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Protecting Your Future...Today

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**UTSAPD Chief Steve Barrera**  
Chief Barrera starts on May 1, 2010  
Photo: UTSA Today

## UTSA Announces New Chief of Police

as deputy chief - service and support division commander, reporting directly to Police Chief William McManus.

During the span of his 30 year career in the SAPD, Chief Barrera has held a diverse range of positions as he advanced through the ranks. He has been a Community Relations Officer, a Lieutenant for the East Patrol and a Captain as the Research and Planning Section Commander. Most recently he was the Deputy Chief over the Services and Support Division with oversight

of department's administrative operations in the areas of Administration and Records, Communication and Transportation, Property and Evidence Storage and Research and Planning Sections.

Chief Barrera has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from The University of Texas at San Antonio (class of 1982), where he has also taught in the Criminal Justice Department as an Adjunct Faculty member. He received his Master's degree in Public Administration from

Texas State University. He is also a former adjunct professor of public administration at Wayland Baptist University.

Chief Barrera will assume his new duties at UTSA on May 1. Chief Barrera's education and experience will serve the university well as he will be responsible for the leadership, planning, implementation, management and operation of the university's police department. Please welcome Chief Steve Barrera to UTSA.

Reference: UTSA Today

## Sexting: A Disturbing New Trend

If you own a cell phone with a camera and text messaging capabilities, you are capable of participating in the latest trend for teens and young adults. Sexting is a disturbing trend in which someone sends sexually provocative pictures to others by a picture text message. Some college students admit to having indulged in it. This is a dangerous practice that has serious repercussions that students and the general public need to be made more aware.

The media has focused a lot of attention on how dangerous sexting is for teens to participate in, but there has been significantly less attention given to college students who participate in sexting. It may seem like

its okay for college students to participate in sexting because owning nude pictures of someone over the age of 18 is not illegal, but there are still several repercussions college students can face if they do participate. They could be considered as registered sex offenders and charged with child pornography if the person in the picture was considered underage at the time the photo was taken.

Obviously, once a picture is out there it can be shared or forwarded to others without the owner's permission and even posted online. This can lead to several embarrassing situations. According to the law, anyone in possession of child por-

nography could be charged, even if it was an obscene picture of themselves when they were under 18. If someone sent a picture of themselves when they were underage and is now over 18, whoever has the picture in that possession could still be charged with child pornography. Texas laws that pertain to sexting are under Penal Code Chapter 43 Section 43.22, 43.24 and 43.26, which state: "Obscene display or distribution. Sale, distribution, or display of harmful material. Possession or promotion of child pornography."

So carefully consider the following: Don't take or send nude or sexually suggestive photos of yourself or



**Don't Send Shocking Sexting Photos**  
Protect your self from this disturbing trend  
Photo: Google Images

anyone else. It may cost you that perfect job or to be in violation of the student code of conduct. In some cases, revenge between ex-boyfriend/girlfriend can be a reason for sexting. The bottom line: Stay alert when using digital media. People aren't always who they seem to be, even in real. References: studlife.com, thecent.org, tjcnnewsaper.com, connectsafely.org



**Dating Violence Is On The Rise**  
 Know the issues about dating violence  
 Photo From: Google Images

Dating in college is supposed to be an enjoyable part of your college experience. Unfortunately, college dating turns violent more often than many people would like to admit. In dating violence, one partner tries to maintain power and control over the other through abuse. Dating violence crosses all racial, economic and social lines.

Dating violence can refer to physical violence, such as pushing, grabbing, shoving, slapping, kicking, biting, hitting, beating up, or using

## Dating Violence Issues on College Campuses

(or threatening to use) a knife or gun. It often refers to sexual violence, a broad term covering sexual assault, abuse, aggression, coercion, and rape. Dating violence also encompasses stalking—willful and repeated harassment that instills fear in the victim.

Stalking behaviors may include following the victim, waiting for and watching the victim, showering the victim with unwanted attention or gifts, threatening to hurt the victim, and using technology such as hidden cameras to track the victim's whereabouts.

As reported in the Campus Dating Violence Fact Sheet published by the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC), 32% of college students report dating violence by a previous partner; 21% report violence by a current partner; and 51% of college males admit perpe-

trating one or more sexual assault incidents during college. With such staggering figures, it's good to know where and how to get help if you, or someone you know, has experienced (or is experiencing) dating violence.

**Make Sure You're Safe:** If you, or a friend, has experienced dating violence of any kind, make sure you are in a safe place before doing anything else. If you need to, crash at someone else's apartment.

**Talk to Someone:** Talking to someone is one of the best things you can do for yourself or your friend.

**On-campus resources:** The UTSA Counseling Center and the Women's Resource Center are excellent on-campus resources with licensed counselors to help

you deal with this issue. Call them at 458-4142.

Off-campus resources: San Antonio Police Department's Victims' Advocacy Office at 207-2141 or the Bexar County Women's Shelter at 733-8810 are both great resources.

If you're not sure what's provided in your community, you can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE. *References: about.com, ncb.org & acadv.org*



**Learn About Dating Violence Issues**  
 Protect yourself with knowledge  
 Photo From: Google Images



Crime Prevention Officer Melody Piepho

## Officer Piepho's Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

### Burglary of Vehicles: Don't Let This Happen to You!

Burglary of Motor Vehicles is always a possibility on a college campus but there are things we can do to make our vehicles less of a target. Keep interior of vehicle clear of personal property and other valuables such as purses, backpacks, radar detectors and GPS Systems. Secure them in the trunk of the car or take them with you. As a community we tell criminals **NOT ON OUR CAMPUS!**

## Silent Hero Award Goes To Jeffrey Volz

On April 13, 2010, the Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network District held a Telecommunicators Appreciation Luncheon at the Schertz Civic Center to celebrate local Police and Fire Department Telecommunicators. The week of April 12-17, 2010, is the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and is dedicated to recognizing the men and women around the nation who serve as 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators.

One of the guest speakers at the luncheon, the Executive Director of Bexar Metro, Mr. W.H. Buchholtz, honored Telecommunicators from Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties – who have served their fellow citizens often without any recognition at all. He also honored

them for their service stating; "we know you work long hours, holidays, and weekends serving your fellow citizens and most importantly, we recognize that it is through your actions that lives are saved. Every minute of every day you are there when help is needed. There can be no greater satisfaction than helping a friend or neighbor in their time of need.

The UTSA Police Department proudly honors the staff who serve as our public safety dispatchers: Cindy Cantu (supervisor), Gilberto Morales, James A. Garcia, Jeffrey Volz, Monica Garcia, Rafael Petiton, Raymond Mesa, April Herrera and Connie Kimbrough. New TCO's include Rebecca Moreno and David DePaz.

Last month we mentioned that Police Communications Officer Jeffrey Volz was nominated for the Silent Hero Award. This month we are proud to announce that Jeffrey was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Silent Hero Award. Jeffrey began his career as a Police Communications Operator with UTSAPD on March 27, 2006, and is currently assigned to 3rd shift (11 pm – 7 am). Jeffrey was nominated for his dedication to duty and for going above and beyond to make sure his officers and the UTSA community are safe.

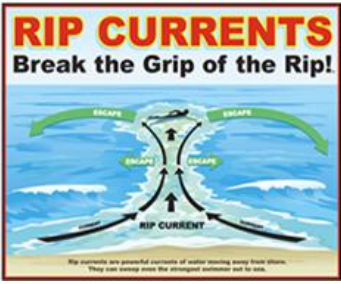
The UTSA-PD Communications Center processes thousands of calls each year for emergency and non-emergency services on campus as well as monitor security cameras,

access control gates and the campus security/fire system. Thank you to our police dispatchers for all the sacrifices they make to create a better and safer world for the public. Their commitment to their profession is appreciated by the officers, guards and the citizens they serve.

*Reference: Article by Capt. Dan Kiley*



**TCO Jeffrey Volz**  
 Received Silent Hero Award in April  
 Photo From: UTSA Police



**Be Aware of Rip Currents**  
Avoid dangerous water situations  
Photo: National Weather Service

## Safety Highlights by Tiffany Schmidt (Assistant to the Director of BCEM)

As we approach summer and start planning and preparing for vacation, it is important that we take a second to identify possible hazards that may impact a vacationing hot spot.

The additional hazard that you may not be familiar with are rip currents. It is important that you take a second and ensure you take extra steps to identify what a rip current is and minimize this hazard from becoming a tragic end to your vacation.

Rip currents are the leading cause of deaths along the coasts of United States. These deaths total about 100 in any given year. Rip current also cause about 80 percent of all water rescues at beaches and lakes.

A rip current is water that is leaving the shore and returning to or extending past the surf zone with currents that leave swimmers and surfers being sucked away from the shore line. These currents are powerful and will eventually subside, but if you are caught in one, what you do in that short amount of time could mean the difference between life and death. Never fight the current as this will cause fatigue and ultimately bring you past the point of exhaustion where you are a threat to your own safety as well as others who attempt to assist you. The best option is to swim out with it and once it has subsided attempt to swim parallel to shore to escape the center if you are able to do so. If you find you cannot swim out of the current, float or tread water until the rip current

subsides, If you cannot swim safely back to shore, call for help and wave your hands in the air without panicking as panic exerts additional energy.

Other safety tips that can be taken to ensure you are safe while engaging in water related activities are know how to swim, never swim alone and if in doubt don't go out. It is also a good idea to check tide or sea conditions before attempting any activities that involve the ocean or lakes. Please keep these safety tips in mind as you travel this summer, and remember if you get caught in a riptide go with the flow. To find out more information on water safety tips and to get tide and sea conditions for the area that you will be vacationing visit [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov).

### Welcome to New Employees:

UTSAPD would like to welcome one of its newest members to the department.

Rebecca Moreno was hired as a Telecommunication Officer in April. She has a criminal justice degree and has worked in the private security field.

David DePaz also became a Telecommunications Officer in April. David was previously a security guard with UTSAPD before becoming one of the newest dispatchers.

David Eric Lewis has joined Access Services as a Locksmith. Eric has many years of experience when he was self employed.

Welcome to UTSA!

**Employee Kudos:** Go out to Guard Pearson when the elevators in the JPL were inoperable and he opened the stairwell doors. He recognized that this would compromise security of the library. He notified the library staff and stayed in the area to provide extra security. **Way to go!**

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The April 2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign focused on preventing sexual violence on higher education campuses. College students experience disproportionately high rates of sexual violence – 1 in 5 college women will be a victim of sexual assault by the time she graduates. There exists an opportunity for prevention and social change that will have a lasting effect on students throughout their lives.

The UTSA Counseling Center and the Women's Resource Center partnered with UTSA PD again this year for Operation Law Enforcement. UTSAPD personnel signed a pledge/support card and placed teal sexual

assault awareness magnets on the police cars to show our support for the awareness of preventing sexual assault on our campus.



**UTSAPD Supported SAAM Activities In April**  
(L) Asst. Chief Pena signs pledge poster | (R) UTSAPD car shows magnet  
Photo: UTSA Counseling Center

## Detective Time by Sgt. Thomas Calucci (Supervisor, Criminal Investigations)



**Detective Time**  
Solvability Factors  
Photo From: Google Images

It has been another busy month for us here in the UTSAPD's Criminal Investigations Section. We have been working on a number of cases and are trying to get through them before the semester ends. I've received a lot of calls from complainants who are curious as to the status of their cases, so, I'd like to talk again about how I assign our cases.

As you all know, the UTSAPD is open 24/7/365 to help you. We

receive reports at all times and all days of the week. If a case comes in that needs our immediate attention, like an assault or something high profile, the case will get our highest priority. Next come the cases in which a suspect, or their vehicle, has been identified. Then come cases in which something was stolen, and it is traceable either by serial number or an owner applied number. These are called "Solvability Factors" and there are about fourteen of them. I review

each case for solvability factors and assign them based on these factors.

Sometimes I get phone calls from someone who had something happen to them, but I haven't assigned the case yet. I ask that you bear with us. We at the UTSAPD investigate all crimes that are reported to us. It may take us a couple of days to get back with you, but I assure you that we give all cases one hundred percent effort.

## Schedule of Events For May 2010

<p><b>May 6, 7 &amp; 8, 2010</b>  <b>UTSA Commencement</b>                  Various times at Convocation Center                  Celebrate as UTSA graduates walk across the stage in recognition of their accomplishments.</p>	<p><b>Thursday May 13, 2010</b>  <b>Thirsty Thursdays</b>                  11:00 am at UC Paseo                  Come have a thirst-quenching good time with the Be A Responsible Roadrunner (BARR) Consultants!</p>	<p><b>Monday May 24, 2010</b>  <b>Click It or Ticket</b>                  Various times at All Campuses                  The Click It or Ticket campaign begins. Law enforcement will be out in force to enforce seat belt laws.</p>	<p><b>Monday May 31, 2010</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>                  The university is closed and classes will not meet. Memorial Day commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service.</p>
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## Lost and Found

All found property that is turned in to the University Police Lost & Found section is stored at the University Police Lost & Found for 60 days. After 60 days, the found property is transferred to the Surplus Property Department for public auctions or further disposition.

To report lost property items or to make inquiries regarding lost property call 210.458.4242 (24 hours a day). To claim found property items, individuals must present a valid Texas Driver's license, UTSA photo ID card or a valid photo ID card from another source; military ID or another state photo ID card. Individuals must be able to accurately describe the property that was lost in order to claim property from the lost & found section.

The below listed items are currently being held by UTSAPD. If not claimed in 30 days, they will be disposed of in accordance with policy.



Qty	Item	Description	Qty	Item	Description
12	BIKES	VARIOUS BRANDS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO CHARLES CANTU
13	CELL PHONES/CASES	VARIOUS BRANDS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO LUIS MARTINEZ
22	BOOKS	VARIOUS TITLES	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO CATHERINE HITCHCOCK
129	ELECTRONICS/CASES	VARIOUS ITEMS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO CRISTINA SANCHEZ
61	GLASSES/CASE	VARIOUS BRANDS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO DIEGO GONZALEZ
60	JEWELRY	VARIOUS PIECES	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO KENTON JACKSON
59	SETS OF KEYS/HOLDER		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO RYAN PATINO
16	BACK PACK/BOOK/DUFFLE BAG		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO JAMIE GARZA
11	UMBRELLA		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO SISSI PAOLA FERNANDEZ
28	NOTEBOOKS	SPIRAL, BINDERS, FOLDERS, DAY PLANNERS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO CHARON MOORE
46	CLOTHING/PERSONAL ITEMS	JACKET, SHOES, BELT, CAP, MAKE-UP/PENCIL BAG	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO KIN A NGUYEN
1	LUNCH BAGS		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO SANDRA E HUGHES
3	PAPER WORK	VARIOUS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO JENNIE DRAZNNIN
1	CASSETTE/DVD/CD/CD CASE		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO BREANNA R CASTILLO
1	KNIFE		1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO SERGIO VIDUARRI
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO ASHLEY MARTELL	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO ASHHELEY VIYAUHBEFOUNE
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO RUSSELL BETTS	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO MARINA RESENDEZ
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO EWIN CHINN	1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO CHRISTINA A ESPARZA
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO LYRONDA GAINES	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO GIOCANNI GUERRERO
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO KAREN & DENNIS WARRE	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO BRIAN LOPEZ
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO SAMANTHA BEESON	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO GIOVANNI GUERRERO
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO JOHN RHEE	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO MARTIN TIRADO
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO TED LONG	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO ERIC CASTRO
1	CREDIT/ID/BANK/TDL CARD	BELONGING TO MARK VALE	1	WALLET	BELONGING TO CESAR CASTRO
1	WALLET	BELONGING TO DOUGLAS KOHLER			

## Crime Report for the Month of April 2010

The below is a summary of the crimes that occurred in the month of April 2010. For more information, go to [www.utsa.edu/utsapd](http://www.utsa.edu/utsapd) and click on *Crime Stats*.

Thefts =	17	Alcohol Arrests =	16
Burglary of Vehicle =	2	Drug Arrests =	10
Assaults =	5	DWI Arrests =	14
Theft of Motor Vehicle =	0	Other Crimes =	13



**UTSAPD Recognizes National Police Memorial Week May 9 to 15, 2010**

## Click it Or Ticket, UTSA! Make Sure You Buckle Up!

For anyone who complains about getting a ticket for not buckling up when driving or riding in a motor vehicle, here's a crash course in reality from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- 2,198 people were killed on Texas roadways in 2008.
- Over 930 or 43% of passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2008 in Texas were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.

While those may sound like just statistics, the UTSA Police Department knows from personal experience that those numbers are the actual faces of mothers, fathers,

brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles and friends.

This goes to the heart of UTSAPD's mission to protect the public. That is why we have joined with thousands of other State and local law enforcement agencies to announce support for the 2010 national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization, which runs May 24 to June 6, 2010.

Seat belts can be credited with saving more than 15,000 lives in 2007 alone. Thanks in part to high visibility enforcement campaigns, like Click It or Ticket, this has led to an all time high observed national seat belt usage rate of 83 percent in 2008. Before Click It or Ticket

enforcement and public education efforts began in Texas in 2002, only 76.1 percent of Texans buckled up.

People often ask, "Aren't there more serious criminals on the street other than those who simply are not buckling up? They're not hurting anyone but themselves." To the contrary, the people who choose to disobey the law by not wearing their seat belts are taking a chance with not only their lives, but the emotional and financial health of their families, friends and our community.

Law enforcement will be out in force to show our dedication to solving this problem. We want 100 percent of motorists to buckle up.

Buckling up costs you nothing, but the costs of NOT buckling up may be a ticket, or worse — your life. Treat this as a tough and potentially life-saving reminder: Click It or Ticket!

Reference: buckleuputexas.com



**UTSAPD Wants You To Buckle Up!**  
Click It or Ticket starts May 24, 2010  
Photo From: Google Images

### Assistant Chief Pena Says:

Many thanks to Donovan Agans and Tiffany Schmidt for coordinating the SKYWARN® training session that was held on March 25th. There was great attendance!

The main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms and provide reports to the National Weather Service.

Thanks for your hard work!



**Assistant Chief Dan Pena**  
UTSA Police Department  
Photo From: File



**The UTSA Police Department wishes to congratulate all of the Spring 2009 graduates! Good luck in your future endeavors!**

### The Bottom Line by Assistant Chief Dan Pena

Last month our newsletter presented articles related to crimes involving sexual violence and this month we continue our focus on avoiding behaviors that pre-dispose students to becoming a victim of sex crimes or dating violence.

As our society develops increasingly sophisticated technological means of communicating messages, pictures and video, the ways in which people abuse this capability increases as well. The blinding speed at which a single picture of a high profile event can get posted on the internet and circulate worldwide is truly astonishing. Our article on sexting explains how sharing or sending pictures of oneself may violate child pornography or obscenity laws. People using cell phones to send nude pictures of themselves to others may consider this to be harmless, not realizing that they are violating one or more laws and risk future embarrassment by having that picture permanently available to anyone on the internet. It's a sobering thought. The basic rule to remember is, if you would be embarrassed to have your behavior or a picture displayed to the world, then don't do it.

Our second article related to violence involves dating violence and how to get help if you are involved in an abusive dating relationship. Dating violence by legal definition is also a crime as specified by Sec. 71.0021 of the Texas Family Code.

"Dating violence" means an act by an individual that is against another individual with whom that person has or has had a dating relationship and that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault or that is a threat that reasonably places the individual in fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or sexual assault, but does not include defensive measures to protect oneself. "Dating relationship" means a relationship between individuals who have or have had a continuing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of the length of the relationship, the nature of the relationship and the frequency and type of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. A casual acquaintanceship or ordinary fraterniza-

tion in a business or social context does not constitute a "dating relationship".

Life at a major university means being exposed to a variety of new activities and meeting new people. Often, romantic relationships develop and for people who are new at dealing with these types of relationships, the stress of learning to deal with strong emotions is very difficult. Most difficult are the situations that result when an emotional romantic relationship comes to an end and one or both involved persons refuse to accept the end of the relationship.

Experience with victims has taught us that awareness and education about how to deal with dating violence is one of the best strategies available. We highly encourage anyone involved in an abusive dating relationship to seek assistance available through the UTSA Counseling Center, the UTSA Police Department or the any of the victims assistance agencies from the San Antonio Police Department or the Bexar County Women's Shelter.

We remain as dedicated as ever to protecting your future... today.



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