The UTSA Police Department has created a new active shooter video, titled “Choose to Live.”

This is one of many tools the UTSA PD offers to maintain the safety of the campus community.

The video uses training principles known as Avoid, Deny, Defend (sometimes referred to as A-D-D) for reacting to an active shooter or other urgent crises. It is aimed at empowering and preparing individuals with the knowledge they need to protect themselves and others in the event of a critical incident.

Now-Lt. Shawn Smith took on the project and arranged a meeting with UTSA’s OIT Video Production Group, who expressed willingness to help make this video. Smith led a committee comprising two officers and one civilian to advance the project. Smith wrote the script, and the committee members gave valuable input and feedback to strengthen its accuracy.

Smith’s vision was to create an educational video that everyone can identify with, that is emotionally engaging, and that will leave a lasting impression on viewers so that they will remember the principles. His goal was to empower people to survive. The video has many elements intended to grab and keep viewers’ attention, while getting the principles across as effectively as possible.

The production team shot the video’s primary scenes on UTSA’s Main Campus during the summer of 2017. Several UTSA Police officers served as actors. Two of the main characters were played by a UTSA student and a local actress. Nearly 50 students, staff, family and friends participated as extras, and those familiar faces help engage the audience. The San Antonio Fire Department provided 20 firefighters and EMTs to add to the situation’s realism.

The UTSA Police Department urges all members of the campus community to watch the video. It will be shown during several classes offered by HR, including the Community Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course.

Services provided by Security Services

- Installation of electronic access control, prox card readers, key pads, biometric readers, and locknetics.
- Security cameras
- Panic Alarms
- Emergency phones—blue light phones
- Building intercoms
- Installation of cores
- Issuances of keys
- Pad locks, gate openers, chains
- Installation of key boxes, electronic and non-electric
- Card Access
- Door alarms and other security alarms
- RFID tags/gate access
- Physical security reviews/evaluations
- Body cameras, in-car video management systems, mobile data terminals

UTSA Alerts – Emergency Notification System

UTSA guests can register to receive temporary emergency alerts while on campus.

- Text UTSAGuest to 226787. You will receive a confirmation and welcome text.
- Registration for guest alerts expire after one week.
- Reply “STOP UTSAGuest” to cancel.

Questions? Email beprepared@utsa.edu.

Visit the UTSA Alerts website for more information about emergency preparedness: www.alerts.utsa.edu.
UTSA Police Department’s Safety and Crime Prevention Programs:

- **LiveSafe App**—New app allowing users to get immediate help, report incidents or suspicious activity, have a friend or family member track them using SafeWalk, access safety resources, and more.

- **UTSA Mobile App**—Students should download the app and explore the “Emergency info” section.

- **Emergency Blue Phones**—Phones are located in parking lots, pedestrian walkways, and other areas of campus. By pressing the Emergency Call button, the caller is connected to the UTSA Police dispatcher.

- **Safety Escort Program**—PD uniformed staff will provide an escort from anywhere on campus to any location on campus 24/7. Call 210.458.4242.

- **Whistle and Phone Flare defense programs**—PD offers free key-chain safety whistles and encourages students and staff to explore Phone Flare or other apps that contact campus law enforcement and friends and family when activated.

- **Motorist Assist**—PD has a Campus Courtesy Vehicle that assists campus motorists with dead batteries, flat tires, out of gas or keys locked in their vehicle. Students can call 210.458.4242 or use any building, elevator or parking lot emergency phone or intercom to request assistance.

- **Operation Identification**—Students can borrow an engraver from UTSA PD and engrave their driver’s license or student ID numbers on valuable items of personal property to aid in recovery of stolen or lost items.

- **Crime Prevention Presentations**—PD offers presentations pertaining to personal safety, sexual assault prevention, acquaintance rape, women’s self-defense, alcohol and drug awareness, burglary and theft prevention and office safety. Programs include the DUDE—Designated, Unimpaired Driver Extraordinaire—urging students to be responsible for getting friends home safely.

- **UTSA Police’s Community Affairs group** co-hosts and speaks and tables at campus events throughout the year including National Night Out, Take Back the Night (to raise awareness about partner violence and sexual assault), Spring Break Safety, self-defense classes, new-student orientations, freshman AIS classes.

- **Safety Training for staff and faculty. “Choose to Live” video** will be a key element of trainings.

- **Rowdy Watch Student Patrol**—student workers trained to assist in monitoring the safety of campus community members and facilities. Provide escorts from one on-campus location to another; check the security of buildings; check bicycle racks for unsecured bicycles; and report on lighting and other safety issues.

- **Anti-terrorist meeting UTSA hosted with FBI in 2018.**

- **Office of Emergency Management**—develops all-hazard plans and identifies critical and key resources to allow UTSA faculty, staff, and students to recover from emergencies and disasters affecting our campuses. They aim to provide a safe and secure scholastic environment for UTSA students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

- **Emergency Management** trains and regularly updates its cadre of floor captains. It provides weather alerts to encourage wise decision-making and encourage safe planning.

- **Public Safety Advisory Committee**—cross-functional team from across the university helping to exchange information and expand the role of individuals in enhancing campus safety