



# Newsletter

May 9, 2024

# A Message from Police Chief John Brockie

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the University Police Department (UPD) which represents the department's ongoing commitment to protecting and serving our diverse campus community. Throughout the Spring semester, UPD responded to 90 medical emergencies, 127 citizen assists, and 72 welfare checks, while <u>CAST</u>, our mobile mental health team, provided 185



service episodes for the campus and surrounding community. With every call for service, training, and program, UPD always strives to create a safe environment and make positive connections with students, faculty, and staff.

I encourage you to explore the <u>University Police Department</u> website to learn more about our programs and how UPD is working to ensure the safety of the campus.

**POLICE NEWS** 



Bike U-Lock Program: 294 Bike Registrations and Counting!

The University Police Department (UPD) launched the <u>Bike U-Lock</u>

<u>Program</u> in Fall 2023 to help prevent bike theft. Students who registered their bike automatically received a free bike lock. Since its inception, UPD has a had a total of 294 bike registrations!



UPD Takes Part in Campus HazMat
Exercise for Vital Training

In January, the University Police
Department along with other
partnering agencies and community
organizations participated in the
campus-wide HazMat Exercise. The
exercise served as a great training



Pink Patch Project: Highest Ever Donation to City of Hope

During the month of October, UPD participated in the Pink Patch Project, a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer. Our officers visited City of Hope to drop off a donation check totaling \$2730 which is the highest amount the department has ever raised!



UPD Supports First-Year Students
In Beach XP

UPD has been one of the many campus partners that have been supporting First-Time, First-Year students in the Beach XP program. This spring, UPD hosted 26 workshops about campus safety and

opportunity for the department and everyone involved.

emergency preparedness.



Long Beach Promise
Corporal Rocha and K9
Porto met with local 5th
graders from Long Beach
Promise.



MADD California

UPD partnered with

MADD California to create

educational content for

college students.



Special Olympics
UPD had the honor of awarding medals to athletes in the Special Olympics Southern California.



**CSU Critical Response Unit** 

Officer Faxon, Corporals Liu and Maligie have been assigned to the CSU Critical Response Unit (CRU), a highly trained team of police officers from across the entire CSU System. CRU officers undergo specialized training to aid CSU campuses during critical incidents, emergencies, and disasters.



Donna De Loera Named Employee of the Month for March

CAST Coordinator Donna De
Loera was recognized for her
professionalism and service and is a
valued resource for students and the
community. Sergeant Liz
Henriquez wrote a heartfelt email to
Damian Zavala, the AVP of Health
and Wellness Administration,
describing a critical moment when

Donna made a profound impact on a CSULB student.

## Internship Program

Interns in the Criminal Justice Program had the opportunity to learn from our officers and dispatchers about the different aspects of law enforcement.







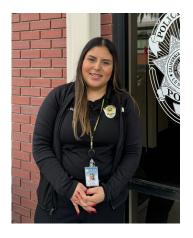
### Commend an Officer

Would you like to commend an officer for their extraordinary service? You may submit a commendation form for an employee of the CSULB University Police Department. Please click <u>here</u> to submit a commendation form.

#### COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

## Newest Dispatcher to Join the Communications Team

Dispatcher Cielo Gudino joined the department in July 2023 as part of the communications team. Cielo is also a CSULB alumna where she earned her degree with honors in Criminal Justice.



## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 22 - 26

During National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, UPD celebrated their amazing dispatchers, including Dispatch Supervisor Greg Pascal, who has been with the department since 1996, and Dispatcher Kristie Horning, a CSULB alumna,

who has been with the department since 2001.



**Greg Pascal** 



Kristie Horning

### **CAST CORNER**



CAST Coordinators Receive NASPA Innovation Award

CAST Coordinators, Graciela and Donna, received the NASPA Region VI Innovative Program Award which is presented to an institution and/or group of individuals that have implemented an innovated program that furthers the growth of students, results in improved service to students, and/or enhances life on



UPD Completes Soft Interview Room for Enhanced Victim Support

UPD's soft interview room was completed over the summer and will be utilized by our officers and CAST Coordinators. The goal of a soft interview room is to provide an emotionally and physically safe space for victims and witnesses to talk and share their story.

### **TRAINING & PROGRAMS**

## **Emergency Preparedness**

Emergency Preparedness Trainings are available by request to any student or employee group, club, or department on campus. Trainings can be customized by time or content to fit the needs of the audience and can include any combination of the following:



- Personal Preparedness
- Earthquake Safety
- Fire Safety
- EVAC+Chair Training
- "Stop the Bleed" Tourniquet Training
- · Active shooter training and safety walkthroughs

Request a training by visiting Emergency Preparedness Training.

## Night Safety Escort Program

The <u>CSULB Night Safety Escort Program</u> is a free safety service conducted by our campus Community Service Officers (CSOs).

You may request a CSO escort by calling the University Police non-emergency line at 562.985.4101 (extension 5-4101 from a campus phone).



#### **NEW FACES AND PROMOTIONS**



Officer Devón James joined the University Police Department in September 2023.



Officer Jose Vazquez joined the department in October 2023.



Sergeant Stephen Gray has been with the department since 2008 and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in January 2024.



Corporal Cooley was hired by the University Police Department in 2018 and was promoted to the rank of corporal in January 2024.

## **PHOTO GALLERY**

















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