HOWDY!

University Staff Council

Texas A&M University Police
Keeping our campus safe!
DEPARTMENT
Texas A&M University Police Department

- Officers of the Texas A&M University Police Department are licensed peace officers by the State of Texas.

- The Department is charged with the enforcement of the laws of the State of Texas and the Rules and Regulations of Texas A&M University as promulgated by the Texas Education Code.

- The Department’s jurisdiction extends to every county in the State of Texas that the Texas A&M University System owns, maintains, or controls property.
Texas A&M University Police Department

- 159 full time positions
  - 78 Police Officers
  - 56 Security Officers
  - 13 Communications Officers
  - 12 Administrative Support

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Field Operations

• Patrol
  • Crisis Intervention Team
  • Bike Patrol
  • Field Training
  • K9
• Criminal Investigations
  • Dignitary Protection
  • Special Situations Team
  • Victim’s Advocate
• Security Officers

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K-9 Unit
Support Services

- Communications
- Records
- Personnel & Recruiting
- Information Technology
- Clery Compliance
- Training
- Special Operations
- Community Services
- Evidence
Texas A&M University Police Department

• Hiring standards
• Campus law enforcement focus
• Former Students
• Officer retention
Law Enforcement Accreditation

• Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
• Enhance law enforcement as a profession
• Improve law enforcement service delivery
• Based on a national body of standards developed by law enforcement professionals
Law Enforcement Interagency Cooperation

- Aggie Football
- Emergencies
- Visiting Dignitaries
- Northgate Patrol
- FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (*UPD)
Community Outreach
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National Night Out & Coffee with a Cop
Community Outreach

Student Group and Club Meetings

Local Community Events
Community Outreach

New & Transfer Student Orientation

Move In

Fall Residence Hall Floor Meetings
Social Media

• @TAMUPolice
  The most followed UPD Twitter in the U.S. – 39K

• @TexasAMPoliceK9

• www.facebook.com/TAMUPolice
  www.facebook.com/TexasAMPoliceK9
  www.facebook.com/TAMUCOPS
University Police Requirements
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- 45 college hours or 3 years as LEO/active military and 15 college hours
- 2 years full time employment or bachelor’s degree or higher
University Police Requirements

• Written exam
• Complete background investigation
• Polygraph
• Interview board
• Chief’s panel
• Psychological evaluation
• Physical exam
• Drug screen
• Takes 90-120 days
Cadet Training Requirements

• 18 week police academy (728 hours)
• Pass TCOLE State exam
• Become certified police officers
• 20 week field training program
• Assigned to a patrol shift
Training
What is TCOLE

• Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

• Regulatory agency of ALL peace officers in Texas
  – Grants, suspends, revokes licenses
  – Mandates & verifies training requirements
  – Hiring requirements
Texas ranks 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the nation on the amount of training required by its police officers to become and stay licensed.

- 78,786 licensed police officers in Texas
Required Training

• TCOLE requires 40 hours plus a Legislative Update class every 2 years (ending in August 2021)

• As of March 2021:
  – 396 hours was the highest at TAMU PD
  – 128.5 hours was average for UPD officers during this training cycle, as of March 2021
UPD

- Accreditation – 2014
- De-escalation Training – 2018
  - TCOLE Required in BPOC
  - UPD Use of Force
- Racial Profiling Training
  - TCOLE required
  - CALEA required annually
- Neck Restraints – prohibited 2014
  - UPD Policy
- Body Cameras – 2012
  - UPD Policy