



University of Guelph  
Campus Community Police

Annual Report

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## **Introduction**

The men and women of the University of Guelph Campus Community Police are committed to making our campus a safe and secure place. We strongly believe in the principles of community policing, and work with our campus and community partners to enhance the safety for all who work, live or visit our campus.

The Campus Community Police are responsible for the safety and security of the Guelph campus. The Guelph campus has over 158 buildings and a daily population well over 25,000 including 4,800 students living in residence and 339 Family Housing units. We also act as a resource and support for our three regional campuses- Alfred, Kemptville and Ridgetown.

All members of the campus community share in the responsibility of maintaining our safe environment. We work with students, staff and faculty to educate them on relevant and practical means to help prevent and better respond in the event of a crime or a public safety emergency. We provide education on ways to deter crime, resolve safety related concerns and provide awareness of available resources on campus and in our community. Through our joint efforts - both those of the Campus Community Police and the campus community – we can reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

Campus policing is as much about education as it is enforcement. To this end we are dedicated to working closely with our community to provide a safe working and learning environment. This report is designed to educate and make you aware of the many Campus Community Police services and programs that have been developed at the University of Guelph. I also encourage you to share with me your thoughts and insights on campus safety and crime prevention.

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## Who We Are

The University of Guelph Campus Community Police Service (CCPS) is a department of highly trained special constables and dispatchers who are responsible for the safety and security of the University's Guelph campus. We also act as a resource for the regional campuses.

Our office is located in the Trent Building on Trent Lane. Members of the CCPS are on campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year working to ensure that a safe environment is maintained for those who study, work, visit and live at the university. You can contact the CCPS by any of the following means:

Telephone:

519-824-4120 ext. 52245

519-824-4120 ext. 2000 (Emergencies)

Any on campus pay phone – no charge dial

Any blue emergency phone

Any yellow call box

Any elevator phone

Website: [www.police.uoguelph.ca](http://www.police.uoguelph.ca)



Members of the Campus Community Police and Fire Prevention

## **Our Partnership with Guelph Police Service**

The University of Guelph continues to enjoy a positive partnership with the Guelph Police Service in terms of shared investigations and training opportunities. Members of the Campus Community Police are designated as Special Constables as authorized by the Guelph Police Services Board and approved by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. This appointment confers specified powers of a police officer, to the extent and for the specific purpose set out in the appointment and are restricted to a specific jurisdiction. The appointments are renewable every five years. Further, an Agreement between the Guelph Police Services Board and the University of Guelph governs the roles and responsibilities of both the Campus Community Police and the Guelph Police Service. The Agreement defines and enhances the strong working relationship between the two services.

Members of the Guelph Police Service work closely with our team and assist us with investigations and resources. They also support our service by providing mandatory and voluntary operational training programs. The Guelph Police Service not only works closely with the CCPS but also with other campus departments and student groups on and off campus.

I would like to thank all members of the Guelph Police Service for their support and assistance. Together we work to ensure a safe environment for our students, staff and faculty while on and off campus.

## **Working with our Community**

Members of the Campus Community Police enjoy interacting with our community and providing information about our department. Campus Community Police offer a wide range of preventative approaches and solutions to ensure our community remains a safe environment for all. We also like to participate in initiatives with other departments to enhance our partnerships and to get our safety message out to the community.

We continue to offer programs such as the Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RAD) self defense courses and this year held a course for

female students who were travelling to India for Project Serve. Throughout the year, we are invited to use our Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies for safety audits, in planning of new construction or the redevelopment of a building or area on campus.

Our Bike Patrol Unit continues to be active on campus educating members of our community on safe bicycling practices. Members of the Bike Patrol Unit were invited to participate in the production of a training video for the Niagara Regional Police Service Video Unit. Several vignettes of the video, "International Police Mountain Bike Association Fundamental Skills for Public Safety Cycling" featured members of the Campus Community Police and were filmed at the University of Guelph. The video subsequently received the Award of Distinction and the Gold Shield Award at the Law Enforcement Video Association Shield Award Competition.



There were several new initiatives during this reporting period. The Campus Community Police work very closely with Student Housing to address safety issues within our residences. Student Housing initiated a new program this year called "House Calls". The goal of the program is to engage first year students in a meaningful conversation with a university professional early in their arrival to residence. Studies have shown that this connection enhances student retention and comfort in residence. Five members of our department participated.

At the end of the academic year, residence students are given a date and time to vacate their residence room. In some cases, students check out but fail to vacate their room in breach of Student Housing

regulations. Past experience has also shown that some of these students participate in vandalism and other unacceptable behaviour. This year staff from Residence Life and Campus Community Police worked together to ensure that students abided by this rule and charged students judicially who were in breach of the regulation.

Members of the Campus Community Police also participate in community fundraisers. For several years now, Jim Armstrong has played the piano in the University Centre during the festive season. Staff and students drop by, sing songs and donate money to the Humane Society. This year Robin Begin and Stanley Gabriel participated on the University of Guelph's Big Bike team. Monies raised by the team went to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.





## **Our Staff**

The Campus Community Police have a total staff of nineteen providing service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are four civilian dispatchers and twelve sworn Special Constable interacting with and responding to calls on campus.

Robin Begin  
Director

Pat Martin  
Manager of Operations

Erika McMillan  
Administrative Secretary

### **Sergeants:**

Stanley Gabriel

Robert Hughes

Brian Smith

Dennis Watson

### **Constables:**

Jim Armstrong	Elizabeth Bouchard
Javier Del-Olmo	Mario Deschamps
Steve Forbes	Harrison Ford
Bryce Kohlmeier	Graham Wagler

**Dispatchers:**

Denise Bellmore	Jolene Carvery
Rochelle Gemin	Emma Marshall

**Recruitment and Hiring**

The Campus Community Police hired a Sergeant during this reporting period.

Brian Smith joined our service in July 2009. Brian retired from Halton Regional Police with 30 years experience. Not only does he bring excellent supervisory skills but community based policing experience.

Stanley Gabriel was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Gabriel joined the Campus Community Police in 2007 with past policing experience in Singapore.

**Complaints against Members**

There were no complaints received against any member of the Campus community Police during this reporting period.

**Training and Conferences**

In partnership with the Training Branch of the Guelph Police Service, OACUSA (Ontario Association of College and University Security Administrators) and IACLEA (International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators), we continue to explore opportunities for training and professional development for the department.

This year we continued the ride-alongs with Guelph Police. This cross-training allows Campus Police to observe Guelph Police out on patrol and opens communication between the officers to obtain better working knowledge of what each department does.

In compliance with our agreement with the Guelph Police Services Board, all officers completed the mandatory First Aid/CPR and the Use of Force course. The table below provides examples of the wide variety of professional development undertaken by the members of the Campus Police.

Training and Conferences	
Activist Training	13
Automated External Defibrillator	13
Basic Emergency Management	4
Building Leadership Effectiveness	2
Communication and Memory	1
Competent Supervision and Due Diligence	4
Defensive Tactics	13
Emergency Management: Introduction to Incident Management	2
Emergency Operations Executive	1
Excelling as a Manager	1
Human Rights and Equity	1
Infectious Disease and Pandemic Preparedness	4
International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators conference	1
International Police Mountain Bike Association course	3
Interviewing	1
Liquor Licence Act Update	13
Musculoskeletal Disorder Prevention	1
OACUSA Conference	2
Restoring Family Values	2
Ride-a-long training patrols with Guelph Police Service	12

Search and Seizure	1
Simulation Based Training for Command Post Personnel	2
Threat Assessment Training	1
Truth and Deception	1
Use of Force	14
Workplace Violence and Harassment Workshop	1

One focus of training continues to be emergency preparedness. Again this year members of the Campus Community Police attended the Basic Emergency Management Course presented by Emergency Management Ontario. This course provides the Sergeants and Officers with skills to plan for, respond to and recover from an emergency. Members of the Campus Community Police, the Campus Control Group and community partners attended a three day course for personnel who would be involved in a Command Post at an emergency. This training allowed the university to review many aspects of the university emergency plan. It also provided an opportunity to plan and train with emergency personnel from the City of Guelph to understand our roles in an emergency.

## Statistics

The following chart outlines the statistics for the reporting year.

Type of Incident	2008/2009	2009/2010
Arson	0	0
Assaults-Sexual	0	0
-Peace Officer	0	3
-All other	17	7
Bomb Threats	0	0
Break and Enter	16	11
Disturbances	19	13
Domestic Disturbances	4	2
Frauds and Counterfeit Money	1	4
Harassment	12	10
Hate Crimes	0	0
Hate Activity	17	23
Homicide	0	0
Impaired Driving	1	0
Indecent Acts	2	0
Mental Health Issues	10	12

Mischief/Vandalism/Property Damage	473	323
Obscene/Nuisance Calls	2	0
Sudden Deaths	0	0
Suicide (Attempt)	4	4
Threatening	2	0
Theft/Possession of Stolen Property		
-Automobile	3	5
-Bicycles	24	28
-All other thefts	237	260

<b>Provincial Statutes Investigations and Charges</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
Liquor Licence Act	253	198
Trespass to Property Act	45	24

The tracking of incidents on campus is important. The statistics illustrate the types of occurrences that are taking place on campus and provide important information for planning of training, education and allocation of resources. In this reporting period, the Campus Police responded to 5,792 calls resulting in 1,918 Incident Reports being completed by the officers.

We continue to work closely with Student Housing to reduce property damage and other acts of vandalism in residences. Statistics show a decrease in Property Damage by 150 incidents. Disturbances decreased by 31 %. Disturbances are incidents where large groups of people are through their actions causing a disturbance in residence and Campus Community Police are required to attend.

Physical Assaults decreased by 59%. Three charges of Assault a Peace Officer were laid during this reporting period from one investigation.

The number of incidents of Hate Activity increased by 6 incidents during this reporting period. The majority of the Hate Activity is incidents of graffiti containing a hateful message. All incidents of Hate Activity are documented and photographed. Crime Bulletins are distributed throughout the university community and the Hate Activity

sub-committee of the Human Rights Advisory Committee is also notified. This committee is responsible for educating our community about Hate Activity and taking affirmative measures to reduce incidents of hate.

The statistics show an increase in Thefts. Overall an additional 29 thefts were reported for this reporting period. The Campus Community Police will continue to work with staff from Student Housing, the Library and the Athletic Centre where the majority of thefts occur. The thefts on campus continue to be thefts of opportunity. Small items left unlocked or unattended are an easy target for thieves. The Campus Community Police will continue to educate our community on simple but effective ways to protect their belongings and to promote programs like the Stop Program to reduce thefts.