Investing in Security and the Community

Yale is currently in labor contract negotiations with the union representing its police officers. The university devotes extensive resources to YPD, and the officers receive excellent pay and benefits that are highly competitive with other police departments. This allows Yale to attract and retain the best candidates for its officer ranks. Yale has proposed an attractive contract to increase pay and enhance benefits for its officers. As contract negotiations continue with the union toward a resolution, the officers are on the job and keeping Yale safe and secure.

Yale is proud of the women and men who serve our campus in a public safety capacity. They, along with faculty, staff and students, are instrumental in keeping the Yale campus safe, open, and welcoming.

Here are some highlights of Yale's investments in campus security:

- The Yale Police Department has highly trained, armed, and certified police officers to patrol, protect, and serve the Yale campus.
- Yale also has a security department with uniformed security staff who patrol
 in and around buildings, manage access control, oversee the Identification
 Center and staff the Central Alarm Station.
- YPD actively partners with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. YPD and the New Haven Police Department meet regularly to discuss crime prevention initiatives and community policing, and to share intelligence and information. YPD also engages with members of the campus community to increase crime prevention awareness.
- Yale's public safety team uses technology—including cameras, emergency phones, access cards, and mobile phone apps—to prevent crimes and protect all members of the Yale Community and those visiting campus.
- There is a free, 24-hour lock-out service for campus residents.
- Yale Security provides walking escorts and door-to-door transit rides at night.
- A nighttime Yale Shuttle provides service throughout campus until 1 a.m.

In addition to reviewing the information on this sheet, we encourage you to learn more about Yale's commitment to safety and security on your own. Please ask questions and share any concerns with university representatives. We also hope you will explore New Haven and the Yale campus while you are here to form your own opinion.

Yale Public Safety



New Haven: "Greatest Small City in America" and one of the safest.

On social media, proud New Haveners tag posts with #GSCIA – for "greatest small city in America." With more than 375 years of history, three world-class theaters, an art scene unrivaled by any city of its size, and (of course) the world's best pizza, it's easy to see why.

Since the mid-1990s, New Haven has undergone a major urban renaissance, and Yale has played a leading role. At the 2010 census, New Haven was the fastest growing city in the entire northeast. The city is regularly cited in travel media as an exciting destination for a day trip or weekend, and Livability.com even named New Haven the "#1 Foodie City in America" in 2014. Spend some time exploring the Elm City during your visit, and you'll see why New Haven continues to grow, with more hotels and apartments under development to meet increased demand.

Over the past 30 years, New Haven and Yale have also seen steady declines in crime:

- The number of robberies in New Haven has been reduced by more than half in just the past seven years. This follows significant decreases that occurred in the previous two decades.
- Although infrequent, the vast majority of crimes that occur on Yale's campus are property crimes. These, and all on-campus crimes, have been steadily declining.
- In 2017, a total of 256 crimes were reported, according to the FBI's uniform crime reporting (UCR) system. This was a record low number with records dating back to 1985, and the positive trend continues into 2018.
- Among the ten Ivy+ schools in Yale's peer group, Yale had the second-lowest number of campus crimes reported in 2016. ¹

¹ Data provided by the U.S. department of Education's Campus Safety and Security Data Analysis Cutting Tool: <u>ope.ed.gov/campussafety</u>