

THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI POLICE AND THE GENERAL HOSPITAL POLICE

The University of Cincinnati Police was formed in 1965 when the administrations of the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati General Hospital decided that formal police departments were needed. Prior to 1965, the campus had private police and contract guards. The first certified police officers that were hired acted as supervisors for the contract security officers and building guards working in those campus areas.

In 1967, retired Cincinnati police lieutenant Paul Steuer was hired as police chief of the University of Cincinnati, and retired Cincinnati police officer John Reed was hired as chief of police for Cincinnati General Hospital. The officers were not armed until 1968. In 1975, campus security formally became the Department of Public Safety. The University of Cincinnati Police and the General Hospital Police merged into one department with the state police authority when the University of Cincinnati became a state university in 1977.