



Dear students and colleagues,

At The University of Akron, our community's safety is a leading priority. This is underscored by the recent implementation of our safety communications plan (Together for a #SaferUA), a strong partnership between the University of Akron Police Department (UAPD) and Akron Police Department (APD), and our consistent desire to provide an environment where all students and colleagues can thrive.

Recently, our campus and the surrounding community have experienced an unfortunate string of car break-ins that understandably rattled our feelings of safety and led to apprehensions about parking in the area. As part of an ongoing investigation, we are pleased to inform you that the UAPD has made four arrests (three juveniles and one adult) and has issued 31 charges related to dozens of incidents during the past few months. Additionally, the APD has separately brought charges related to off-campus incidents, resulting in further arrests. It is important to reiterate that the investigation is ongoing.

The UAPD is committed to providing additional personnel, filling gaps in police presence, upgrading of safety resources, building upon our existing relationship with APD and much more.

Our University of Akron community is close-knit and enjoys the benefits and opportunities of our urban setting. Thanks to the critical placement of approximately 2,000 on-campus camera views and an additional 140 views south of E. Exchange St., we were able to identify and apprehend the suspects who have been charged. Moreover, we are grateful for our robust partnership with APD that allowed our two policing agencies to work together to strengthen the protection of our people and property. Together, UA leadership and the UAPD invite your continued vigilance to assist in securing our community.

With sincere appreciation for a strong community,

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