University Police Department
Youngstown State University maintains a well-trained and well-equipped
campus police department. The department is located in Clingan Waddell Hall
at the corner of Fifth Ave. and Wood St.

The staff consists of 26 sworn full time police officers, 70 intermittent sworn
police officers, and five civilian support staff. All sworn police officers are
trained and certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and have
full police powers. The department is a community-service, technology-
efficient law enforcement agency. The staff is supported by a sophisticated
communication system, closed circuit television, well-equipped police vehicles,
and a computer-based record-keeping system.

The training of the departmental personnel is ongoing, and crime prevention
is a departmental priority. During the academic year, various University
organizations sponsor educational programs that feature YSU police officers
speaking to students and employees about personal safety, awareness,
security, rape/acquaintance rape, sexual-assault and prevention, as well as the
prevention of burglary and vandalism.

The Youngstown State University Police Department has mutual aid
agreements with the Youngstown City Police Department, the Mahoning
County Sheriff’s Department, and a majority of other police Departments in
Mahoning County and with other state universities in Ohio. The agreements
provide for the Youngstown State University Police Department to exercise the
same law enforcement authority when engaged in law enforcement functions
as their partners in the various mutual aid agreements, in order to provide a
safe and secure environment for the Youngstown State University Community.
Certain officers from the department are also members of the Mahoning Valley
Law Enforcement Task Force as well as the Mahoning County OVI Task Force.
These task forces make available additional resources to the YSU Police
Department.

The University Police Department is open 24 hours a day. The general business
telephone number is (330) 941-3527. The emergency service number is
extension 911 dialed through any campus extension. Campus emergency
telephones are located throughout campus that will connect you directly to
the YSU Police Department in the event of an emergency. 911 calls made from
cell phones are answered by the City of Youngstown Communications Center.
If a 911 call is made on a cell phone, it is important for the person to tell the
call taker they are calling from the YSU Campus. All students are encouraged
to program the YSU Police Department phone number (330) 941-3527 into
their cell phones for immediate contact with a YSU Police Dispatcher when a
campus phone is not available or convenient.

Campus Safety Statistics
Youngstown State University has an outstanding record of safety on campus.
For a detailed description of campus safety measures and FBI Uniform Crime
Report statistics, see the publication Annual Campus Safety and Fire Report
available from YSU Police, the Vice President for Student Affairs, or from the
campus crime-prevention boards located in all campus buildings. Statistics
collected by the department on crimes occurring on or near campus are
submitted to the U.S. Department of Education annually in compliance with
the The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime
Statistics Act.

Campus Safety Alerts, as well as other information regarding campus
safety, can be viewed at the University Police Department website. (http://
cms.ysu.edu/ administrative-offices/police/ysu-police/)

Emergency Notification System
The University has in place an emergency notification system that instantly
reaches cell phones and other mobile devices when an urgent campus
situation needs to be communicated. In the event of an emergency, a text
message is sent to the mobile number and/or email registered with the
system. Students must register at the YSU Alert Notification System website
to receive emergency notifications. Parents and family of students may also
sign up at the same website to receive alerts.

Student Security Service (SSS)
SSS is a free service provided by specially trained YSU student employees
who will accompany students, faculty, and staff safely anywhere on campus.
During the hours of operation, you can be escorted to the near North Side if
an officer is also available to assist with the escort. Student Security Service
aides are available Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.,
and on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., every day school is in session. The
exception is summer semester and during breaks, when escorts are available
from 7:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those with disabilities who
need assistance are encouraged to make special arrangements to be safely
escorted to any location on campus, day or night. Call (330) 941-1515 for more
information or to schedule an escort. After hours or on holidays and weekends,
call the YSU Police Department at (330) 941-3527 if you need assistance.