



# CAL STATE LA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

## Public Safety Mission Statement

The Department of Public Safety protects persons and property by providing essential and professional law enforcement and public safety services, while promoting community involvement and assistance. The overall goal of the agency is to provide the safest possible environment for the students, faculty, staff, and visitors at the University.



Department of Public Safety

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University Police 5151 State University Drive

## CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

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### (2014 Statistics)

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California State University, Los Angeles, founded in 1947 by action of the California State Legislature, is a comprehensive university that offers programs of higher education in more than 50 academic and professional fields. The University is organized into six colleges that house nearly 50 academic departments and divisions. Cal State LA's reputation as a center of learning attracts students from all areas of the United States and from many foreign countries.

Located at the eastern edge of Los Angeles and adjacent to western San Gabriel Valley cities of Alhambra and Monterey Park, Cal State LA occupies nearly 200 acres on a hilltop site that affords views of the mountains to the north, the San Gabriel Valley to the east, metropolitan Los Angeles to the west, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula and Catalina Island to the south. Buses, subways, and trains provide direct service to more than 35 communities in the San Gabriel Valley and to other nearby Los Angeles communities. The Los Angeles Civic Center, with numerous historical and cultural attractions, is five miles west of the campus. Industrial and business centers and several major shopping centers are located nearby. Popular mountain and desert resorts are within a two-hour drive, and beaches are less than an hour away by car.

The campus is nestled among rolling hills on a site that once housed one of California's 36 original adobes, built in 1776 by Franciscan missionaries and destroyed by fire in 1908. These lands once were part of a Spanish land grant known as the Rancho Rosa Castilla, created by the family of Juan Batista Batz, a Basque rancher from northern Spain who settled here in the 1850s. The inspiration for the name of the rancho, according to local historians, was the wild rose that once grew near the ranch home. The main drive through the campus is known as Paseo Rancho Castilla, in acknowledgment of our historic heritage.

## **AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF SECURITY PERSONNEL**

### **Enforcement and Arrest Authority**

The Police Department has 21 authorized police officer positions. Our sworn officers patrol the campus on foot, bikes, motorcycles, and marked vehicles. Officers are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to respond to emergencies and serve the campus community.

University Police are vested with the same peace officer powers of arrest and responsibilities as other police officers with the State of California. Their authority is granted through legislative action defined in the California Education and Penal Codes. Their primary jurisdiction is all property owned or controlled by the University, including adjacent public streets and property within a one-mile radius of the campus.

All offenses committed on the Cal State LA campus are investigated by University Police with the exception of the following crimes: homicides; crimes involving great bodily injury likely to result in death (as determined by University Police); crimes that require the response of specialized resources (as determined by University Police); and, other major crimes, upon the request of University Police. These crimes will be investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, as per a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Other exceptions will exist where operational necessity requires that the Los Angeles Police Department conduct the preliminary and follow-up investigation, those exceptions will be determined by mutual agreement. University Police will assist the Los Angeles Police Department by responding to calls for service generated from within one mile of University Property for crimes in progress and will take immediate, appropriate action to terminate the crime and/or attempt to apprehend the suspect(s) when the police resources are available on the campus. The Los Angeles Police Department will remain responsible to handle calls for service within the boundaries of the City of Los Angeles off of the University property.

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### **Working Relationship with Other Law Enforcement Agencies**

In cases involving on-campus and off-campus jurisdictions, or when the resources of another agency can be used to facilitate the resolution of an investigation, the Department of Public Safety cooperates fully with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. University Police maintains a close working relationship with law enforcement agencies in the surrounding community, including Alhambra, Los Angeles, and Monterey Park Police Departments, as well as the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. In addition, the University Police communicates with these agencies, through various means, including Mutual-Aid meetings and email communication, regarding situations that may warrant an emergency response by University Police.

## METHODS TO SUMMON ASSISTANCE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL

### Reporting Crimes or Emergencies On Campus

The University encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to University Police or appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone who is the victim or witness to any crime or emergency situation, or who becomes aware of any safety issues on the campus is encouraged to promptly contact University Police who is available 24/7 to protect and render aid to the University community. Assistance is provided to victims when reporting to local law enforcement is applicable and the victim wishes to report and/or if the victim is unable to make the report.

### To Report a Criminal, Medical, or Fire Emergency:

- Call 9-1-1 immediately
- From a campus phone or campus police phone. The call will connect to University Police.
- From an off-campus phone, the caller will be routed to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over that location.
- From a cellular phone, callers may be connected to the California Highway Patrol who will then bridge the connection to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Use Campus Emergency Phones ("Blue Light," non-dial outdoor phones): connects to University Police; located throughout campus, parking lots and structures
- Call University Police: 323-343-3700; on-campus extension 3-3700

### Fire Emergency—After Calling 9-1-1:

- Sound any available fire alarms
  - Calmly take personal belongings and evacuate building using stairwell
  - Check in with Building Evacuation Coordinators at designated Evacuation Assembly area
  - If assistance is needed, go to the nearest stairwell; ask someone to notify emergency personnel of your location

***For non-emergency requests for services, contact University Police at 323-343-3700 (on-campus extension 3-3700), or visit us in person at the Department of Public Safety, located on the south end of campus in parking Lot 1.***

### Voluntary Confidential Reporting

To report a crime on a confidential basis call: **Victim/Witness Assistance** 323-343-3756

### Golden Eagle Tip Anonymous Crime Reporting

University Police have implemented a crime reporting system in which community members can anonymously text, email or call to report suspicious activities or to provide non-emergency information regarding criminal activity to on-duty police personnel. Information sent via the methods below are routed through an outside vendor that assigns an alpha numeric alias before the tip is sent to University Police. If University Police have follow-up question(s),

messages are sent to the alias. □ Confidential Tip Line: 323-800-4544

- E-mail: [csula@tipnow.com](mailto:csula@tipnow.com)
- Text message: 323-800-4544 or [csula@tipnow.com](mailto:csula@tipnow.com)

***In an emergency, life threatening situation, or serious crime in-progress, always dial 9-1-1 or use a campus Emergency Phone.***

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## **SECURITY AND CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

### **Access to University Facilities**

#### **Campus Buildings**

Campus facilities are maintained to ensure public safety. Many events held on campus are open to the public, including those at the bookstore, library, and food court. Access to academic and administrative facilities on campus is generally limited to students, employees, and visitors for the purpose of study, work, teaching, and other University business.

#### **Student Housing**

It is a violation of university policy to gain unauthorized entry, make unauthorized use of, or misuse any University property. Entering a housing apartment or bedroom to which a student has not been assigned, and without permission, constitutes trespassing. Public areas located in all community centers or common areas within the apartment are for the use of the licensees and their guests only. No one may sleep overnight in housing public areas. The Housing Services Office must approve organized functions in public areas in advance.

### **Building Security Checks**

#### **Campus Buildings**

The police department operates a student-based program, the Eagle Patrol, that is responsible for conducting building security checks and securing the majority of the campus buildings during the evening hours. These buildings are secured starting at 10 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. These buildings are closed Sundays except where access authorization has been established in advance. The exception to these closures is the Open Access Lab (OAL), a 24 hour/7 day a week computer lab located in Salazar Hall room 191 that opened Fall 2014.

#### **Student Housing**

It is the responsibility of each student housing resident of the apartment to ensure that his/her bedroom door and windows are locked and secured when they are not present or when they are sleeping. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of all residents to ensure that the sliding glass doors, front door and windows in the common area spaces are locked and secured prior to leaving the apartment or while sleeping. Apartment doors are not to be left unlocked to accommodate residents who lose keys, do not carry keys, or to allow access to individuals who are not residents thereof. For reasons of security, no public area exit door is to be propped open at any time or left unlocked after scheduled building operating hours. Eagle Patrol or a Police Officer will conduct routine checks of the housing facility.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

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### **Eagle Patrol—Escort Service**

The University Police student-based program offers a personal escort service for students, faculty, staff and visitors, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We look forward to providing this service to you. Please call 323-343-3700 for more information.

### **Rape Aggression Defense Systems (R.A.D.)**

Ladies! Do you know how to DEFEND yourself against an attacker? What if somebody tried to abduct you? Well, University Police offers R.A.D., a safety education program that consists of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques that can help reduce your chances of being victimized. This comprehensive, women-only course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing onto the basics of hands-on defense training. The R.A.D. self-defense training program is taught by certified instructors and is offered several times throughout the year. For more information, contact Jonathan Avalos, Crime Prevention Coordinator, at 323-343-6290.

### **Emergency Messages**

When messages are received that are considered critical in nature, Public Safety personnel will attempt to notify the involved parties. Requests for this service are limited to “extreme emergencies.”

*Tip: Always provide your family, spouse, or significant other with a copy of your class schedule to help locate you in the event of an emergency.*

### **First Aid**

University police officers are available 7-days a week, 24-hours a day, to respond to any emergency health problem. For assistance with an emergency health problem, dial 9-1-1 or use emergency phones located throughout the campus.

*Tip: Be sure to carry identification with you at all times in addition to wearing any medical alert bracelet you may require.*

### **Lighting and Emergency Telephone Surveys**

Surveys are conducted monthly by the Department of Public Safety to ensure that equipment is in working order. If equipment is found to be non-operational, a repair request is given to the responsible department. The University makes every effort to promote safety. Particular attention is paid to the design of landscaping, groundskeeping and exterior lighting. Facilities Services and Environmental Health and Safety Office also conduct regular safety inspections.

### **Crime Prevention Programs**

The Department of Public Safety offers programs and services to the entire campus community that can help you reduce the risk of becoming victimized. University Police personnel facilitate programs for students and employees, parents, faculty, new employees, student organizations, and community organizations.

**In 2014, approximately 1,040 hours of dedicated crime prevention activity were provided, which included public contact with almost 11,849 individuals.** Contact the Crime Prevention Office at 323-343-6290 for more information.

### **Campus Watch Program (CWP)**

This campus-based, proactive policing program is provided by University Police to develop and enhance its public outreach efforts and to merge its police services with community programs to strengthen community partnerships. It

emphasizes fire/life safety, security screening and review, and crime prevention. One or more buildings are assigned to the sergeants, who contact building coordinators twice a month and serve as that area's primary police contact. **In 2014, University Police dedicated over 190 hours of activity to the CWP, with public contact to 533 individuals.**

### **Operation Identification**

Also known as operation ID, this program involves the engraving of personal property with your state identification number. By engraving your property, you will not only discourage burglary and theft, but will also aid law enforcement in returning lost or stolen property that it recovers.

*Tip: Come by the Department of Public Safety and borrow an engraver free of charge.*

### **ACTIONS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS TO INCREASE SAFETY**

1. Radar speed signs were added along Paseo Rancho Castilla, this in an effort to slow cars down by making drivers aware when they are driving at unsafe speeds.
2. Additional Blue Light Emergency Phones were added in parking Lot 5.
3. Existing camera software has been upgraded to increase system reliability. In addition, cameras were added to the Annex Link 24-hour access lab, Physical Science 1st floor and throughout the Physical Education Building.
4. Reserved parking spaces were added in Lot 3 for use by 24-hour access lab visitors.
5. The MASS notification system and fire alarm system were upgraded to improve mass communication during emergency situations or critical incidents.
6. Our Crime Prevention Office has implemented community presented programs on safety and crime prevention as well as preparedness programs that address critical incidents. Such programs include active shooter presentations, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) displays, and other such programs to promote safety.
7. Campus-wide evacuation drills were completed to enhance emergency preparedness for the entire campus community.

### **CHANGES IN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING THE NEXT 24 MONTHS**

1. A newly hired Emergency Operations Officer will review the current evacuation assembly areas for each building and provide actions or suggestions to improve current assembly sites.
2. The department is in the process of purchasing license plate readers that will aid in the apprehension of motor vehicle theft suspects.

# 2014 Statistical Chart

## Part 1 Offenses

Violent Crimes:	
Homicide	0
Rape	4
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault	2
Property Crimes:	
Arson	0
Burglary	13
Larceny Theft	104
Motor Vehicle Theft	8
Total Part 1 Offenses:	133

## Part 2 Offenses

Simple Assaults	9
Vandalism – 594 PC or appropriate sections	24
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.- 12020(a) PC, 626.10 PC or appropriate sections	2
Other Sex Offenses	2
Drug Abuse Violation – 11357(a) 11350 H&S or appropriate sections	13
Driving Under Influence – 23152(a) VC	8
Liquor Laws – Muni Codes 25662 B&P, 25620 B&P, 25657 B&P, 25658 B&P or appropriate sections	4
Drunkenness – 647(f) PC	1
Disorderly Conduct – 415 PC, 647(d) PC, 415.5 PC or appropriate sections	4
Forgery & Counterfeiting 470 PC, 648 PC or appropriate sections	2
Fraud – 537 PC, 532 PC or appropriate sections	1
Embezzlement – 503 PC or appropriate sections	0
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing – 496 PC or appropriate sections	0
All other Part II Offenses	6
Total part 2 Offenses:	75

Hate Crimes	
Race	0
Gender	0
Religion	0
Sexual Orientation	0
Ethnicity	0
Disability	0