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In the history books, 2020 will be remembered as the year that our entire nation, and indeed the world, faced extraordinary circumstances, from a global pandemic and the resulting financial crisis to systemic racism and its ugly manifestations in America. Nowhere is this conflict more prevalent than in law enforcement, where recent intolerable events have brought to light the problematic practices that have woven themselves into the fabric of the profession. The Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD) is keenly aware of the pain and trauma these events have caused members of our community and we are equally troubled by the inexcusable and needless loss of life. These situations had tragic results and have undermined the efforts of law enforcement everywhere to build and maintain community trust with those whom we have sworn to serve and protect.

Law enforcement must confront these brutal truths and work with integrity to repair and reconcile with the communities they serve. However, in this process, it is also important to recognize that law enforcement is not broken everywhere and there are many officers who uphold the sacred honor of the oaths they have taken. I am one of those officers. I was called to police work to serve my fellow citizens. As a native Coloradan, a CU Denver graduate, and a seasoned law enforcement professional, I am honored to be a member of the ACPD and I am equally proud of the dedicated members of the Department. We are here to serve and protect each member of our campus community, and on behalf of my entire department, seek to demonstrate that commitment to our campus community through transparency and accountable action.

The first step in this effort is to provide a baseline for understanding the operations of the ACPD through our inaugural Annual Report. While this report reflects the 2019 calendar year, I am looking forward to fostering meaningful, robust conversations and relationships with our campus community in the upcoming 2020–2021 academic school year. In this report, you will read about the ACPD’s active and collaborative engagement with our campus partners and with the Auraria Campus community to build relationships, ensure safety, respond to calls for service, and investigate crimes that occur on the Auraria Campus.

I hope you’ll take a few minutes to review our Annual Report, and to learn more about who we are and what we do every day to uphold the safety and security of all those we serve on the Auraria Campus. I welcome questions about our report, as well as any suggestions you might have regarding how the ACPD can continue to provide fair, equitable community-oriented services to the Auraria Campus community. We are always looking for ways to improve the delivery of the public safety services we offer, and we commit now more than ever to remain vigilant in our efforts to strengthen accountability, build trust and foster greater transparency between the ACPD and our campus community.

In partnership,

Michael Phibbs
Chief of Police
Auraria Higher Education Center: Our Role

The Auraria Higher Education Center (AHEC) was built to house and serve 15,000 students, a number that was exceeded when we opened our doors in 1976. AHEC has continued to adapt and grow to become a modern campus bustling with activity in the heart of downtown Denver. Today, the Auraria Campus is the largest collective college campus in Colorado, serving over 43,000 students, faculty, and staff. AHEC proudly operates the Auraria Campus on an efficient shared services model to support three of Colorado’s finest higher educational institutions: Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado Denver.

As the state’s steward of the Auraria Campus, AHEC’s shared services model offers substantial cost savings to each of its institutions, which also provides significant cost savings for our students as well as Colorado taxpayers. The three constituent institutions, along with limited auxiliary services, provide the necessary income to run the campus.

For fiscal year 2018–2019, AHEC had an operating budget of $63 million. For every dollar invested in the Auraria Campus, there is a triple-multiplier effect, benefiting three institutions and over 43,000 students, faculty, and staff. The sum of the Auraria Campus is greater than its parts: AHEC provides a solid campus foundation by hosting and maintaining the Tivoli Student Union, the Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD), the Auraria Library, the King Center for the Performing Arts, and the Health Center at Auraria. AHEC also provides the following shared services: parking, purchasing, receiving, mail, facilities maintenance, custodial, trash/recycling, sustainability, and event management. Two RTD light rail stations flank the campus and provide an accessible gateway to our downtown Denver partners.

As previously mentioned, AHEC hosts and maintains the ACPD. The following report aims to provide transparency and illustrate the Department’s role on campus, their operational structure, overall mission, and how they execute that mission.
The Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD) is charged with the primary responsibility of providing police and security services to the Auraria Campus, which houses the Community College of Denver (CCD), Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver), and University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver).

The ACPD is committed to enhancing the quality of life on the Auraria Campus for the students, faculty and staff it serves. Although located in an urban environment, the Auraria Campus has one of the lowest campus crime rates in Colorado.

The ACPD is a full-service police department, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As of July 21, 2020, the ACPD employs 31 sworn officers, ten neighborhood community officers (non-sworn), eight administrative staff including dispatch, one emergency management staff member, and one Canine (K-9) Unit.

ACPD officers patrol the 150-acre campus in SUVs, cars, hybrid patrol vehicles, on electric motorcycles and bicycles, and on foot.

The Auraria Campus is defined by those properties, private streets, retail operations, and facilities owned by the State of Colorado and used by students, staff, faculty, and visitors, which are roughly bounded by Auraria Parkway, Speer Boulevard, and Colfax Avenue, and includes the Regency Athletic Complex and Lynx’s Crossing apartments.

The Auraria Campus Police Department is charged with:

- Protection of Life & Property
- Presentations on Crime Prevention & Personal Safety
- Detection of Crime
- Enforcement of Laws & Regulations
- Investigations
- Traffic Control
- Building & Facility Security
The **Patrol Division** is staffed by uniformed officers who patrol the Auraria Campus, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to prevent crime, maintain peace, apprehend offenders, and protect life and property. Officers respond to a variety of civil and administrative matters, as well as enforce applicable local, state, and federal codes, ordinances, and laws. Other services include:

- After-hours admission to campus buildings
- Emergency response
- Night escorts to vehicles on campus
- Unlocking vehicles (lost or locked keys in vehicles)
- Vehicle trespass prevention
- Bicycle theft prevention

The **Bike Unit** performs regular patrol duties to maintain campus safety by mountain bike. They are equipped to act in any situation on campus, and are often able to respond more quickly than police cruisers given the nature of bicycle maneuverability and access. Members of the Bike Unit are certified through a Bicycle Patrol Unit training course, which emphasizes patrol procedures, safety, and accident avoidance.

The **DUI Unit** is committed to reducing the number of impaired drivers on the road by enforcing impairment laws (DUI/DWAI) and by delivering alcohol awareness presentations to the campus community. The DUI Unit has been recognized by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization for “Outstanding Team Dedication to DUI Enforcement.”

The **Canine (K-9) Unit** provides enhanced safety and community policing services for the campus. ACPD’s K-9, Jet, and his handler, ACPD Officer Yama Gafari, are trained in explosives detection. As a team, they respond and investigate calls related to explosive materials on campus. In addition, the team supports high-profile events that require protective sweeps.

ACPD Dispatch handles all campus 911 calls and calls for police service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They monitor regional public safety radio traffic and panic, fire, and intrusion alarms and Text-A-Tip.

- **Text-A-Tip** allows the campus community to report suspicious or concerning activities discreetly.
- **If You See Something, Say Something** encourages the campus community to be the eyes and ears for a safer campus.

The **Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** is dedicated to ensuring the Auraria Campus faculty, staff, and students are equipped and ready for emergency situations. In partnership with the institutions on campus, the OEM is responsible for:

- Coordinating the planning, training, and preparation for emergencies before they occur
- Responding quickly and effectively when issues arise
- Managing recovery efforts to maintain fundamental campus services and operations after an emergency-related event
How much is the Auraria Campus community investing in the ACPD?

### ANNUAL CAMPUS BUDGET

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<th>Campus Partners</th>
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<td>AURARIA HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER</td>
<td>$64,000,000</td>
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<td>COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER</td>
<td>$58,000,000</td>
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<td>METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER</td>
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<td>$228,000,000</td>
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<td>UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER</td>
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<td>$215,000,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL CAMPUS BUDGET</strong></td>
<td><strong>$544,000,000</strong></td>
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### ANNUAL ACPD BUDGET

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<td>ACPD TOTAL EXPENDITURE</td>
<td>$4,500,000</td>
<td>$4,100,000</td>
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<td>% OF ACPD EXPENDITURE TO TOTAL BUDGET</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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How can I better understand the ACPD budget?

Much like the Tivoli Student Union or the Auraria Library, the ACPD is a shared service that all three partner institutions and AHEC support financially. Therefore, it is important to look at the ACPD total expenditure within the context of the total annual campus budget.

During Fall 2019, 42,000 students were registered at our three partner institutions, with an additional 5,000 faculty and staff making up the balance of our total campus population. For the past two fiscal years, the annual police expenditure was $4.5 million and $4.1 million respectively, meaning less than 1% of the total campus budget was spent on protection for the more than 47,000-member campus community.

As a share of state and local direct expenditures, police spending has remained consistently at just under 4% over the last 40 years, from 1977 to 2017, when adjusted for inflation.
Hiring Process

Becoming a law enforcement officer for the ACPD involves a lengthy and rigorous application and interview process. The hiring process often takes 13–19 weeks and can take longer if the applicant must then attend the police academy. The ACPD puts all applicants through a comprehensive series of tests and exams, each designed to narrow the field of applicants to advance only the most qualified candidates. The hiring process includes:

- General application
- Written exam
- Physical ability test
- Background check
- Oral board
- Polygraph test
- Psychological exam
- Medical exam
- Drug test
- Criminal history check
- Medical exam

Staff Stats

A diverse police agency increases transparency, promotes new ideas, performs at a higher level, and enhances the agency’s ability to serve the community. The ACPD continues to focus on recruiting from non-traditional sectors to help build a diverse staff to meet the needs of our campus.

**SWORN STAFF**

- **26** – Male
- **3** – Female
- **1** – K-9

**DISPATCH & ADMIN STAFF**

- **2** – Male
- **5** – Female

**NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY OFFICERS (NCO’S)**

- **2** – Male
- **6** – Female

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF**

- **2** – Male
- **1** – Female
The Colorado Peace Officers Standards & Training Board requires each peace officer to complete a minimum of 20 hours of training each year. Twelve of those training hours must be in the perishable skills areas of firearms, driving, and arrest control. The State of Colorado Legislature also requires peace officers to receive training in anti-bias, community policing, and situational de-escalation on an alternating year schedule. The ACPD goes above and beyond the required training, choosing to train in all the legislatively-mandated areas every year.

Every officer receives 40 hours of annual in-service training during the first two weeks of January. This is twice the number of hours required by the Colorado Peace Officers Standards & Training Board and provides a more varied training offering. The ACPD’s annual training includes:

- Community-oriented policing (C.O.P.) training
- Anti-bias training
- De-escalation training
- Clery Act training
- Arrest control training
- Active shooter training
- Driving training
- Firearms training
- Legal updates
- Taser training
- Additional training is provided throughout the calendar year, including those required to be completed every few years (i.e., first aid, standardized roadside maneuvers, etc.). Individual officers also receive instructor level training in a variety of areas and specialty assignments. Leadership training for all officers is supported and encouraged. The ACPD also subscribes to an online training service that staff can participate in at any time.
Investigations & Community Relations

- The **Investigations Division** is responsible for conducting and managing investigations of all incidents that occur on campus.

- The **Community Relations Team** provides safety support for events and activities hosted by the institutions, and educates the community in personal safety, risk awareness, crime prevention, drug and alcohol awareness, and other safety issues.

- To maintain a safe and vibrant community, the ACPD introduced the **Neighborhood Community Officer (NCO) Program**, which delivers a high level of support and security to the institutions by providing an increased police presence in each Auraria Campus neighborhood. While not sworn officers, NCOs establish relationships with students, faculty, and staff in their assigned neighborhood to be recognized as the “go-to” campus safety resource.

- The **Communications & Dispatch Team** is responsible for responding to emergency and non-emergency phone calls, as well as utilizing and maintaining a two-way radio system to dispatch and monitor patrol personnel. The Dispatch Team also operates and maintains the Colorado and National Crime Information Center database to provide police personnel with pertinent information when needed.

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Enforcement Authority

ACPD officers receive their authority via the provisions of C.R.S. § 24-7.5-101. The Auraria Board of Directors, through its Chief Executive Officer, has delegated authority to the ACPD to enforce campus rules and regulations, as well as municipal and state laws. Officers have full police authority and are certified police officers as defined under C.R.S. § 16-2.5-102.

Arresting Authority

In accordance with C.R.S. § 16-2.5-102, peace officers, to include police officers employed by a state institution of higher education, shall meet all of the standards imposed by law on a peace officer and shall be certified by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST). Pursuant to C.R.S. § 16-3-102 and 24-7.5-103, the ACPD is granted all the powers conferred by law upon peace officers to carry weapons and make arrests. The arrest authority within the jurisdiction of AHEC includes:

- In compliance with an arrest warrant
- When any crime is being, or has been, committed in a peace officer’s presence
- When there is probable cause to believe that an offense was committed by the person being arrested

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"The Auraria Campus is full of diversity, an aspect of my job as a law enforcement officer that I really value. Working on campus with individuals who come from different backgrounds is very rewarding, as it gives me a chance to see and hear different perspectives every day.”

— DETECTIVE ALICIA VALERIO

(Left) ACPD’s K-9, Jet, specializes in explosives detection. (Right) Each year, ACPD officers spend time talking about safety with students at the Auraria Early Learning Center.
**Inter-Agency Relationships**

The ACPD works closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies on campus events, regional law enforcement matters, training, and significant investigations concerning the campus community.

Reciprocal relationships are important and the ACPD meets with representatives from the Denver Police Department, the Denver Sheriff Department, and other municipal, state, and federal law enforcement agencies formally and informally, and offers their support in police matters of mutual investigation and concern.

The ACPD fosters critical partnerships with local and national organizations and often partner to host trainings, board meetings, and conferences with the following organizations:

- Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police
- Denver Fire Department
- Denver Health
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Higher Education Liaison Agents
- Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)
- United States Secret Service Protection Detail

**Intergovernmental Agreements**

The City and County of Denver entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement establishing the working relationship between the ACPD and the Denver Police Department, and granting ACPD officers a Denver Special Police Officer Commission, issued by the City’s Manager of Safety, to enforce clearly defined ordinances of the City of Denver. These ordinances include criminal and traffic related offenses.

It is the desire of both the ACPD and the City of Denver to provide the best possible atmosphere of public safety on and around the campus. The Intergovernmental Agreement was designed to establish the current working relationship between the ACPD and the Denver Police Department, consistent with and in compliance with the requirements of the Denver City Charter and State statutes, and all terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement are to be interpreted in light of the goal of increased public safety.
**Clery Act**

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, better known as the Clery Act, is a federal statute that requires all colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs to keep and disclose information about crime on and near their respective campuses. The United States Department of Education monitors compliance. The Clery Act and the Clery Act Regulations require that each campus provide a “timely warning” to the campus community concerning the occurrence of a “Clery Crime” – a crime that the campus believes represents a continuing threat to the campus community.

There are seven “Clery Crimes” that the ACPD reports annually:

1. Criminal homicide (murder and non-negligent/negligent manslaughter)
2. Sex offenses (rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape)
3. Robbery
4. Aggravated assault
5. Burglary
6. Motor vehicle theft
7. Arson

**Timely Warnings**

Information that the campus discloses in a “timely warning” will vary depending on each case’s circumstances, as previously noted in the Department of Education explanation of this provision. When the ACPD receives a report of an enumerated crime against a person or a report of a major crime involving campus property that presents an ongoing threat to the campus community’s safety, the campus police department must issue a “timely warning.” The “timely warning” should be sequentially numbered, beginning January 1 of each year, and should include the following details of the crime, if available:

- A succinct description of the incident
- A physical description of the suspect, including gender and race
- A photograph of the suspect, if available
- Apparent connection to previous incidents, if applicable
- Race of the victim, if relevant
- Sex of the victim, if relevant
- Injury sustained by the victim
- Date and time the campus crime alert was released

“Timely warnings” are distributed as soon as possible after the incident is reported, subject to accurate facts concerning the events.

**Definition of Timely Warnings**

To date, the Department of Education has declined to provide a definition of “timely reports.” The Department of Education has advised that a “timely warning” is issued to the campus community via email when incidents of criminal activity as defined by the Clery Act occur on campus or within the immediate vicinity of campus, and when the criminal activity represents an ongoing threat to campus.

**Disclosure Exceptions**

The campus may withhold the information required in a “timely warning” if there is clear and convincing evidence that the release of the information would:

- Jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual
- Cause a suspect to flee or evade detection
- Result in the destruction of evidence

The campus must disclose any information withheld for these reasons once the adverse effect is no longer likely to occur.

Crimes of opportunity are not uncommon on a bustling campus, and ACPD officers work to ensure our campus community members do not fall victim to these situations.

**Emergency Notification System – RAVE Alerts**

Communication plays a critical role in keeping our community safe.

During an emergency or to notify the community of closures, AHEC utilizes a text and email messaging system called RAVE to deliver critical information to faculty, staff, and students. This system is similar to a Reverse 911 Call issued by municipal and county law enforcement agencies.
Confidentiality

All Clery reportable crimes are subject to the “timely warning” requirements when police believe the crimes pose an ongoing threat regardless of whether or not the victim or perpetrator is a member of the campus community. However, there are often concerns raised regarding confidentiality if the information disclosed in the “timely warning” report would personally identify an individual. Information that might personally identify students may be disclosed, if disclosure of this information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals. For example, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the FERPA regulations state that personally identifiable information may be disclosed from an education record of a student without the student’s consent “to appropriate parties in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or other individuals.” The campus may disclose personally identifiable information about an individual if it determines “that compelling circumstances exist which affect the health or safety of an individual.” This standard also applies to the disclosure of personally identifiable information about any other individuals, including campus employees and individuals not associated with the campus.

Legal Requirements

A campus must, in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes, report to the campus community on crimes that are:

- Required to be reported in the Annual Security Report
- Reported to campus security authorities as identified under the institution’s statement of current campus policies for reporting criminal actions and emergencies
- Considered by the campus to represent a threat to students and employees

A campus is not required to provide a “timely warning” with respect to crimes reported to a pastoral or professional counselor.

In my 19 years serving the Auraria Campus community, my most rewarding experiences have been when I have had the opportunity to truly help someone in need and make a positive impact on their life.

— COMMANDER JASON MOLLENDOR
Daily Crime Logs

Daily crime logs are posted monthly and are updated regularly to reflect the most recent daily crime reports. Logs are updated Monday–Friday, with the exception of holidays.

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Annual Security Reports & Crime Logs

In accordance with state and federal laws, the ACPD maintains a public log and annual report of all crimes reported.

Annual Security & Fire Safety Reports

In the annual security reports, you will find crime-related statistics for each institution for the last three calendar years, in addition to pertinent safety resources and policy information:

- Community College of Denver
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- University of Colorado Denver

Crime Logs

The 1998 amendments to the Clery Act introduced the requirement, effective October 1, 1998, that campus police departments maintain a daily crime log of any crime (not just those required to be included in the Annual Security Report) that is reported to the campus police department.

Data Entry

The campus must make an entry or an addition to an entry to the log within two business days of the report of the information to the campus police or the campus security department, unless that disclosure is prohibited by law or would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim.

Scope

A campus that maintains a campus police or a campus security department must maintain a written, easily understood daily crime log that records, by the date the crime was reported, any crime that occurred on campus, on a non-campus building or property, on public property, or within the patrol jurisdiction of the campus police or the campus security department and is reported to the campus police or the campus security department. This log must include:

- The nature, date, time, and general location of each crime
- The disposition of the complaint, if known

“Getting to know the students, faculty and staff from the three institutions and the staff from AHEC while building positive relationships with them has made serving this campus community very rewarding.”

— OFFICER YAMA GAFARI
Public Inspection

The campus must make the crime log for the most recent 60-day period available for public inspection during normal business hours. The ACPD must make any portion of the log older than 60 days available within two business days of a request for public inspection.

Department of Education

The Department of Education has declined to describe the contents of “crime log” entry, which include: “the nature, date, time, and general location of each crime.”

The Department of Education responded to a comment regarding protecting the confidentiality of a victim by noting that a campus “may only withhold this information when it is sufficiently clear the victim’s confidentiality is in jeopardy.” The Department of Education’s guidance on this issue should be read in the context of the comment to which it responds. It is clear from the guideline promulgated by the Department of Education that the campus may withhold from disclosure not only information that would jeopardize confidentiality of the victim, but also information that would jeopardize an ongoing criminal investigation or the safety of an individual, cause a suspect to flee or evade detection, or result in the destruction of evidence.

ACPD officers regularly attend various annual campus events such as Spring Ring and Fall Fest.
In the 2019 calendar year the ACPD received 8,859 calls. 3,346 were to report crime-related activities and 627 resulted in arrests.

CAMPUS STATS

*Crime Affiliation
The ACPD may be unable to determine affiliation due to the nature of the crime (i.e., property damage, theft). The identification or affiliation could compromise the confidentiality of an individual as protected by the Clery Act.

ACPD CALLS
4,886 Additional calls
3,346 Crime-related activities
627 arrests

CRIME LOG CASES*
39.32% Not Campus affiliated
24.45% Campus affiliated
37.25% Affiliation unclear

Auraria Library & Tivoli Student Union
The Auraria Library and the Tivoli Student Union are tri-institutional buildings that are also open to the general public. These buildings implement community-oriented policing (C.O.P). C.O.P is a policing strategy that focuses on building ties and working closely with community members to build trust. In 2017, the Auraria Library hired three NCOs to help proactively maintain a safe environment for library patrons.

In the 2019 calendar year, ACPD officers and NCO’s responded to 1,908 calls from the Auraria Library, and 1,606 calls from the Tivoli Student Union, including the Tivoli Station bookstore and the Tivoli Turnhalle event space.

Incident Breakdown

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<td>ALARMS</td>
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<td>ALL OTHER CRIME – This includes, but is not limited to, harassment, stalking, panhandling, disturbing the peace, unHighlightsing in public, public fighting, and domestic violence.</td>
<td>6.1%</td>
<td>13.1%</td>
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<td>ALL OTHER INCIDENTS – An incident is the documentation of an occurrence that was reported to the ACPD. All other incidents include, but are not limited to, found and lost property, noncriminal property damage, verbal disputes, and mental health-related calls.</td>
<td>10%</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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<td>ARSON</td>
<td>0.03%</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>ASSIST/OTHER – ACPD tracks requests to assist other agencies and other calls that don’t fall into any categories, including: sick-injured-fall, hazardous material, and threat assessment.</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>24.6%</td>
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<td>BICYCLE/SCOOTER</td>
<td>0.42%</td>
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<td>BURGLARY</td>
<td>0.78%</td>
<td>0.96%</td>
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<td>COMMUNITY POLICING – This includes citizen assistance, motorist assistance, and any additional community-focused activities.</td>
<td>5.98%</td>
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<td>DAMAGE TO PROPERTY</td>
<td>1.85%</td>
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<td>DRUGS</td>
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<td>FRAUD</td>
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<td>MISCELLANEOUS</td>
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<td>ROBBERY</td>
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<td>SEXUAL ASSAULT</td>
<td>0.49%</td>
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<td>STATUS OFFENSE – A status offense is a noncriminal act that is considered a law violation only because of a youth’s status as a minor. Typical status offenses include truancy, running away from home, violating curfew, underage alcohol use, and general governability.</td>
<td>0.03%</td>
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<td>SUSPICIOUS – This includes any reported suspicious incident, person, or vehicle, a missing person report, threat assessment, public intoxication, and all welfare checks.</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>6.86%</td>
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<td>4.3%</td>
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<td>TRAFFIC – Traffic violations make up the highest percentage of crime occurrences on the Auraria Campus. Campus traffic violations include speeding, failure to stop at a stop sign, DUl's, careless driving, unlawful lane usage, hit-and-run, and more.</td>
<td>24.3%</td>
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<td>TRESPASS</td>
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<td>VEHICLE THEFT</td>
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Lexipol Policy

Lexipol is the required policy manual for any municipality in Colorado insured by Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA). Lexipol is considered to be the gold standard policy manual for medium and small agencies in Colorado.

Lexipol legal and policy content development teams monitor new legislation, statutes, and case law at the state and federal levels, looking for anything that impacts policy content. Lexipol’s teams also keep up with research and reports influencing public safety and government best practices. When an update is needed, Lexipol creates it.

The ACPD also has the flexibility to adjust policies so that they are in alignment with the department’s standards for responsible policing on campus. The ACPD’s policy manual is in a digital format, allowing officers to access it in the field on any mobile device.

Adapting to Change

On June 19, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed Senate Bill 217. Under the direction of ACPD’s Chief Michael Phibbs, the ACPD Policy Manual was updated immediately, and the department began working through compliance logistics in keeping with the new reporting standards mandated by the bill.

“Auraria Campus is a dynamic environment, and I really appreciate that our campus is always actively listening to one another. There is a lot of communication and collaboration on campus between AHEC, the three institutions, and the students. We all work together as a unified “One Auraria” Team.”

— CORPORAL DIANA LUGO

The ACPD participates in annual campus community traditions including Fall Fest, Spring Fling, and the Auraria Sustainable Campus Program Bike Safety events. Each year the ACPD spends time talking about safety with students at the Auraria Early Learning Center.
Tri-Impactful Partnerships with the ACPD

It’s essential for all members of the campus community to report crimes directly to the ACPD. However, there may be some situations where a victim or a person who is close to the victim may feel more comfortable reporting to a Campus Security Authority. A Campus Security Authority (CSA) is an individual, who by virtue of their institutional responsibilities and under the Clery Act, is designated to receive and report criminal incidents to the ACPD so that they may be included and published in the university’s Annual Security Report. They have completed training on how to appropriately handle reporting crimes, victim relations and support, and related school policies.

While the ACPD is considered a CSA, other campus CSA’s include:

- Emergency communication staff
- Deans of students
- Student group faculty advisors
- Program directors
- International studies staff
- Disability resources and services staff
- Department chairs
- Financial aid advisors
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion staff
- Office of Inclusion and Outreach staff
- Title IX coordinators

Currently, the following additional campus resources are available to students, faculty, and staff:

**The Phoenix Center at Auraria | Anschutz**

**Contact:** 303-315-7250  
**After-Hours Support:** 303-556-CALL (2255)

The Phoenix Center at Auraria (PCA) located in Suite 227 of the Tivoli Student Union (900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204) serves students, staff, and faculty associated with the University of Colorado Denver, Community College of Denver, and Metropolitan State University Denver. The PCA provides free and confidential resources and assistance to survivors of interpersonal violence (relationship violence, sexual violence, and stalking) and their friends, families, and concerned others. The PCA’s support services include academic advocacy, assistance reporting to the school and/or law enforcement at the survivor’s request, safety planning, court accompaniment, emotional support, and more. The PCA also provides campus education and training, awareness-raising events, and campus policy guidance.

**CU Denver Counseling Center**

**Contact:** 303-315-7270  
**After-Hours Support:** 303-615-9911

The CU Denver Counseling Center located in Suite 454 of the Tivoli Student Union (900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204), provides mental health counseling services to CU Denver Students as well as community members and Denver Public Schools (DPS) students and their families. Fee-paying students receive counseling sessions at no cost. Community members are charged a nominal fee for services. In addition, the center serves as a training center for counseling graduate students in the School of Education and Human Development (SEHD). It is staffed by psychologists, professional psychotherapists, and advanced graduate-level practicum students. Counseling faculty members, as well as professional staff supervise the students. Supervisors and psychotherapists are well-trained in working with diverse psychological issues with individuals, couples, and families. Services at the center emphasize enriching the quality of life for those seeking treatment. Each individual, couple, or family is assured respect and confidentiality. The center honors the personal needs, philosophies, and beliefs of their clients.

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The CU Denver Counseling Center located in Suite 454 of the Tivoli Student Union (900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204). Counseling services are available to registered CCD students from the Auraria Campus and locations at Lowry and the Advanced Manufacturing Center. Each student is eligible for up to eight sessions each academic year. Services include stress management, grief support, self-care support, anxiety support, and crisis support, with individual and group therapy available.

**CARE Teams**

**CU Denver:** 303-315-7270  
**MSU Denver:** 303-615-0006  
**CCD:** 303-352-3205

The CCD, MSU Denver, and CU Denver CARE Teams are comprised of diverse professionals from across campus. The ACPD has representation on each institution’s CARE Team to provide expertise in criminal matters and threat assessments. A representative from ACPD participates in each CARE Team’s weekly meeting. The ACPD reports to the CARE Team anytime an officer or NCO has an interaction with a student of concern. Additionally, as needed, the CARE Teams consult with other professionals with particular expertise. Such consultation may include legal counsel, financial aid, academic advising, or other departments or resources with specific knowledge that would aid the CARE Team in making appropriate recommendations.
Community Support

The ACPD participates in fundraisers sponsored by community organizations including:
- The Auraria Food Pantries
- Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation
- Colorado Police Officers Foundation
- Special Olympics Colorado
- St. Baldrick’s Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research

Auraria Campus Community

The ACPD hosts events, participates in community outreach, attends student organization meetings, and visits classrooms throughout the academic year.

Campus Community Training

The ACPD and the Office of Emergency Management offer a variety of training opportunities for free to current Auraria Campus students, faculty, and staff including:
- Civilian Trauma Training | Basic Bleeding Control
- Heartsaver | First Aid CPR AED Training
- Preparedness Training for Active Shooter Incidents

Spotlight on Preparedness Training

The ACPD and the Office of Emergency Management also offer Spotlight on Preparedness trainings. Spotlight on Preparedness empowers the campus community to be partners in public safety to develop a culture of preparedness that increases the safety and security of the entire campus population. Seminar topics offered to faculty, staff, and students include hazard awareness, personal risk mitigation, and emergency response skills.

Campus Outreach

ACPD is always looking for opportunities to connect on a personal level with the campus community. Currently, ACPD does this through the following events:
- Campus Safe Night | Students, faculty, and staff are invited to meet in the Tivoli Student Union to learn about campus safety. Following a brief presentation, attendees break into groups to walk the campus and identify safety issues, such as areas that need better lighting or areas in need of repair. Pizza and refreshments are served. The groups reconvene to discuss the issues that were identified and a list is compiled and presented to AHEC.
- Ping Pong with the Police | This event serves as an opportunity for the ACPD to build informal relationships with the campus community over ping pong and pizza.
- Hot-topic Discussions | ACPD staff participate in campus community panel discussions to address current events.
- Class Support | ACPD staff give lectures and participate in interviews for class assignments.

Schedule a Safety or Crime Prevention Presentation

If your department or organization would like to schedule a safety or crime prevention presentation, please contact:

Commander Jason Mollendor
303-556-2263 | jason.mollendor@ahec.edu

Campus Safe Night is one of the most popular annual ACPD campus traditions.
Persons Experiencing Homelessness

The ACPD is committed to providing upstanding service not just to the students, faculty, and staff on the Auraria Campus, but also to our most vulnerable guests. The ACPD has a working relationship with St. Elizabeth’s of Hungary Catholic Church, located at the corner of St. Francis Way and Curtis Street, who serve their mission by providing a daily lunch line and clothing drives for persons experiencing homelessness in downtown Denver. These activities occur within the bounds of the Auraria Campus, and all ACPD officers interact with these individuals with respect and awareness of the many social, economic and health hurdles they face.

How to Contact the ACPD

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contact the ACPD at any time with campus safety issues or concerns.

- Call 303-556-5000 for both emergencies and non-emergencies. Please program this number in your cell phone in the event you need assistance while on campus.
- Call 911 from a campus phone, which includes landline phones located in offices, classrooms, and lounges. (Note: 911 calls from your cell phone are routed to an outside police department, delaying our response time.)
- Text-a-Tip to 720-593-TIPS (8477): Program this number in your cell phone and use it to discreetly contact Dispatch at the Auraria Campus Police Department. (Photos may be included with text messages.) Text-a-Tip is also a way for those with hearing or speech loss to reach us.
- Use the emergency towers with the blue lights on top in all parking lots and walkways, or use the emergency call button phones installed on hallway walls inside all campus buildings. These phones are a direct line to the ACPD, and will dispatch an officer to the call box location immediately if the button is pressed.
- Email ACPD at dispatch@ahec.edu.
- Submit an online report (for non-emergencies only): www.ahec.edu/krimereport.
- Visit the ACPD in person at one of two locations:
  - Administration Building, Suite #110 (1201 5th Street)
  - Tivoli Student Union, Suite #228 (900 Auraria Parkway)

ACPD Campus Safety Tips

- Use the NightRider Service: Call 303-556-2001 to use the safe evening shuttle service to and from campus buildings and parking lots. Late at night, call the ACPD for a ride at 303-556-5000.
- Trust your instincts: If you suspect something is wrong, or if a situation seems dangerous, you’re probably right. Immediately call the ACPD from any campus phone by dialing 911 or from a cell phone by dialing 303-556-5000. You may also “Text-a-Tip” to the ACPD at 720-593-TIPS (8477).
- Bystanders: Be aware of your surroundings. If you see a person in distress, seek immediate help from the ACPD.
- Program your phone: Store the ACPD phone number and Text-a-Tip line in your “favorites” on your cell phone to have the numbers at your fingertips in the event of an emergency—Dispatch: 303-556-5000; Text-a-Tip: 720-593-TIPS (8477).
- Protect your bike: Lock your bike with a U-lock and record your serial number. Always park at a bike rack.
- Crimes of opportunity: Don’t leave your valuables unattended—most crimes are crimes of opportunity.