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2020 Annual Fire Safety and Security Report shows drop in some crimes; liquor law referrals drop for second year in a row.

Report contains three years of crime statistics through 2019 related to incidents that occurred at the University of Missouri.

The University of Missouri Police Department saw a decline in some crimes, including domestic violence and motor vehicle theft in 2019, while liquor law referrals dropped for the second year in a row.

According to the 2019 Annual Fire Safety and Security Report, the number of reported domestic violence reports dropped from 27 in 2018 to 20 in 2019. Reported fondling fell from 13 in 2018 to 10 in 2019 – but one was unfounded. Reported motor vehicle thefts dropped four to 14 reported cases in 2019, with one case discovered to be unfounded.

MUPD Interim Chief Brian Weimer said his department works closely with other campus partners that play a critical role in fostering campus safety, such as the Department of Residential Life and Office for Civil Rights & Title IX.

“We believe it’s important to work as a team to solve the challenges that face our campus community,” Weimer said. “We can be more responsive and better informed when we work in tandem with our campus partners. Our collective goal is to provide a safe and secure campus for all our students, faculty and staff.”

Referrals for disciplinary action due to liquor law violations declined from 196 referrals in 2018 to 186 in 2019. This second-year-in-a-row drop is due, in part, to a continued effort by MU to better educate students about wellness issues such fitness and nutrition, stress-reduction, and alcohol and drugs. At the same time, there was an increase in alcohol arrests over last year from 233 in 2018 to 261 in 2019.

MUPD responded to an increased number of burglaries in 2019 — 11 total, up six from the year before. About one-third involved the theft of electric scooters that had been confiscated for parking violations and stored in a shed on campus.

Gary Ward, vice chancellor for Operations, said MU safety staff are always looking for ways to improve the Mizzou experience for every member of the campus community through educational programming and accessible resources.

“Safety is a top priority at Mizzou,” Ward said. “It is important that we foster a community where everyone feels safe and welcome. We strive to maintain the highest quality public safety services.”

The annual fire safety and security report contains three years of crime statistics related to incidents that occurred on the MU campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by MU, and on public property immediately adjacent to campus. The report includes institutional policies concerning campus security, such as those regarding sexual assault, alcohol and drugs.

The MU Police Department suggests the following tips to minimize the risk of being a victim of a crime:

- Have a companion or a safe means of getting home, i.e., a trusted friend or taxi, if available. The MU Police Department is available to provide safety escorts on campus 24 hours a day. Call 573-882-7201. These escorts are not vehicle escorts and are provided by an unarmed Security Officer who will walk with individuals to their destinations.
- Consider taking a [self-defense class](#) through MUPD.
- Other crime prevention tips can be found on the [MUPD website](#).
If you carry mace or other personal protection devices make sure that you have used them before and can use them quickly under stress. Make sure they are readily available and not buried in your purse or pocket.

Each year, MU publishes the safety and security report, which covers the previous academic year and contains valuable information about safety measure and crime statistics at Mizzou. Statistics for the report are gathered from MUPD, Columbia Police Department, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Office of Civil Rights & Title IX, Residential Life, Office of Accountability and Support, and information provided by campus security authorities. The report is released in compliance with provisions of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

MUPD is the primary law enforcement agency for the University of Missouri. The agency currently has 48 commissioned officers, six security officers, 12 dispatchers, four administrative staff and five to 15 seasonally-dependent, part-time campus safety officers. MUPD is an internationally accredited law enforcement with the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. On a typical day, nearly 45,000 faculty, staff, students and visitors come to the MU campus.