

March 15, 2022

Dear UMB Community:

Giving back to the community is vitally important to me. This value is woven into the very fabric of our community-oriented police department. I spent decades coaching community football and basketball. I've joined University of Maryland, Baltimore Police Department (UMBPD) employees on our time off to pick up trash along the Eutaw Street corridor. I've lost count of how many times I've participated in the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Maryland.



This Friday, for the first time ever, I will be participating in the Polar Bear Plunge as a Super Plunger. That means every hour for 24 hours, I'll be running into the Chesapeake Bay. It's another way I can give back to an important cause.

If you want to help support me, please donate to my [Polar Plunge page](#). Every Super Plunger has to raise \$10,000, and I am *almost* there. Every dollar counts. Please share with friends and family.

Starting at 8 a.m. Friday, March 18, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see photos, video, and stories about my Super Plunge. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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

## Public Safety Update

### Safety Tip of the Month

UMB ID/One Cards ensure that only approved people have access to UMB buildings. Don't let a stranger "tailgate" in behind you! While it's courteous,

holding a secure door open for someone you don't know could lead to thefts or other security concerns.

It might seem rude, but for the safety of our UMB community, don't hold secure doors open for others coming in behind you. UMB students, faculty, and staff should always have their ID visible when in UMB buildings, and visitors should have a visitor pass. Do your part to keep our community safe!

## Serving Our Community

### **Help Name Our New Comfort K9!**

Voting closes tomorrow – help name our new comfort K9! PFC Anthony Summers is currently getting to know the pup who will join the UMB community, but he or she needs a new name. [Learn more and vote.](#)

### **Last Call: Support Chief Leone in the Super Plunge**

Chief Leone will dive into the icy Chesapeake Bay 24 times in 24 hours starting Friday at 8 a.m. Chief Leone joins dozens of other Super Plungers to benefit Special Olympics Maryland. He has almost reached his \$10,000 goal. Every dollar helps — [donate today!](#)

### **Request CRASE Training**

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training teaches survival techniques for an active shooter scenario, including what to expect when police arrive. This one-hour training is provided by request and can be taught at UMBPD facilities or we can even come to your office! Request CRASE training by contacting [Sgt. Thaddeus Baker.](#)

### **Eutaw Street Resource Fair**

The SONS of Phoenix are holding a resource fair Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 7 N. Eutaw St. All community members are invited, and donations are welcome!

### **UMBPD and OEM PIO Named UMBrella Person of the Year — On the Rise**

Carin Morrell, MA, UMBPD and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Public Information Officer (PIO), has been named the 2022 UMBrella Person of the Year — On the Rise. Morrell received the award for achieving growth and overcoming challenges by utilizing UMBrella mentorship and professional development opportunities. [Learn more.](#)

## Public Safety Partners

### Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

#### **OEM Receives Governor's Citation for COVID-19 Joint Vaccination Site**

The multidisciplinary team that set up the SMC Campus Center COVID-19 joint vaccination site received a Governor's Citation on Feb. 22 for its work.

Members of OEM played an important role in the effort, which vaccinated more than 40,000 people. [Learn more.](#)

#### **FirstNet Partnership Supports OEM Efforts**

OEM worked with FirstNet to support COVID-19 vaccination efforts by establishing a secure and reliable Wi-Fi network throughout the facility. The partnership continues to support public safety initiatives at UMB. [Learn more.](#)

### Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)

#### **Laboratory Incident Response**

To reduce threats to health and safety, it is imperative that research personnel understand the basic procedures of emergency and spill response.

At a minimum, all lab members should be familiar with and appropriately trained in:

- Proper emergency response to release of hazardous materials as detailed in the [Radiation Emergency Procedures](#), [Biological Incident and Emergency Response](#), and [Chemical Incident and Emergency Response](#)
- Fire alarm locations, including when/how to activate
- Emergency exit locations and procedures
- Eyewash and emergency shower locations, including when/how to use
- [Injury Reporting procedures](#)

Training in AED-CPR is recommended. Registration can be found at [umaryland.edu/ehs/training/aed-cpr-training-schedule/](http://umaryland.edu/ehs/training/aed-cpr-training-schedule/).

Questions? Concerns? Contact EHS at 410-706-7055!

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