

Technology Use by University Police

We use a range of technologies in our work to help keep students, faculty, staff, and visitors safe. Our use of tools such as camera technologies, emergency communications systems, and access controls is consistent with applicable law and university policy. These tools are part of a broader public safety approach that places trained personnel, professional judgment, established protocols, community reporting, and direct response by University Police and other campus safety partners at its heart.

Technology can help officers and dispatchers understand what is happening, respond more quickly, and make better-informed decisions. For example, stationary cameras can help observe traffic conditions, identify emerging security concerns, or support an investigation. License plate recognition supports parking operations and, when lawfully appropriate, helps identify vehicles associated with a specific public safety concern. While we evaluated drone-mounted cameras in a May 2026 pilot program, they are not part of our security program at this time. If implemented in the future, drone-mounted cameras could help locate a person in need or assess a hazardous, inaccessible, or quickly evolving situation without placing additional people at risk.

These tools do not replace human judgment and oversight. Authorized personnel review information from safety technology and use it for legitimate emergency response or law enforcement.

Public safety technologies are not used for the purpose of monitoring lawful expression, academic activity, or peaceful assembly, nor for targeting individuals based on identity, viewpoint, or protected status.

If these technologies incidentally capture information suggesting a potential violation of law or policy, the university may review and use that information to help determine what occurred and to support legitimate public safety, investigative, or enforcement efforts, as appropriate and permissible under applicable law, collective bargaining agreements, and university policies and procedures.

We are also committed to responsible information handling. Access to safety technology and related data is limited to authorized personnel with a bona fide need. We do not share this information with federal immigration enforcement agencies unless legally required or compelled to do so. Information may be shared with other law enforcement agencies only when there is a legitimate need in the interest of public safety, emergency response, or a specific investigation, and only in accordance with applicable law and university policy.