UPD employs full-time, commissioned police officers, certified by the Alaska Police Standards Council. UPD officers are responsible for enforcing Alaska State Statutes, local laws, UAA policies, investigating incidents, arresting perpetrators of criminal activity, and maintaining order on campus and surrounding property. UPD officers also provide special services unique to the University setting. Those services include maintaining security of University buildings, providing crime prevention classes to students, staff, and members of the community, providing safety escorts, vehicle unlocks, and vehicle jumpstarts on campus.

UPD is available 24 hours a day to answer calls. In an emergency, dial 911. You may also use an emergency phone in an elevator, or use one of the blue-lighted emergency phones throughout campus. For non-emergencies on campus, you can contact UPD at 907-786-1120.