#VegasStrong: Remembering 1 October

UNLV Police Services honors our first responders who answered the 10:25 p.m. call on October 1, 2017 with a special one-time medal.

Teamwork, especially during unexpected emergencies, is critical to the success of any law enforcement agency. This year, on the first anniversary of the tragic events of October 1, 2017, the UNLV Police Department presented a special one-time award, the Vegas Strong First Responder Citation, to members of the department who, as a team, took action and came to the aid of the Las Vegas and campus community. This award was presented to those members of the department who answered the call on that fateful Sunday evening and provided aid and comfort to victims of the event. The actions of our personnel exemplify loyalty, initiative, and interagency cooperation. These individuals’ teamwork and resolve are irrefutably deserving of recognition. Together they were and are “Vegas Strong”!

To learn more about UNLV Police Services actions on October 1, 2017 and the award recipients visit the commemorative Vegas Strong First Responder Citation webpage.
Like any community, we are not immune to natural and man-made disasters. Potential exists for earthquakes, drought, extreme heat, fire, flash floods, and hazardous material emergencies.

UNLV’s Office of Emergency Management strives to keep the campus prepared, ensuring that personnel are trained to respond to such emergencies and building campus and community resilience that will allow for quicker recovery after an incident.

#BeRebelSAFE isn’t just a hashtag; its core is based on four key pillars. Preparedness begins at home, take these steps today!

For more information visit UNLV’s newly re-designed webpage or click on a pillar below to learn more.
UNLV Police Services is now offering Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Systems training to female campus community members. The inaugural class will be available this November 17th & 18th.

The R.A.D. System, available for women, is internationally recognized and endorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). The course is 12 hours in length, broken into two consecutive days of training. Participants acquire self defense education through realistic tactics and techniques. This course covers awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while developing basic hands-on defense training surrounding the premise of spontaneous attacks.

In the fall, instructors will again attend training to become certified to teach R.A.D. courses to men and seniors. We'll keep you updated! UNLV PD will also continue to offer the 5-hour Girls on Guard self-defense classes throughout the semesters.

Check the UNLV Police events calendar for future class dates and registration.

The UNLV Department of Police Services is proud to announce that Lieutenant Stanley Berry has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia this coming January 2019. The FBI National Academy is considered the most prestigious academy of law enforcement executives in the United States. Its rigorous curriculum attracts law enforcement leaders from around the nation with the goal of improving and raising the knowledge, standards, and cooperation of law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

When speaking with Lt. Berry about his upcoming venture he expressed, "I'm looking forward to enhancing my leadership skills, and networking with law enforcement professionals nationwide".

We'll check back with Lieutenant Berry when he returns from his graduation ceremony in March 2019. Good luck on the “Yellow Brick Road” Lt!
I n fall 2018, UNLV Police Services outfitted its officers with body-worn cameras (BWCs) for use during patrols of campus. Ensuring transparency and accountability, UNLV’s Video Camera Surveillance Committee reviewed and approved the camera policy in May 2018. Officers received training on operation of the cameras, the policy governing their use, and the storage and chain-of-custody of the camera footage. Cameras were distributed to a number of officers for trial operations on the Nevada State College Campus on August 21, 2018 before moving into phase two at UNLV’s Shadow Lane Campus in early October, and finally onto UNLV’s Maryland Parkway Campus. All day and night shift patrol officers will be issued BWCs to be worn on duty.

(SOME OF) THE FACTS

What is a body-worn camera (BWC)? A BWC is a relatively small device which is attached to an officer’s uniform and records interactions between community members and the police officer. Cameras capture both audio and video through a forward facing view camera. The video/audio recordings are then downloaded onto a digital storage platform where the encrypted evidence can be managed.

How does an officer’s BWC work? And how is a BWC different from a dashboard camera or CCTV system? The BWC’s include a front facing screen, one touch record button, and up to 12-hours of battery life. A dashboard camera is affixed to the vehicle, therefore only capturing images from the front of the vehicle. BWC’s allow the footage to accompany the officer’s movements. Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV’s) are also stationary systems, monitoring public spaces, without audio, for crimes in progress.

What are some of the primary limitations of a BWC?
1. A BWC does not follow and officer’s eyes or see as they see.
2. Camera speeds differ from real life.
3. An officer’s body may block the camera view.
4. A camera can never replace a thorough investigation.
5. Cameras may not see as well as the human eye in low light.
6. The camera only provides one 2D angle view of a scene.

Why is UNLV Police Services beginning to use BWC’s? The video and audio recordings captured by BWC’s can be used by law enforcement to:
7. demonstrate transparency and openness with the community
8. document statements, observations, behaviors, and other evidence
9. deter unprofessional, illegal, or inappropriate behaviors by both law enforcement and the public.

According to the Police Executive Research Forum, departments that have begun deploying BWC’s have reported improvement in the performance of officers as well as conduct of community members who are recorded. They have also found benefits in preventing and resolving complaints as well as with officer training and performance.
Who is allowed to watch these videos? Will BWC footage end up online? Officers are prohibited from accessing recorded data for personal use, and from uploading data to public web sites. The body camera technology ensures that users cannot delete or overwrite footage, and the embedded encryptions make all footage restricted except on authorized computers. Additionally, a digital fingerprint tracks the file’s chain-of-custody from the moment of capture.

How will the department handle public and media requests for video from officer BWC’s? A formal request must be submitted to the department, which will be reviewed with consideration to protect the privacy rights of everyone involved in an incident. Select video footage may be redacted to maintain the privacy of an individual. The department must provide clear reasoning for declining to release a video.

What will prompt an officer to activate a BWC? Policy states that with every citizen contact an officer must activate the BWC to ensure there is no ambiguity regarding the purpose of the stop; whether it be: consensual contact, investigative inquiry, or an arrest for probable cause. Officers are encouraged to let people know they are recording, to encourage elevated behaviors on both sides, and help to deescalate a potential situation.

Is an officer allowed to turn off their BWC during an investigation or incident? In some cases yes, depending on the victim, the crime, and/or the location of the incident. There is a delicate balance involved which considers the evidentiary value of a recorded statement and the interests of a victim or witness who would prefer not have their images recorded. This discretion is guided by a carefully crafted policy.

Nevada is a two-party consent state. Therefore, if the victim is a child, or requests not to be videotaped the camera can be turned off. If an officer has consensual contact in the home of an individual where no crime is in progress, the camera can also be turned off to respect the privacy of the individual. However, if the officer is involved in an investigative detention or is enforcing an incident, the camera will remain on.

Are BWC recordings confidential, and how long will the department retain the records? No, BWC footage is considered public record. Video is retained for 30 days unless it contains footage of a significant incident or crime, in which case it is submitted and retained as evidence. The retention period is based on the NSHE record retention policy governed by Nevada state law.
After a 48 year career of dedicated law enforcement service, Chief Jose Elique's final day with the UNLV Police Department was on Friday, August 31, 2018.

It's a story that many aren't familiar with, and one I think everyone should be aware of...

The hiring of Chief Jose Elique on June 1st, 2000, was a milestone for the department in many ways in that he was our first Hispanic chief of police, and unbeknownst to all of us, his next 18 years of service to UNLV would make him the longest standing chief in the history of the department. He joined the force at one of its lowest times when the University and Police Department had come to distrust one another. He accepted that challenge and within two years had rebuilt that relationship with an aggressive community-policing program and dedication to diversity in hiring. His efforts in this area are still going strong today with UNLV supporting arguably one of the most diversified staff in Southern Nevada law enforcement and a stronger community-outreach program than you will find anywhere in the NSHE system.

While his efforts to improve law enforcement's relationship with the campus were critical, they only represent a small fraction of the legacy he has left behind. The best way to truly see this is by looking back at what the department was like back in 2000. Consider the fact that the department's police force has had to cope with incredible campus population growth in population and facilities. He started with only 22 sworn officers to run a 24 hour-a-day, 7 day-a-week operation, and the department now has 41 sworn officers with an additional 10 officers being funded for the department in the near future by UNLV Administration. He managed similar increases in the department’s civilian administrative staffing, and he did both while always keeping an eye on having staff reflect the diversity of the UNLV campus community.

We take for granted the modernization of Police Services today, but this was made possible by his advocacy. He spearheaded the creation of the Office of Investigations & Intelligence, K-9 Explosive Detection Unit, Office of Emergency Management, Offices of the Chief and Community Engagement, Office of Police Technology, Office of Budget & Accounting, UNLV Shadow Lane Campus Sub-Station & campus patrol squad, and NSC’s Campus Sub-Station & campus patrol squad. He also brought services to the campus that had never been available previously including self-defense classes, campus crime prevention & safety presentations, campus lighting & safety walks, honor

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POLICE WEEK
come meet YOUR unlv police department

Meet UNLV’s K9 Unit
Check Out Equipment & Vehicles
Property Registration
Chat With Student Security
RebelSAFE App & Safety Tips
Ask Us Questions

WITH EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK...
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE & EVERY SCHEDULE!

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ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY PRESENTATION
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
CSB
PROPERTY REGISTRATION
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lied Library

GIRLS ON GUARD SELF DEFENSE CLASS
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PHQ

#TWEETALONG
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maryland Pkwy.Campus
REBEL ROUNDTABLE MEET & GREET
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union

POLICE DAY
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Valerie Pida Plaza

10/22  10/23  10/24  10/25

Visit unlv.edu/police/events for events registration & details.
Property Registration: Now Online

Did you know that some of the most popular items for thieves to steal on campus are laptop computers and other personal electronic devices? Thieves find the unattended electronic equipment of studying college students to be an easy crime of opportunity.

The UNLV Department of Police Services would like to reduce the likelihood of this occurring on our campus, and that is why we offer free property registration for all members of the campus community. Laptops, iPads, bicycles, smartphones and any other items with serial numbers can be registered. Doing so can help you get lost or stolen property back as soon as possible.

You can now register your property on the UNLV PD website, with the RebelSAFE mobile app, or stop by one of our many Property Registration events held at the Lied Library throughout the semester and speak with one of our officers. Check UNLV Police Services’ events page for upcoming dates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17 Rebel Roundtable
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union

10/18 Great Nevada ShakeOut Drill
10:18 a.m.
UNLV Campuses

10/22 Active Shooter Safety Class
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
CSB

10/22 Property Registration
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Lied Library

10/23 Girls on Guard Class
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
PHQ

10/24 #TweetAlong w/ Sgt. Lutey
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
UNLV Maryland Pkwy. Campus

10/24 Rebel Roundtable
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union

10/25 Police Day
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Valerie Pida Plaza

11/14 Rebel Roundtable
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union

11/17 R.A.D. Self Defense Part I
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Student Union

11/18 R.A.D. Self Defense Part II
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Student Union

11/28 Property Registration
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lied Library

11/28 Rebel Roundtable
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Student Union

11/29 Property Registration
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Lied Library

Events are always being added, so we encourage you to go online and check out our events calendar for updates at unlv.edu/police/events.
Get Ready. Shake Out.

UNLV EARTHQUAKE DRILL
OCTOBER 18 AT 10:18 A.M.
#RebelShakeOut

It’s time to DROP. COVER. HOLD ON.

Join in on the drill and snap a selfie. Tag @UNLVPD and #RebelShakeOut on Twitter, or email eoc@unlv.edu for a chance to win 1 of 4 $25 Amazon gift cards!

unlv.edu/safety • #BeRebelSAFE

**REBELSAFE ALERT TEST WILL SOUND AT THE START OF DRILL**
BACK TO CAMPUS

Whether you’re new on campus or returning for another semester, this fall promises to bring new experiences. Even with the great lengths college campuses go to to protect their students, it’s important to remember that campus safety is also your personal responsibility. Take a moment to review these tips. #BeRebelSAFE

1. Don’t let technology distract you.
   Once you’re “plugged in,” you’ll lose focus on what’s around you. Look up and open your eyes.

2. Walk with a friend at night.
   Remember the buddy system we used in kindergarten? It still applies, especially in the evenings.

3. Take note of campus buildings and emergency phones.
   RebelSAFE emergency phones are scattered across campus. It will be much easier to call for help if you’ve spotted one in advance.

4. Use your cell phone as a safety tool.
   Download the free RebelSAFE App so you’re first to receive campus safety alerts.

5. Social media – public or private?
   Checking-in on social media, updating a status, or posting a photo is second nature. But if your account isn’t private, anyone has access to your location and information.

6. Your door has a lock, use it.
   We would all love to be known as ‘that’ room whose door is always open, but that opens you up to theft. Lock your door when you leave, and make sure your roommate is on the same page.
Avoid losing control and know your limits.
Don’t put yourself in a situation where your judgment is impaired. Maintain control so you can think and act rationally.

Trust your instincts.
If you see something, say something. If you’re feeling unsafe or uncomfortable, go with your gut. This also means sticking up for your friends.

Consider taking a Girls on Guard self-defense class.
Being able to defend yourself could make a life-saving difference. Girls on Guard courses are offered for free on campus.

Leave when your friends leave.
Make sure you have a minimum of one person with you that you know. Being alone is risky.

Carry some emergency cash with you.
Don’t get stuck in a scary situation because you don’t have money to get out as soon as possible. Make sure to keep a small amount of cash on you just in case.

Check in with family and friends.
If you’re doing something outside your normal routine let someone you trust know where you’re headed and when you think you’ll be back.

To learn more click here.
Got a question? Get connected with our officers!

Wondering what a typical day in the life of a patrol officer is like? What our favorite cop movie is? This is your opportunity to get connected with us LIVE!

Join us for a virtual ride-along on UNLV’s Maryland Parkway Campus via @UNLVPD on Twitter!

| #AskUNLVPD |

**Q:** Who is the Tweeter?

**A:** Sergeant Denise Lutey will be running the #TweetAlong on her farewell tour around campus before retiring from UNLV PD.

**Q:** I'm in!

**A:** That's not a question, but we love the enthusiasm! Tweet you there!
guard presentations, campus crime analysis, lost & found services and so much more.

It has been my privilege to have worked for UNLV, and more specifically, the Department of Police Services for the last 20 years. I have often heard from Chief Elique, during that time, that his greatest professional concern was that he wanted to leave a legacy that included a better department and safer campus than the one he first came to in 2000. He has been assured by many over the years that his legacy was secured many years ago, but I think he often forgets one of the most important legacies he has left in his 48 year career in law enforcement. He has served as a mentor to nearly every department supervisor and to countless sworn officers and staff. I know, I count myself lucky to have had him as a mentor. He has often called his department “UNLV’s finest”; however, I can say without hesitation that Chief Elique is one of “UNLV’s finest” and he will be sorely missed. View Chief Elique’s final out of service call on UNLV Police Services YouTube channel.

Earthquake drills help to promote awareness and safety, and UNLV wants you to take it one step further. We want to be an example and motivate others on how to be better prepared to survive and quickly recover.

Snap a selfie during the drill, share with your followers, tag @UNLVPD on Twitter with #RebelShakeOut, or email eoc@unlv.edu to be entered in to earn 1 of 4 $25 Amazon gift cards!

The more we share the more family and friends we can make aware.

Earthquake Safety Tips

During an earthquake, you might have only seconds to protect yourself before strong shaking. Practice helps you be ready to respond. Use the ShakeOut drill as a chance to look around and take note of what objects could fall and cause injury and make sure to secure those items after the drill. Head home and run a drill with your family or roommates, and talk through the different ways to #BeRebelSAFE during an earthquake:

» If you are inside a building, drop to the ground, take cover under a sturdy desk or table or crawl against an interior wall and protect your head, then hold on until the shaking stops. Stay indoors until you are sure it is safe to exit.

» If you are outdoors, find a clear area away from buildings, trees, light poles, and power lines, then drop, cover, and hold on.

» If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop, and stay there with your seatbelt fastened. Once the shaking stops proceed with caution and avoid any bridges or ramps which may have been damaged.

For additional information and to learn more about earthquake safety visit unlv.edu/safety.
Still Want to Learn More?

Just take a look at some of the people talking about UNLV’s finest in the media!

UNLV Police Hold Active Shooter Training
by Fox 5 Vegas

UNLV Police Getting Body Cameras
by Las Vegas Now

UNLV Police Officers Now Equipped with Body Cameras
by KTNV Action News

UNLV Rolling Out Police Body-Worn Camera Program
by Las Vegas Review Journal

Be RebelSAFE and Get Back to Campus in 12 Easy Steps
by UNLV News Center

Staying Informed During a Time of Crisis
by UNLV News Center

#BeRebelSAFE: Develop Your Plan
by UNLV News Center

#BeRebelSAFE: Building an Emergency Supply Kit
by UNLV News Center

#Be RebelSAFE: Getting Involved
by UNLV News Center

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