

June 15, 2023

Dear UMB Community:

This month has several opportunities to celebrate diversity at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and in our community. Not only do we honor our LGBTQIA+ community during Pride Month, but we also commemorate the official end of slavery in the United States on Juneteenth. The UMB Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) sent **two letters** campuswide with more information and event details.



While June provides these occasions to celebrate and reflect on how far we've come, there is still much work to do. That's why UMB Police and Public Safety is committed to providing extensive EDI training for our entire staff, including pro-LGBTQIA+ policing, implicit bias and anti-bias training, trauma-informed policing, developing effective communications, ethics, and more.

Our diversity makes us better. We are proud of the many identities, ideas, and experiences within our Public Safety family that help us to learn and grow. This month and every month, we celebrate the thousands of diverse students, faculty, and staff who make UMB unique. We pledge to continue serving each of you with dignity and respect.

Sincerely,

**Thomas Leone, MSL**

*Assistant Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police*

## Public Safety Update

### **Safety Tip of the Month: Safe Walk**

As the weather warms up, walking outside is a great way to practice UMB's core value of well-being. If you plan to enjoy the beautiful weather while walking across campus, our **Safe Walk service** is available 24/7! Simply call 410-706-6882 (6-6882 from an on-campus phone) and a uniformed UMB security officer will be happy to walk you to your destination on campus. This also is a great opportunity to meet our security officers, who help keep our campus safe.

If you are requesting a Safe Walk, plan ahead; it might take several minutes for our security officer to arrive. Thank you for your patience and kindness as we strive to provide you with service excellence!

## Serving Our Community

### **Save the Date: National Night Out on Aug. 1**

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. for National Night Out, an annual community-building event promoting positive relationships between police and the communities we serve. We're partnering with the UMB Community Engagement Center for an evening of free food, games, giveaways, and more. Stay tuned for more details!

### **Chief Leone to Be Honored for Innovations in Community Policing**

The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) will honor Chief Leone with the IACLEA Award for Innovations in Community Policing during its 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition on June 27-30 in Orlando, Fla. As chief, Leone has implemented cutting-edge programs, such as a partnership with the University of Maryland School of Social Work, community health worker program, and more.

### **Save the Date: Fall R.A.D. Training**

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Class for Women is returning this fall. This free 10-hour hands-on course is designed to emphasize confidence and self-discipline while developing and enhancing self-defense options. The course will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from Aug. 29 to Sept. 28 from *either* noon to 1:30 p.m. *or* 5 to 6:30 p.m. Check back here for more details and to sign up.

### **Police Communications Center Relocation Exercise Highlights Partnerships**

UMB Public Safety partnered with the UMB Office of Emergency Management and Baltimore City 911 for a relocation exercise – the first of its kind. Police communications operators moved their communications center to a secondary location without any disruption of service. [Read more about this impressive collaboration.](#)

### **UMB Public Safety by the Numbers: May**

Each month, UMB Public Safety provides thousands of valuable services and resources to the communities we serve. In this segment, we highlight the previous month's data to showcase the work of our UMB Public Safety employees.

- Safe Rides given: 1,947
- Average time from Safe Ride request to pickup: 11:33 minutes
- Number of building checks: 2,658
- Number of local business checks: 178
- Number of garage checks: 811
- Number of visitors logged: 11,757

## UMB Office of the Fire Marshal

*The UMB Office of the Fire Marshal is a part of the UMB Department of Public Safety.*

### **Hotel and Motel Safety**

Vacations and business travel make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home. [Learn facts and how to be safe when traveling.](#)

### **Code Corner: Highlighting Common Fire Code Violations**

A common code violation at UMB is when two or more power strips are plugged into one another, or “daisy chained” together. Power strips are required to be plugged directly into a wall outlet so that the outlet and power strips do not become overloaded. If additional wall outlets are needed, please submit an Operations and Maintenance [Work Request](#).

[Learn about additional common code violations from the Office of the Fire Marshal.](#) If you have questions about whether the doors near you are fire doors, please reach out to the Office of the Fire Marshal directly at [FireMarshal@umaryland.edu](mailto:FireMarshal@umaryland.edu).

## **Public Safety Partners**

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

### **Occupant Emergency Plans (OEPs)**

Do you know what to do in an emergency? OEPs provide building-specific details and directions related to evacuation procedures, evacuation instructions for persons requiring assistance, seeking shelter, and “Run, Hide, Fight” during active assailant incidents. An OEP identifies locations of automated external defibrillators, Stop the Bleed kits, and evacuation assembly areas. [Find your building’s OEP.](#)

### **Become a Preparedness Pro**

The Preparedness Pro digital credential is composed of five preparedness trainings offered by OEM, the UMB Office of the Fire Marshal, Environmental Health and Safety, and the UMB Police Department. [Learn more about scheduling a training with your department today!](#)

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)

### **Cold and Warm Room Safety**

These spaces are designed to maintain non-ambient temperatures and are used for storage of material and for temperature-sensitive experiments. Hazards in these environmentally controlled spaces include exposure to temperatures outside of normal range, poor ventilation, entrapment, and trip and slip hazards. Their often-humid atmosphere can lead to excess growth of mold, and they are often shared spaces, leading to diffusion of responsibility.

EHS has developed a tiered ranking system for the severity of mold growth found in cold or warm rooms and will be rolling out cold and warm room inspections within the next year. Find more information on the [EHS website](#).

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