not know?
For your safety and that of other residents, you should never allow entry into a residence hall for anyone you do not know.

What is the most common crime reported to University Police?
Unattended theft. Always keep your personal belongings with you.

Where do I find information about crime at UVA or in Charlottesville?
UVA Police webpage
www.virginia.edu/uvapolice
UVA Clery Act webpage
www.cleryact.virginia.edu
Charlottesville Police Department
www.charlottesville.org

If I or a friend seek help or need help with an alcohol or drug overdose will I be arrested or disciplined?
Virginia is one of 35 states which have some form of a “good samaritan” or “medical amnesty” law. These laws protect victims and witnesses who act in good faith to seek medical assistance when they believe an overdose of drugs or alcohol is occurring. If there is a concern that you or someone else needs attention due to drugs or alcohol, call 911 and request emergency medical services.

What are the consequences of being found in possession of a fictitious driver’s license or identification card?
You could be criminally charged for possession of false identification and face a fine. This conviction would appear on your criminal history.