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Dear UMB Community:

This time of year always seems to fly by. The **days are getting shorter**. The holidays are quickly approaching. Students are cramming for final exams. The University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department (UMBPD) is here to help!



Stressed out? **Request a visit from comfort K9 Poe!** Our therapy dog is trained to provide relief from stress and anxiety. No matter what's got you down, Poe is here to help!

Heading home after dark? **Request a Safe Walk/Safe Ride!** Safe Rides are available from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on campus and in neighboring communities. Request through the Mobile UMB app or by calling 410-706-6882. Safe Walk is available 24/7 on campus!

Ready to get into the holiday spirit? **Follow us on social media!** Beginning Dec. 1, our elf recruit, Private Pine, will return to our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. This is the elf's third holiday season with the department, and he's become quite popular, so we hope you'll follow along.

Sincerely,

Thomas Leone, MSL
UMB Chief of Police

Public Safety Update

Safety Tip of the Month

Holiday shopping season is upon us! Going on a shopping spree? Lock packages in your trunk and out of sight. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Park in well-lit areas. Always lock your vehicle, even when you're inside. Stay safe!

Serving Our Community

Registration Still Open for Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL)

It's not too late to register your child for PAL! This partnership with the Community Engagement Center is for students in third through eighth grade. Students will get to know

our police and security officers through free mentoring and engagement activities. [Learn more and apply now!](#)

Missing Vulnerable Adult Found in Minutes

In late October, UMBPD sent an emergency notification about a missing vulnerable adult. Our officers took swift action and found the man several blocks west of campus. [Read about the officers' good work.](#)

Corporals Graduate from FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute

Congratulations to Cpls. Fair, Douglas, and Edouazin, who completed the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Supervisor Leadership Institute held at the University of Maryland BioPark. The course is the first of a three-part Trilogy Leadership Series that focuses on building credibility, defining leadership, and more.

University of Baltimore (UBalt) Update

UBalt welcomed Chief Leone to Student Government Association and Faculty Senate events over the past month. We're very proud of the [policing partnership](#) between our two universities and look forward to continuing to get to know the UBalt community better.



UMBPD Leadership Focuses on Teamwork at Donaldson Brown Riverfront Event Center

This year, UMBPD chiefs, lieutenants, and sergeants have gone to Donaldson Brown to learn about organizational culture and change management. The retreats focused on teamwork and communication, ending in a challenging (but fun!) Lego team-building activity.

Public Safety Partners

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

OEM Staff Complete Advanced Professional Continuity Training

Continuous training allows our emergency management staff to help our University be more resilient to the impacts from threats and hazards. The Certified Business Continuity Professional and Cyber Resilience courses were delivered by Disaster Recovery Institute International and hosted by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

Using Innovative Technology for Public Safety

OEM and UMBPD are leading the way in public safety and emergency management through innovative technology use, whether it's our Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems, cameras, or wearable technology through FirstNet. [Read about the University's safety tech in Security magazine.](#)

Avoid Working While Distracted

Like distracted driving, distracted work in the lab may lead to preventable accidents. Laboratories have the potential for risk due to hazards such as chemicals and biological material. Looking at your phone while walking leads to risk of bumping into others, slips, falls, or hazard exposure. Working with your headphones too loud places yourself and others at risk of collision and prevents you from hearing emergency communications. For the safety of yourself and others, work the way you drive: Be observant of your surroundings, put the phone away, and remove your headphones.



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