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## ABOUT US

Founded in 1876, Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher learning in the state of Texas. With an established reputation for producing engineers, nurses and educators, PVAMU offers baccalaureate degrees in 39 academic majors, 31 master's degrees and four doctoral degree programs through nine colleges and schools. A member of the Texas A&M University System, the University is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service.

Under the Texas Education Code, Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Prairie View A&M University is authorized to operate its own police department. The department is staffed by **27** licensed and commissioned police officers, **10** security attendants, **6** dispatchers, and **3** support personnel. Officers patrol the campus twenty-four hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

All police officers have completed their training at a state-approved police academy and have the same authority and power as any other police agency within the State of Texas. Police officers enforce all applicable federal, state, county, and city laws as well as university regulations.

Prairie View A&M University Department of Public Safety takes the lead in providing a safe environment for the university community by protecting life and property. To achieve this protection, PVAMU DPS maintains patrols to deter and detect crime, report fires and safety hazards, and control traffic on campus.

The police department utilizes vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols to ensure the safety of all who work, visit, or attend Prairie View A&M University. The buildings on campus are periodically walked through and the residential areas of campus are also. The residential areas are patrolled by vehicles and the bicycle patrol for visibility and to promote community policing.

The department works closely with the surrounding law enforcement agencies, (Prairie View Police Department, Waller County Sheriff's Office, Waller County Constable's Office Precinct #3, etc.) Our Crime Prevention and Crime Victim Liaison officer coordinates efforts to assist the campus community with on campus programs such as the Peace Project. The department also works in conjunction with the Judicial Office of the Student Affair Department.

The campus police department is also responsible for investigating all crimes that occur on campus.

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