



# UBC CAMPUS SECURITY

(Vancouver Campus)  
2013 Annual Report to the Board of Governors

## INTRODUCTION

As ambassadors to the UBC community, Campus Security embraces UBC’s core values of Excellence, Integrity, Mutual Respect, Equity and Public Interest in promoting a safe and welcoming environment.

The Vancouver campus is spread over 1,000 acres and has a student, faculty and staff population of over 60,000. UBC Campus Security provides security services to the community including:

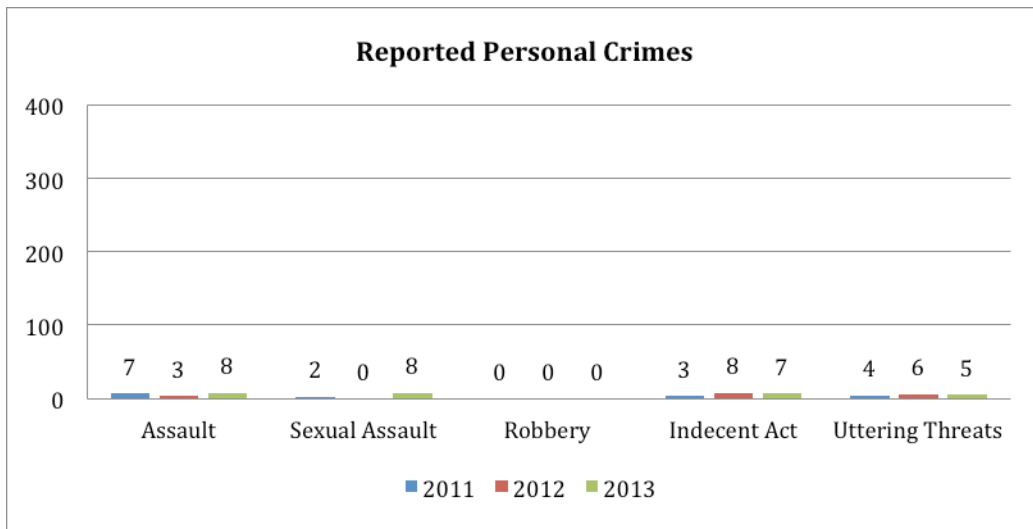
- 24/7 campus wide patrols on bike, foot and by vehicle, as well as continuous security within buildings.
- Community relations including crime prevention education and training, a central lost and found, as well as after care support for those who have experienced a personal security incident.
- Consultations, installations and technical support for departments’ alarm systems, cameras and card access requirements.

Contributions to a safe campus are anchored in strong partnerships with many UBC departments/faculties, student groups and external agencies including the local RCMP.

## ANNUAL STATISTICS

### **A) Reported Personal Crime**

Reported offences involving crimes against people continue to be very low for a community of this size and the population of the Vancouver campus.



In 2013 over a 6-month period 6 sexual assaults occurred on campus that the RCMP believes to be committed by one individual. RCMP Major Crimes is currently leading the investigation. Campus Security and Student Development & Services continue to work with key campus stakeholders in introducing measures and programs in response to these assaults. Some of the actions taken by UBC include:

- On-going education and awareness program for the campus community focusing on “Stay safe – Don’t walk alone” and new [www.ubc.ca/staysafe](http://www.ubc.ca/staysafe) website for information sharing.
- Enhanced Security and police patrols.

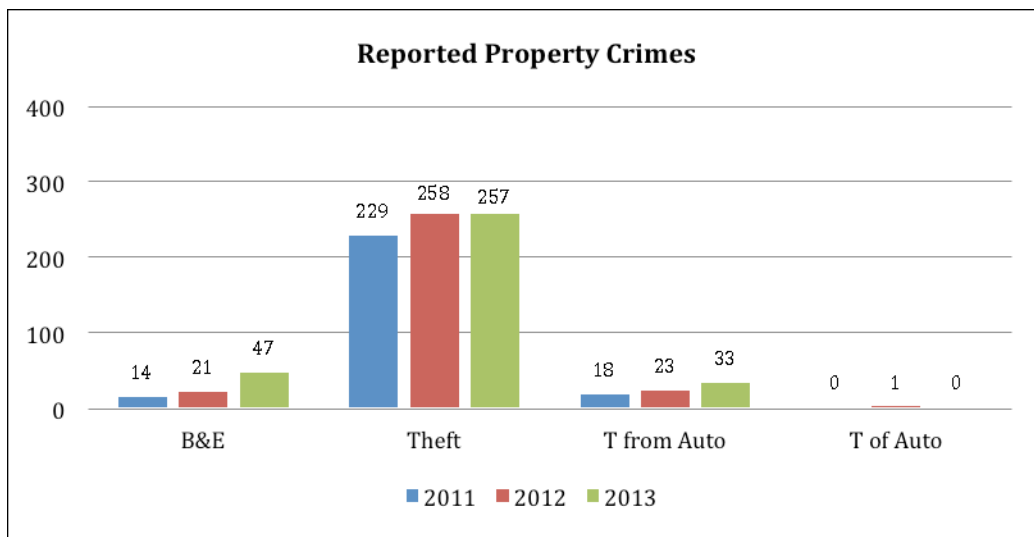
- Increased Safewalk hours with vehicle transports to support the increased number of requests.
- Improved lighting especially around construction sites.
- A Campus Safety committee was appointed by the UBC Executive to review safety measures on campus. Recommendations on additional measures and programs will be put out for consultation to the campus community with the final report expected to be released in March 2014.

Reported personal crimes are generally not of a very serious nature and in 2013 included:

- Assault: The 8 incidents include arguments or fights where no significant injuries were sustained.
- Robbery: No reported incidents.
- Indecent Acts: the 7 incidents include public nudity and/or urination.
- Threats: The 5 incidents include arguments or text message threats.

### B) Reported Property Crime

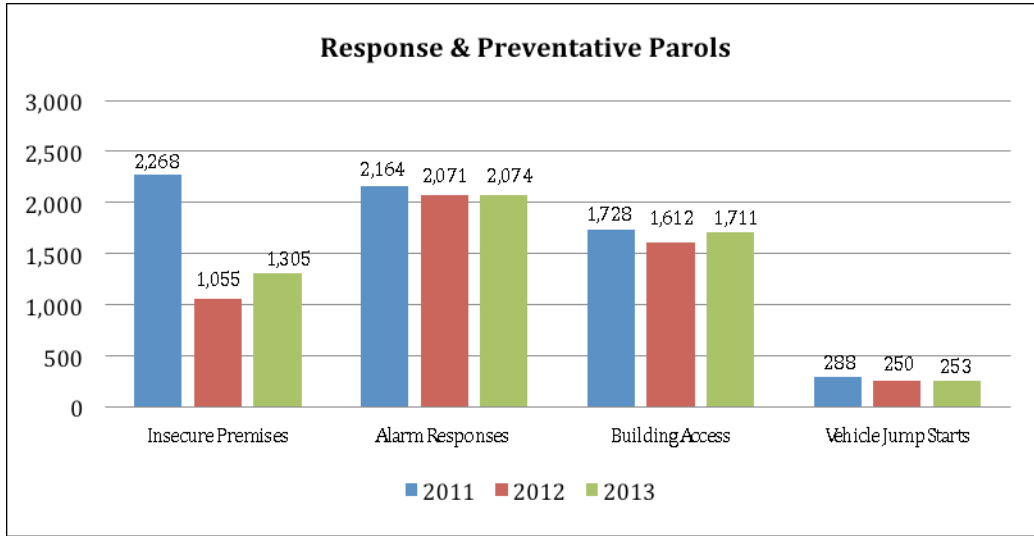
Campus Security and the RCMP focus on educating the campus community in efforts to reduce theft of personal and UBC owned property. Crime reduction programs and increased patrols target higher risk areas of campus.



- B&E: There was a significant increase in break & enters that are believed to be committed by a small nucleus of non-UBC individuals. Campus Security is working with the RCMP and other police agencies to identify these individuals. Site reviews are conducted on buildings to strengthen the resistance of locks and doors.
- Theft: The majority of theft incidents relate to bikes, shoplifting, smart phones, laptops, tablets and wallets. Campus Security and the RCMP continue to walk through populated areas of campus educating the community about the risks of leaving valuables unattended.
- Theft from Auto: The majority of thefts from auto target global positioning devices (GPS), laptops, tablets & smart phones in plain view. Campus Security and the RCMP focus on educating commuters through programs like “Lock Out Auto Crime”.
- Theft of Auto: no reported incidents.

### C) Security Response and Preventative Patrols

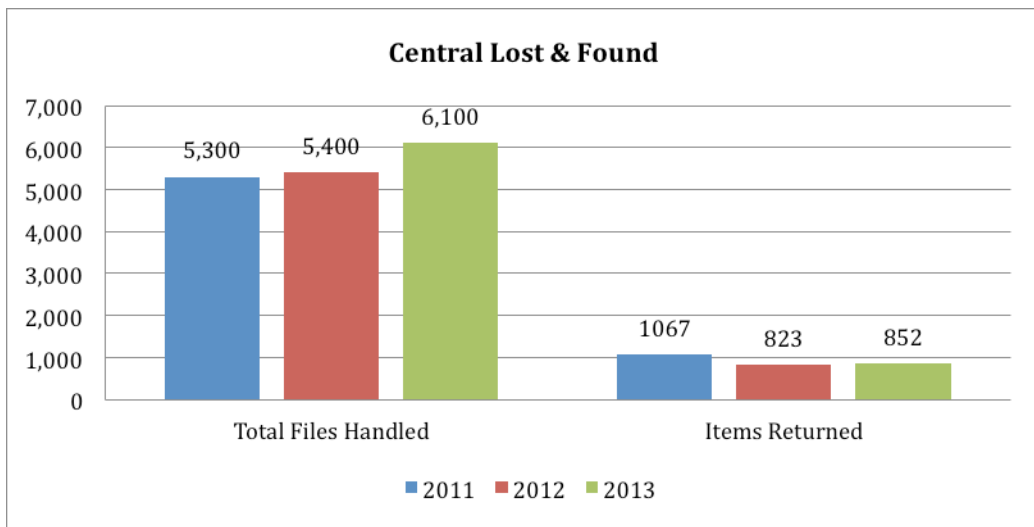
Campus Security provides a variety of services with the core functions focusing on crime reduction and assisting the campus community. Campus Security provides 24/7 pro-active patrols to check on insecure premises and staff respond to alarms in secured buildings and offices.



Insecure premises are followed up with the departmental administration to reduce future incidents. Campus Security is often called upon for assistance from the community. The most requested services from the campus community are requests to access offices or buildings and vehicle jump starts for stranded motorists.

**D) Lost and Found**

The central Lost & Found (L&F) at Campus Security handled about 6,100 ‘Lost’, ‘Found’ & ‘Returned’ files in 2013. This is an increase of 700 files from the previous year. The L&F website has proven to be a very popular and increased the number of files supported this year. In addition about \$240,000 of items were returned to owner through the L&F. Campus Security has been very successful in returning higher value items including wallets, laptops, phones and tablets. Campus Security encourages all students, staff and faculty to ID all of their belongings, so they can be returned where possible.



As part of our sustainability initiative unclaimed items are donated to various organizations including: eyeglasses to Third World Eye Care Society (TWECS), books to Books for Africa and clothing to various

charities. Other unclaimed items are sold at an annual lost and found sale, with proceeds going to the United Way.

**2014 OBJECTIVES**

- Continuation of the Keyless Project initiative which is focused on making the campus facilities more easily accessible for students, faculty and staff while ensuring access and security within buildings
- Renewed focus on outreach to the community regarding personal security awareness and crime reduction. Increased interaction with local safety committees regarding building risk reviews
- Campus Security will play a leading role in overseeing the implementation of the Campus Safety Working Group's report recommendations
- AEDs' (Automated External Defibrillators) to be carried in two Patrol vehicles and one in the office and will be available in the event of a health emergency
- Focus on departmental business continuity and preparedness to move Security Operations if required in the event of an emergency.