THE DISPATCH

The University of Scranton Police Department

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF
by Chief Donald Bergmann

You may have noticed; University Police have made subtle changes in our appearance. In an effort to change with the times, University Police have opted for a more practical and tactical approach to the police uniform. In the spirit of combining the classic look with modern capabilities, University police are now wearing their ballistic body armor in an outer carrier and their equipment on the carrier rather than the duty belt. Research has determined that load-bearing vests are a safe and healthier alternative to the traditional duty belt. This is a departure from the traditional police uniform, and contrary to the powerful traditions within law enforcement. Although there are still appearance guidelines, University Officers are also permitted to have beards and visible tattoos. Our goal is to allow officers to maintain a professional appearance, be tactically equipped and keep up with the evolving requirements of the profession.
Please join us in welcoming our new staff members to the University community.

Nicholas Batzel, Patrol Officer

Nick is a graduate of the University of Scranton, graduated with a BS in criminal justice and a double minor in psychology and military science (class of 2014). He is also a 2022 graduate of the Lackawanna College Police Academy. He enjoys working out and spending time with family.

Katlynn Aulisio, Dispatcher

Katlynn was a telecommunications supervisor at the Lackawanna County 911 Center for 8 years. She coached cheerleading from 2008-2016 for the Olyphant lions, also became the Penn State Head Cheerleading Coach from 2019-2022. Currently, she took the position as one of the coaches for The University of Scranton Cheerleading Team.

Erik Cruz, Patrol Officer

Erik started his career with the New York City Police Department. Where he served for 4 years, patrolling the Borough of Manhattan (Harlem and the Upper West Side). He is a BIG Yankees fan.

Pumpkins with Police

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National Coffee with a Cop Day

Bringing men and women in uniform together with their communities to connect over a cup of joe.
The Incident Management Team

On October 11th, The University Police Department conducted our annual lockdown exercise in consultation with the Incident Management Team (IMT) and campus facilities. This year, this exercise evolved by being conducted later in the day to have the campus community consider their response to an active threat on campus. The exercise proceeded with communications to the Campus community, suggesting to have dialogue around lockdown procedures.

The University Police Department is continually training for any active threat on campus. We felt it was value-added to present the opportunity to our campus community to participate in one of these training sessions by engaging with your peers in dialogue in the event of any threat on campus that would require a lockdown response. As always, UPD will continue to utilize the Emergency notification system when any threat occurs on or near campus. We will also update the community on any change of status in the event so that our community can react appropriately to maintain safety.

In preparation for this exercise and overall preparedness of the University, UPD has been training staff, students, and faculty for nearly a decade on active threats on campus. While this exercise was very short in time, only 10 minutes, much thought and consideration were placed into the exercise. The exercise is a fine example of the continual enhancement that we are doing in UPD. As always, if you have any concerns or require training for your department, please reach out to UPD at X7888; we are here to assist you.

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Annual Security and Fire Safety Report 2022

The University of Scranton Police Department is responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on a yearly basis to provide statistics on criminal activity, fire measures, and information on safety-related services offered by the University in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act. The report contains information and crime statistics for the previous three calendar years involving crimes that occurred on campus, in certain non-campus buildings/property owned or controlled by The University of Scranton, and on public property within or immediately adjacent and accessible to campus. The report also contains certain policy statements and information regarding campus security and personal safety topics such as crime prevention, fire safety, emergency response procedures, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures, and other related information.

Sunday Shuttle

Sundays we host Shuttle Runs to Regal, Viewmont Mall, Walmart, and Target! This is a great opportunity to stock up on study snacks, catch a movie with friends, or do some fall shopping at the mall. Be sure to bring your Royal ID for a FREE ride.
The Student Officer Program started their training during August 2022! The training provided the 20 members of the Student Officer Program with a good baseline of skills needed for the remainder of the semester. Once the semester started, members of the program participated in move-in day, the Mass of the Holy Spirit, Safe Trick-or-Treat, and Open Houses. The Student Officers are also adding new members to the bike unit by hosting bike training on Sunday 11/13. Looking forward, the Student Officer Program will be adding training to our regiment so we can better serve the University of Scranton community!

Questions? email: student-officer@scranton.edu
phone: (570) 940-7888

STOP THE BLEED TRAINING

The University Police Department hosted Stop the Bleed (STB) training on October 13th. Using a combination of lecture and hands-on activities, facilitators demonstrated skills that the general public can use to manage life-threatening bleeding until emergency medical service, or first responders arrive. Thank you to Bill Fiorini and our partners at Geisinger for leading the training!

Contact us with questions at 570-941-7888 or at universitypolice@scranton.edu
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