

Tulane University Police Department Community Liaison Program

The Tulane University Police Department (TUPD) recognizes that in order to reduce the impact of crime on the campus, it is necessary to build rapport with students, particularly those in residence halls. Under the Crime Prevention Unit, the Community Liaison Program was formed to meet this very essential need.

Officers are assigned to specific residence halls and through close contact with campus residents in a non-confrontational atmosphere, crime prevention concepts and interactions with law enforcement officers are greatly enhanced.

The officers will meet regularly with the R/As from their assigned residence hall, attend meetings, and providing crime prevention training and safety information to the residents. This approachability enhances the lines of communication between the police and students, thereby facilitating the exchange of information and person-to-person.

In addition, with a noticeable and welcomed police presence in residence halls, the fear of crime can be diminished, while constructive crime prevention measures can be practiced. Through intelligence gathered by officers participating in the program, patrol effectiveness and efficiency are further enhanced, particularly regarding any potential activity that might occur in residence halls. The TUPD officers become liaisons between the University Police Department and Office of Housing and Residential Life.