

IACLEA SPOTLIGHT
CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

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Public University
Sworn Peace Officers
Armed

Number of Staff Members:

Officers – 27
Civilians – 41
Students – 32

Total: 100



The Department of Police Services is a full service, accredited law enforcement agency with several major services: University Police, Emergency Management and Preparedness, Crime Prevention and Community Relations, Parking and Transportation, Livescan Fingerprinting and Notary Services, and Matador Patrol, the student safety escort program. University police officers provide 24-hour patrol of the university property, buildings, parking lots and housing facilities utilizing vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle and foot patrols. All laws and codes of the State are enforced on the campus including regulations the university establishes to administer the campus community.

Officers are responsible for responding to all requests for police assistance including reported crimes in progress, medical and fire emergencies, traffic collisions and other calls for service. Officers also provide service related help such as motorist assistance, crime prevention information and security related advice and assistance.



University police officers are State peace officers vested with full law enforcement authority including arrest authority. Officers meet training requirements mandated by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training as well as training designed to meet the needs of the university community. University Police carry out their mission in a variety of modes: uniformed police patrols, motorcycle traffic enforcement unit, K-9 unit, bicycle patrol and investigations unit. The University Police also incorporates a full time crime prevention education and community relations unit.



Agency program & innovative initiatives that have a positive impact:

State of the Art Crime Lab and Vault Room–

The new police facility incorporates a 925 square-foot evidence vault room and 365 square-foot intermediate level forensics laboratory/evidence processing area. The vault room includes Spacesaver high-density rolling storage shelves, a large commercial freezer and standalone refrigerator, and narcotics, weapons/valuables, and blood/DNA preservation rooms. The evidence processing/receiving area was designed and built as an intermediate level forensics laboratory which includes scientific devices to allow the processing of numerous items for analysis, including the recovery of latent fingerprints using modern methods. This new space has brought the department modern day sophistication and public expectation of professional evidence collection, preservation, analysis, and storage.



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Detectives have completed certification as an expert in crime scene management and control, crime scene sketches, photography, use of crime scene kits and intermediate level forensic tools, fingerprint collection and analysis, firearms/officer involved shootings/trajectories, impression and trace evidence collection and analysis, blood stain and splatter analysis, death investigations with crime scene reconstruction, autopsy and gravesite digs, DNA evidence collection and preservation, as well as case preparation and court testimony.



CA State Board of Corrections- Approved Detention Facility-

In 2009, the Department of Police Services developed a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, receiving a grant for about \$30,000.00 for installation of a state-of-the-art Livescan facial-recognition booking device within our lockup facility. The Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) livescan network consists of over 160 networked livescan fingerprint devices known as "tenprinters." The tenprinters permit the electronic capture of fingerprint images through scanning technology and function as a complete booking station when demographic information is inputted, or information is retrieved from the Automated Justice Information System (AJIS). The livescan booking process incorporates the facial recognition mugshot photo capture device as well. Upon completion of the booking process, fingerprints, mugshots and demographic data are electronically transmitted to the one of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's central sites for processing. An electronic version of the L.A. County Consolidated Booking Slip may be printed from the tenprinter. This booking slip includes a mugshot image, as well as fingerprints.



License Plate Recognition (LPR) System for Police Motorcycles-

As the department's Traffic Safety Unit explored new ways to make streets a safer place to drive, a License Plate Recognition System (LPR) prototype, the first of its kind, was integrated onto one of the Harley Davidson police motorcycles. The new innovative technology of the LPR system reads license plates and matches it with its data base. It can tell if a vehicle is wanted, stolen, or if the registration is past due. When a stolen plate is found, the system will instantly give off an alarm tone alerting the officer that it has located a wanted vehicle. It then takes a digital picture of the plate/car. The LPR can also be used to assist students, staff members and visitors in locating their misplaced vehicles. In a 10 hour period the system can generally check anywhere between 800-1000 vehicle plates, making the LPR a very useful tool



K9 – Explosive Ordinance Detection Team



There are two K9 units for the CSUN Department of Police Services, one of which specializes in explosive ordinance detection. Cpl. Thomas Finnerty has been working with his K-9 partner Dozer for two and a half years. Dozer is a 6 year old bilingual German shepherd and is trained as a patrol and explosives detection team. Dozer has gained the reputation as an outstanding detection dog and has taken on many high profile dignitary protection requests including protecting foreign dignitaries, visiting members of Congress, former US Presidents and First Ladies, Tony Blair and His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. Additionally, the team has provided assistance at Hollywood's prestigious Golden Globes awards

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ceremony. The team also continues to provide assistance to the U.S. Secret Service, FBI, and U.S. Dept. of State for dignitary and high asset protection.

The department's K9's were donated by the National Police Dog Foundation, a non-profit agency that supports law enforcement agency's K-9 programs.

Critical Response Unit (CRU) –

CRU is the state-wide Critical Response Unit for the California State Universities. In 1993, the CSU formed the CRU to assist fellow campuses with additional personnel who are specifically trained to respond as a unit to the above situations. The CRU is composed of selected university police officers who are sensitive to and understand the problems and dynamics of an academic institution. The CRU lessens the need to use municipal law enforcement who may not have a vested interest in the university community. CRU status is a highly sought position by university police officers; CRU members are highly trained, specialized officers. The CSUN contingent of CRU is staffed by two officers. The total statewide contingent is approximately 50 officers.



Threat Assessment Unit –

The Department of Police Services Threat Assessment Unit was formed in 2007. This unit consists of a five person law enforcement team who is responsible for conducting threat assessment investigations in order to determine the likelihood of viable threats to the university community. This team of expert practitioners, in partnership with the Chief of Police and Captain of Police Operations, also work at finding and recommending the right approach to each case. In doing so, professional relationships are maintained with prosecutors, mental health officials, members of the academic community, and other law enforcement/public safety agencies to help provide support assistance to students, faculty, and staff who are in need of personal safety plans and other victim/witness services. In 2010, three members of the Threat Assessment Unit graduated from the Gavin de Becker & Associates Advanced Threat Assessment and Management Academy.

On a bi-weekly basis, the Threat Assessment Unit actively participates in the University Student Behavioral Intervention Team (SBIT) and provides direct support to the Office of Student Affairs and University Counseling Services. This group essentially tracks student cases of concern and makes suggestions for next steps so that a plan of action can be developed to address each situation.

Proactive Crime Prevention/Outreach –

The unit provides safety workshops on general safety, residential security, identity theft prevention and pepper spray defense. Three of the nationally recognized R.A.D. Systems self-defense courses are offered twice per year, including semester-length classes for men & women (a partnership with the university's Kinesiology Department) and radKIDS, the children's empowerment and leading dynamic self-defense/abduction education program for kids. The Crime Prevention Unit regularly holds campus tabling events throughout the semester that highlight topics such as bicycle security and laptop theft prevention. The crime prevention unit averages over 160 programs per year.



The Community Policing Team –



In 2005, Chief Glavin initiated the Community Policing Team, a partnership between Police Services and Residential Life, the on-campus student housing community. The team involves an annual rotation of two officers who are dedicated to the housing community during Wednesday-Saturday. The mission is to deliver police services that included crime prevention, problem-solving and partnerships with our housing community. The goal is to enhance the safety of all students and staff within the housing community. In addition to the focus on crime prevention education, officers have increased response

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times to calls for service within the housing environment and decrease crime within the community. In 2012, the team was awarded the university's President's Teamwork Award, for their outstanding efforts throughout the year. Noteworthy social events that engage the student community include a pumpkin carving contest, BBQ event, Dunk-A-Cop, and first annual Holiday Toy Drive.

