



University Police Department

The University of Kansas Medical Center Police Department has earned national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies ([CALEA](#)) for the third time. It is one of only five Kansas law enforcement agencies and the state's first and only University Police Department to earn the status, considered "the gold standard in public safety."

"We are gratified to have earned this recognition, which is the result of a three-year reaccreditation process." said **Rick Johnson**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Safety and Chief of Police. "This is a voluntary program – no one forced us to do it. But we wanted to prove to ourselves and our community that we operate at the highest level of professional standards."

The KUMC Police Department operates 24 hours a day supporting the security of faculty, staff, and students at the medical center. They also support and protect the patients, visitors and staff in The University of Kansas Hospital. To earn reaccreditation, the department spent three years documenting procedures for its entire operation, demonstrating it met more than 189 standards. A team from CALEA visited in November 2017 to ensure compliance and they received their award at the CALEA Conference in Fresno, Texas on March 21, 2018.

The department also maintains another major accreditation. In late 2010, in 2014, in 2016 and again in 2018, its Security Division was awarded the Program of Distinction Accreditation, as recognized by the International Association of Healthcare Security & Safety. The KUMC Security Division is one of only a few nationally to be accredited in the specialized field of Healthcare Security, and the first in the Kansas City metro area.