The University of Kansas Medical Center has an advantage when it comes to the safety and security of patients, staff and students: a fully commissioned law enforcement agency.

“Our state law enforcement status and training give us a benefit that other hospitals don’t have,” said Rick Johnson, director of the KUMC Police Department. “We have 35 police officers, 13 security officers, 11 communications and records employees, and a clerical staff of four. This allows us to provide comprehensive law enforcement and security services to the hospital, academic campus, KUMC-owned property and the surrounding Rosedale neighborhood.”

“It is important that the KUMC community knows we are here providing protection on a day-to-day basis, but also that we are an active player in the bigger picture of homeland security,” said Johnson, who is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

The department works closely with area law enforcement agencies and has continuous access to threat information and intelligence from sources such as the FBI and the Office of Homeland Security.

The results speak for themselves. For the third year in a row, the total number of crimes reported to KUMC Police has decreased. For example, theft is down from 217 incidents in 2001 to just 155 in 2003. Property damage has dropped each year – from 37 in 2001 to 25 this past year.

But statistics don’t tell the whole story, Johnson said. He also gauges the department’s success by how well it meets KUMC’s ever-changing needs. “Twenty-first century police officers need to be expert problem-solvers,” he said. “If we see that vehicle burglaries are on the rise in surrounding communities on Friday afternoons, we immediately change our campus parking lot security patrol schedules. We don’t wait for problems to find us.”

Like their counterparts on the city streets, KUMC police officers carry radios and a standard array of weapons on their belts, including a firearm, Taser and baton. All have received extensive scenario-based training on when and how to use each type of weapon.

The department is also proactive in areas such as workplace violence awareness and community security education. KUMC’s Community Policing unit makes dozens of crime prevention presentations at the medical center and at area neighborhood functions.

Preserving safety and security is a partnership, advised Johnson. He and his department will do everything they can to keep us safe. But it still makes sense to lock cars, walk to the parking lot or garage with a buddy, and report suspicious activity.

To report an emergency or suspected criminal activities, call 9-1-1 or use an emergency blue phone. The department’s non-emergency number is 8-5030. To arrange a community security presentation, contact Community Policing at 8-5196 or 8-5067. For more information, visit www.kumc.edu/police.
Hospital Trauma Recertification

After an extensive review by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), The University of Kansas Hospital Trauma Program has been recertified at Level I status. That is the highest designation any trauma program in the country can achieve.

The ACS Level I rating has been awarded to only 95 trauma programs in the country. The University of Kansas Hospital treats approximately 1,350 trauma patients each year.

Burn Center Web Site

The University of Kansas Hospital’s Burn Center has recently launched an informational Web site at www.kumc.edu/burn. The site explains its comprehensive patient care, describes its innovative research program and provides biographical information about staff members.

Ryder Cup Donation

Chris Riley, a member of this year’s U.S. Ryder Cup golf team, has donated $25,000 to The University of Kansas Hospital’s annual Threads & Threads fund-raiser.

The PGA of America gives each member of the American team $200,000 to donate to charities. Riley is sponsored by the Bayer Corp. John Payne, president and general manager of Bayer’s North America Animal Health Division, and a co-chair of this year’s Treads & Threads, suggested Riley donate to the event.

The third annual fund-raiser, held at Kansas Speedway Sept. 10, raised more than $300,000 for the hospital’s Cancer Center.

Image Campaign

The University of Kansas Hospital’s fall image advertising campaign is running now until Thanksgiving. Television spots, radio spots and print ads will appear in various media outlets throughout the Kansas City area.

Four print ads feature the “academic medical center difference” theme and physicians Loren Berenbom, MD, Amy O’Brien-Ladner, MD, Sara Taylor, MD, and Christopher Kafka, MD.

Steam Shut-off

Because of new construction and required work on utility systems, buildings on the KUMC campus will not have steam for heat, hot water or warm showers from approximately 10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24, until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Food service will not be affected. However buildings may seem cool if outside temperatures drop. Additional blankets will be available for patients’ comfort.

NIH Visit

From left, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, director, National Institutes of Health, visited with KUMC executives and biomedical researchers during a Sept. 17 visit. Welcoming him were Barbara Atkinson, MD, executive dean, KU School of Medicine, Donald Hagen, MD, KUMC executive vice chancellor, and U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas.
60th Anniversary

Above, Lou Loescher-Junge, PT, KU School of Allied Health assistant dean (left), gave the Jessie Ball Lecture at the 60th anniversary celebration of the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences Sept. 17. Dean Karen Miller, RN, PhD (second from right), and Lisa Stehno-Bittel, PT, PhD, chair of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences (right), welcomed alum Arlyn Newman during the celebration.

Oldest Alum

Below, John Dixon, MD, the oldest living SoM alumnus, joined in alumni reunion activities Sept. 17. He shared recollections of his early days in medicine with Dan Ginavan, Center for TeleMedicine. Dixon, 99, graduated in 1930. He practiced general surgery in Brookfield, Mo., and served as a flight surgeon in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Rehab Week

Weeklong celebrations recognized the contributions of the KUMC Rehabilitation Department. From left, front row, new members of Rehab include Colleen Booz, Amanda Graham and Allison Phillips, PT. In the back row, from left, are Judy Walls, RN, Jessica Rottinghaus, PT, Stephanie Wilkin, OT, and Cindee Chase, RN.

Highest Honors

Two KUMC endowed professorships were officially granted at a Sept. 17 investiture ceremony. Roy Jensen, MD, the first full-time director of the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, received the William R. Jewell, MD, Distinguished Kansas Masonic Professorship. Carol Fabian, MD, a researcher who has pioneered models for determining breast cancer risk, was named the Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Chair. Both professorships were endowed by gifts and pledges totaling $20 million from the Kansas Masonic Foundation for cancer research and education.
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Automotive:
1995 Ford Aerostar XLT, black with running boards, runs well, power windows/locks, 96K miles, heat works, A/C needs repair. $2,100 OBO. 816-797-2520.

For Sale:
Charming Tudor house in Waldo, 7523 Walnut, 3 BR, 1½ BA, living room with vaulted ceiling, fenced yard, many recent updates, stové, refrigerator, washer/dryer, FSBO, $181,500. Make appointment at 816-523-2683.

Beautiful atrium split in Lee’s Summit, 2-car garage, 3 BR, 2½ BA, hardwood entry, vaulted great room with FP, eat-in kitchen with hardwoods, large MBR with jacuzzi, finished walk-out, 105 S.W. Drew Lane, $159,900. 816-524-5501.

Coming Up

Thursday, Sept. 23
- YouthFriends Week recruitment luncheon, noon, Varnes Conference Center, 4th Floor, School of Nursing. Sign up at www.kumc.edu/community or call 8-1255.
- Homeless hygiene product drive, now through Sept. 30, ground-floor vending area, School of Nursing. Travel-size products needed.
- Christmas in October volunteer registration, now through Oct. 1, to refurbish homes on Oct. 2 in the Rosedale neighborhood. Sign up at www.kumc.edu/community or contact Missy Heidrick at 8-1255 or mheidrick@kumc.edu.

Friday, Sept. 24
- School of Medicine annual faculty retreat, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., School of Nursing Auditorium; 4 p.m. reception honoring Bohan Teaching Award recipients.
- HealthyStart clothing giveaway, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Center Lobby.

Saturday, Sept. 25
- KUMC Street Fair, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., parking lot at 36th and Rainbow Blvd. Rain location is Rosedale Middle School.
- Kickin’ for Kids soccer ball juggling competition and clinic, 4 p.m., Parking Lot C, Arrowhead Stadium prior to Wizards game, fund-raiser for Children’s Miracle Network. For more information, visit www.cmnkc.org.
- “Terrorism: Are You Prepared for a Terrorist Event in Kansas City?” 8 a.m.-noon, Battenfeld Auditorium. To register call 8-1227.

Monday, Sept. 27
- Jack’s Birthday Bash “Hawk Night 2004” celebration for KUMC students, 4:30-6 p.m., Kirmayer Fitness Center. Free taco bar, T-shirts, chair massages, games.

Tuesday, Sept. 28
- KUMC Research Orientation, 10 a.m.-noon, G013 School of Nursing. Register by Sept. 27 by contacting Kim Scarbrough at 8-5757 or kscarbrough@kumc.edu.

Advertisements:
- Spacious 3 BR ranch-style house, 4141 Cambridge, KC, large storage area, fenced yard, desirable neighborhood near KUMC/Plaza/Westport. 913-634-1082 or 913-322-7500.
- Queen bed, $65; loveseat, $80; dinette, $25; desk, $20; bookshelves, $15; vacuum, $18; lamps, $5; folding table, $5; laundry cart, $24; CD tower, $5; must sell. 816-522-4784.
- Garage sale: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25, 7918 W. 49th Terrace, Merriam, Kan., furniture, gas grill, infant’s and children’s clothes, 6 months to 14 years, books, toys, assorted craft items.
- Used trumpet including case, great for a beginning musician, $150. 913-782-2897.

Ad Policy - Send or bring your ad, 30 words or less, to Bldg. 48, Room 1070, fax to 8-0241, or e-mail ccollins9@kumc.edu. Ads may be held a week if space is limited.

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