

Sept. 15, 2022

Dear UMB Community:

Yesterday, we celebrated my swearing-in ceremony and one-year anniversary as your chief of police. Though the event was initially delayed due to COVID-19, I was touched to see so many of you attend. Your support means the world to me.



As I reflect on one year as chief, I'm proud of the progress we've made. Within the past year, we developed an innovative partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work; created an equity, diversity, and inclusion task force; and used data-driven policing strategies to decrease crime on campus. There is still much work to be done, and I am honored to lead our incredible University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department (UMBPD) employees for many years to come.

Sincerely,

**Thomas Leone, MSL**  
*UMB Chief of Police*

## Public Safety Update

### Safety Tip of the Month

Get to know our UMBPD security officers! We call our security officers the “eyes and ears” of our department. They can be easily found at the front desks in UMB buildings, walking the street, driving our Safe Ride vans, providing Safe Walks, and sitting in our security booth. Security officers wear a red shirt and yellow reflective vest if they are outside.

Why is this our monthly safety tip? Our security officers are a valuable resource if you need help. Step inside a UMB building and they will be happy to assist you. We love our security officers, and you will, too!

## Serving Our Community

### Coffee/Pizza with the Chief

Join Chief Leone for Coffee/Pizza with the Chief throughout September and October! These free events welcome students, faculty, and staff back to campus. Stop by to meet

Chief Leone and our police and security officers, ask questions, and enjoy a treat. [Find your school's Coffee/Pizza with the Chief event.](#)

### **Campus Involvement Fair**

Stop by to meet UMBPD at the Campus Involvement Fair. The event is part of Fall Kick-Off and takes place tomorrow, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the School of Nursing Lawn. Come get some fun giveaways, meet comfort K9 Poe, and talk about safety with our police officers. [Learn more about the Campus Involvement Fair.](#)

### **Active Assailant Preparedness and CRASE Training**

Do you know what to do during an active assailant event? UMBPD, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Office of Communications and Public Affairs developed a 2-minute video that provides life-saving information. [Watch the video now.](#)

Want more training? UMBPD offers Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training, and many of your colleagues are already taking it! [Schedule your training now.](#)

## **Public Safety Partners**

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

### **National Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month! This annual event raises awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and resiliency. Follow [@UMBOEM on Twitter](#) to learn how to be prepared for an emergency where you live, work, and learn!

### **UMB Alert Test Today**

OEM will conduct our annual test of the UMB Alert system today, Sept. 15. The test is required by law and will be sent by text, email, Mobile UMB app, and the UMB website. Make sure your information is up to date in UMB Alerts by visiting [umaryland.edu/alerts](http://umaryland.edu/alerts).

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)

### **EHS Launches ChemTracker Chemical Inventory Management: Available Now**

Wet laboratories contain a variety of hazardous, highly toxic, corrosive, flammable, and explosive chemicals. Maintenance of an accurate chemical inventory is an important element of laboratory hazard management. EHS launched the ChemTracker chemical inventory module and will work with researchers in the coming months to import chemical inventories into the system. ChemTracker inventories can be accessed online, includes an easy-to-use reconciliation tool for keeping your inventory up to date, and is linked to a robust database of chemicals to guide future training opportunities and help you store chemicals safely. For more information, see [EHS' ChemTracker webpage](#).

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