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The University of Scranton Police Department



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

by Chief Donald Bergmann



For those not familiar with “swatting,” it’s not anything new but recently become more frequent. High schools, colleges, and universities have fallen victim to these hoaxes and it is something that we at the University need to be aware of and prepared for. Swatting is creating a hoax, where the caller anonymously reports an active shooter, or other act of violence. Swatters use sophisticated techniques to hide their identity by making it appear that it is a local call. This forces law enforcement to respond as if there is a real incident. Even when it’s determined to be a hoax, the police response in and of itself causes great alarm and panic. What’s key is using the Emergency Notification System (ENS) to communicate with and keep the community informed from the onset about what’s been reported and the police response. Once confirmed, the ENS also offers a way to provide assurances that the incident is under control and was a necessary precaution.

Please join us in welcoming our new staff member to the University community.



My name is Edwin Velez. I was born in Passaic, New Jersey and moved to PA in 1992. I am married with two daughters. I graduated from the Police Academy in 2010. Since graduation I have held several positions in law enforcement. I worked in processing centers, Sheriff's depts (Lackawanna, Luzerne & Wyoming counties), juvenile detention centers and am now currently working for the District Attorney's office. I am of Puerto Rican decent, being bilingual, speaking fluent Spanish and English. I am happy to be a part of the University of Scranton's Police Department.

Congratulations Kaylene Marion Garzon on becoming the next Lieutenant of the Student Officers Program.



I am a first-generation college student at the University of Scranton. I am majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in criminology. I'm from Liberty, NY and graduated from Liberty High School where I participated in sports such as tennis, cheer, track and other extracurricular activities like band, school plays, student council, etc. Here at the University of Scranton I am in the Criminal Justice club, in the Student Officer Program, part of UCO, as well as an Orientation Assistant this summer. I have many plans for the future but will hopefully work up to obtain a federal job as an officer.

Spring Emergency Response Training



University Police offered Emergency Response training to educate how to avert or minimize the efforts of many types of campus emergencies.

Pedestrian Safety

Hosted by:

University Police, Lackawanna County Highway Safety Dept., PennDOT, and Scranton Police



Spring Stop the Bleed Training



The University Police Department hosted Stop the Bleed (STB) training on April 27th. 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!



Active Shooter Training



Active shooter events are frightening events not just for our campus community but the entire country. We at the University Police Department recently surveyed our campus community at our Cones with Cops event about various topics, including active shooter events. The overwhelming response was that the community is concerned about active shooter events.

I wanted to remind you that we continue to offer training on this topic. Within our training, we advocate the concept of Run, Hide or Fight as a method of response to active shooter events. We believe that some action is better than being stagnate in these types of events. Planning is also crucial to increase your safety during these events.

Over the last few months, UPD has offered interactive, lecture-style training sessions on this topic. The goal is to think about your actions; to develop a self-plan of response not just on campus but throughout your daily life. Preparedness is your key to response. Whether on campus, at the grocery store, or at a concert. You should develop a plan of action.

Our goal at UPD is to increase safety on campus. By training with other agencies, including Scranton Police Department, we are better prepared in the unlikely event of an emergency on campus. But we also feel that training our community will make each of you safer.

UPD offers Active Shooter training at new staff orientation, Welcome weekend training to students, department-requested and adjunct active shooter training to all community members. If you ever wish to have your department or group trained, please contact UPD at 570-941-7880 to schedule it.

Royal Ride is a BIG Success

The Royal Ride is a big success. Over the past year ridership has grown to over 200 riders each weekend. Recently we updated the Royal ride app. making it more convenient for students to request and track the Royal Ride. Stay safe and text the Royal Ride for a ride through the University of Scranton app. or through my Scranton portal under student resources from the student tab. The Royal Ride will pick you up and drop you off within the boundaries of Vine St. to Ridge Row St. and N. Irving Ave. to Adams Ave.



The Royal Ride is a service available to the University of Scranton students provided by University Police on Thursday 10:00 pm to 1:00 am and Friday & Saturday nights from 10:00 pm to 3:00 am, while the University is in session. The Royal Ride does not operate during breaks, between semesters, intersession or during the summer.

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