



A campus safety newsletter for the UTSA community

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Protecting Your Future... Today

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UTSAPD Wants You To Be Safe

The Annual Security Report is due October 1
Photo: UTSA website

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is the landmark federal law that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. Because the law is tied to participation in federal student financial aid programs it applies to most institutions of

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higher education both public and private. It is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education.

The "Clery Act" is named in memory of 19 year old Lehigh University freshman Jeanne Ann Clery who was raped and murdered while asleep in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986. Her parents discovered that students hadn't been told about violent crimes on the campus in the three years before her murder. They joined with other campus crime victims and persuaded Congress to enact this law.

The law was amended in 1992 to add a requirement that schools afford the victims of campus sexual assault certain basic rights, and was amended again in 1998 to expand

the reporting requirements. The law was most recently amended to require campuses to provide the public where information about registered sex offenders on campus could be obtained, missing student procedures and a fire safety report.

Clery Act Summary

- Schools must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years worth of selected crime statistics.
- Schools must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees.
- Each institution with a police or security department must have a public crime log.

- The U.S. Department of Education centrally collects and disseminates the crime statistics.

- Campus sexual assault victims are assured of certain basic rights

The purpose of the Clery Act is to encourage reporting and the accurate collection of campus crime statistics to promote crime awareness and to enhance campus safety through reliable statistical records.

The UTSA 2011 Annual Security Report is available now for download (PDF format):

http://www.utsa.edu/utsapd/Crime_Statistics/2011SecurityReport.pdf

Reference: www.securityoncampus.org & police.ucmerced.edu

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Events

In October, college and university students will join with their peers on more than 1,000 campuses across the country to promote National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, October 24 to 29. NCAAW has grown to become the largest single event in all of academia, because students take the ownership in designing and implementing this observance for their campus communities. This week gives campuses the opportunity to highlight healthy lifestyles free from the abuse or illegal use of

alcohol and to combat negative stereotypes of college drinking behavior.

The student organization Be A Responsible Roadrunner, supported by the Office of Student Activities, is highly involved in NCAAW Events. The organization is made up of student leaders dedicated to purposeful and educational programming. Be A Responsible Roadrunner encourages all students to consider a wide range of healthier behaviors that

reduce or eliminate the risk of negative outcomes.

During NCAAW, UTSA students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events, all designed by the campus to reinforce personal responsibility and respect for current state laws and school policies when it comes to the consumption of alcohol beverages. For events, go to the BARR calendar at: www.utsa.edu/sa/barr/barr_calendar.html



NCAAW Events this week

Focus is on risk education
Photo: Google Images

Reference: Mothers Against Drunk Drivers website at <http://www.madd.org/under21/4847> & medicalnewstoday.com, utsa.edu/sa/barr



Learn About Hazing Prevention

Protect yourself with knowledge
Photo From: www.hazingprevention.org

National Hazing Prevention week is an opportunity for campuses and organizations to promote the prevention of hazing. The University of Texas at San Antonio observed Hazing Prevention Week Sept. 26-30. Student organizations and their members participated in the two contests coordinated throughout the week. There was a banner

Hazing Prevention

contest for organizations and an essay contest for individuals. Student organizations had the opportunity to win a pizza party by winning the banner contest. The Greek Councils awarded cash prizes for the top three essay winners. This week allows education for parents, faculty and staff, community members, local and campus police, and others so that they can more easily recognize hazing. More importantly, they can have the knowledge and skills to intervene when hazing occurs.

Virtually every college or university, athletic department, fraternity/sorority, and organization has

an anti-hazing policy and most have procedures for reporting violations. The most important thing you can do is report it and not be a bystander. You can call the national toll-free anti-hazing hotline at 1-888-NOT-HAZE or the UTSA Police at 210.458.4242.

Hazing incidents are on the rise, for example:

- 47% of incoming college freshman came to college already having experienced hazing.
- 55% of college students involved in clubs, teams and organizations experience hazing. Alcohol consumption, humiliation, isolation, sleep-deprivation, and

sexual acts are hazing practices common across all types of student groups.

Prevention of hazing starts with understanding what hazing is, then be able to recognize the signs of hazing. Take responsibility when you see it occurring and report it immediately. Make others aware of what hazing is and their responsibility for preventing it. The ultimate goal is to prevent hazing from happening in the first place. Through strong educational efforts, diligent policy reinforcement, and comprehensive and ongoing community efforts, we can accomplish that goal!

Reference: UTSA Today, www.hazingprevention.org



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Employee Kudos: Sgt. Heather Walleck recently awarded four of her officers (Cpl. Smith and Officers Criswell, Crocker and Gallegos) a "Golden Sentinel Award" for helping a student who was lost in the east woods of campus. **Way to go!**



Crime Prevention Officer Melody Piepho

Officer Piepho's Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Bicycle Safety

Always wear a helmet to protect your head when cycling. When riding at dusk or night have a front white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet. On the rear of the bike there must be a red reflector or red light visible within 50 to 300 feet. Just remember that as a cyclist you have the same responsibilities as any other motorist. Knowing the rules of the road just might save your life. *References: Texas Department of Transportation, Traffic Code.*

Dating Violence Issues on College Campuses

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 (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 perpetrating 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



Learn About Dating Violence Issues

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Photo From: Google Images

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*



Fire Safety – We Are In It Together!

BE FIRE WISE UTSA!
Photo: Google images

Crime Prevention Tip for October:

Halloween costumes can be great fun to wear even before parties and event; however, they can also scare the public into thinking that there is something suspicious. With Halloween coming up, we want to remind you about the potential to alarm people with fake weapons, masks and costumes. UTSA PD will respond to any suspicious activity and act appropriately. Have a fun.....and safe Halloween!



Detective Time

Skills used by detectives
Photo From: Google Images

Safety Highlights *Lorenzo D. Sanchez, MPA (UTSA Director of Emergency Management)*

Fire Safety – We Are In It Together!

What a year this has been so far! 2011 has challenged first responders all over Texas when it comes to wildfires, and there doesn't seem to be any huge relief in sight. With little relief in sight, we all need to do our part to get through this dry period together to protect lives and preserve our beautiful campus and community.

In order to keep our UTSA community and San Antonio neighborhoods safe, it's important to recognize HOW a wildfire can start. The most common ways a person unintentionally starts a fire is by tossing lit cigarettes/cigar butts on the ground, parking vehicles and/or power equipment over dry grass, lighting fireworks, and not tending to planned fire sources (i.e. barbecue pit, campfire). These heat sources can quickly ignite dry grass and brush, and in the right conditions start a fire that not only im-

pacts San Antonio and UTSA operations, but can endanger lives and threaten critical infrastructure and property.

So, what can you do to PREVENT wildfires at UTSA and our surrounding area?

Remove any dead branches from trees or bushes in your yard.

Keep grass short by mowing regularly.

Completely extinguish and dispose of cigarette and cigar butts properly. Do not drop them onto brush or throw them from a car window.

Do not park vehicles on dry grassy areas - hot exhaust systems, wheel bearings, and car undercarriages can start fires.

Barbecuing in apartments or on apartment balconies or decks is illegal. It could result in a fine up to \$2,000 and cause serious fire damage.

Keep barbecue grills and propane tanks at least 10 feet from any building or deck. Have a lid and a

water source like a hose nearby. Never leave them unattended and place barbecue ashes in a metal container and soak with water.

Using fireworks within the city limits of San Antonio is illegal. This dangerous activity causes hundreds of grass fires each year.

Burning trash or other materials is illegal in the City and banned in the County.

Keep your home clear of brush and debris like dried leaves and twigs, especially your roof and gutters.

Remember, we are all in this together, so please be fire wise and spread the word about the dangers associated with the current drought and wildfire threat. Let's not add our campus to the 7,330,000* acres of land that has burned in the US this year! To report a fire, call (210) 458-4911 immediately.

Protect our campus, protect our community, and protect yourself – BE FIRE WISE UTSA!

*Source: US Forest Service & Ad Council

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

Unfortunately, many of us have been victims of theft or know someone who has been a victim. At times it may be difficult to locate stolen items if there are no witnesses, surveillance video or traceable evidence. So how can you make it easier for the Detective investigating your theft case? Here are a few tips to help with the recovery or identification of your personal property that has been stolen.

First, record information that will help identify your property. Keep it filed in a safe and easily accessible location so you can provide it to the Detective if you file a theft report. You should consider photographing your property and writing down its serial number, brand name and model on the back of the photograph. This will alleviate some stress when the Detective asks you to provide a description of the stolen item. It will also allow the Detective to quickly research

various pawn shops if in case it was pawned.

If you have credit or debit cards, have the number and card type saved and stored somewhere accessible upon request of the Officer taking the report. Call and cancel your stolen credit card and immediately request for a statement or information pertaining to any non authorized charges, such as location, date, times and purchase amounts. This will help expedite the investigation process and allow us to possibly obtain surveillance video from locations where the card was used.

Secondly you should etch your driver's license number to the back of your property near the serial number. Example: (TX11112222). This will make it easier to identify if it is recovered or pawned. A pawn shop should not accept any property that belongs to a third party without proof of ownership. If you

do not have the capability of etching your driver's license to your property, the UTSA Police Department Crime Prevention Section provides this service free of charge. Please take advantage of this program.

Our third tip involves one of the most popular stolen items on campus, but the hardest to recover. I am talking about your books. Books are difficult to locate because there is nothing that uniquely identifies them as belonging to you. Therefore, you should write your name or something that identifies you as the owner of the book somewhere inside the book itself, even under a specific page. This will allow Detectives to look at books that have recently been resold to bookstores and identify yours.

Schedule of Events For October 2011

Tuesday Oct. 4, 2011

National Night Out

Begins 6:00 pm at UC Paseo

Join the UTSA community for National Night Out to take a bite out of crime!

Thursday Oct. 13, 2011

Coffee with the Cops

6:30 pm at outside UC Starbucks

The UTSA PD Crime Prevention Unit will be at the UC Starbucks. Come have some coffee with us!

Friday Oct. 14, 2011

SD 350: Personal Safety & Security

10:00 am at DTC

HR Training & UTSA PD presents this class to reduce crime risks.

Thursday Oct. 27, 2011

Campus Crawl

7:00 pm at all Campus Housing

BARR and Residential Life will sponsor this fun and exciting alcohol education event.

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 210.458.6247 (Monday to Friday; 8am to 5pm). 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 UTSA PD. If not claimed in 30 days, they will be disposed of in accordance with policy.

Qty	Item	Description	Qty	Item	Description
5	Bikes	Various Brands & Colors	5	Flashdrives	Various Colors & Brands
44	Books/Binders/Folders	Various Titles & Brands	42	Prescription glasses & Sunglasses	Various Brands, Colors & Styles
6	Bags/Purses	Make-up Bag	9	Hats & Caps	Various Brands, Colors & Styles
1	Various gift/credit cards	Belonging to Nana Gyambibi	22	Jewelry & Watches	Various Rings, Watches, and Earrings
1	Texas ID	Belonging to Elvira Isaac	34	Keys	Various Types, Styles & Colors
1	Under 21 Texas License	Belonging to Jonathan N. Ramirez	2	Wallet	Belonging to Daniel Sanchez
2	Texas Licenses	Both Belonging to Monica A. Trevino	1	Umbrellas	Various Colors
1	Birthday Card with an AMAZON gift card	Belonging to Jenn	1	Pool stick in case	No name
1	UTSA Summer Conf. Card	No name on it	1	1 Bottle of Prescription Meds	No name
1	Mustang Card	No name	1	Small camera case	No name
1	Frost AT&M Checkcard	Belonging to Donovan Scott	1	Frame	No name
1	Library Card	Belonging to Jean M. O'Brien	2	Office Supplies	No name
1	Mobil Gas Card	Belonging to Leighton W. Moore	2	Art Supplies	No name
3	Tools/Hardware	Various Items & Colors	1	Bike lock	No name
39	Electronics	Cell Phones, Chargers, Calculators, Disks,	1	Keyboard	No name
1	Papers	Belonging to Ashley A Gardner			



UTSA's Fourth Annual National Night Out is Tuesday October 4, 2011 starting at 6:00 pm at the UC Paseo.

Crime Report for the Month of September 2011

The below is a summary of the crimes that occurred in September. For more information, go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd and click on *Crime Stats*.

Thefts =	14	Alcohol Arrests =	60
Burglary of Vehicle =	0	Drug Arrests =	25
Assaults =	1	DWI Arrests =	5
Theft of Motor Vehicle =	1	Other Crimes =	21



UTSA POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATION IDENTIFICATION PARTICIPATION PROGRAM TO PREVENT BURGLARY



Engrave your driver's license on your valuables for free! Protect your property.

Be Smart...Be Safe: Halloween Safety



UTSAPD wants you safe on Halloween
Photo from Sixth Street in Austin, Texas
Photo: Google Images

Social gatherings and parties are frequently part of college life. At their best, social gatherings or parties are a great place to meet new people, relax, and have fun. At

Chief Barrera Says:

A big round of applause to Sgt Charlie Patnode, Cpl. Elizabeth Carter, and Ofc. Melody Piepho who represented the UTSA PD at the "Cops on Top" Event honoring the fallen officers killed in the line of duty. It took place on June 25th in the Guadalupe Peak in the Guadalupe Mountains with an 8700 foot elevation. It was over 8 miles round trip, and 111 degrees! Congratulations to you all for an outstanding and honorable event.



Chief Steve Barrera
UTSA Police Department
Photo From: File

their worst, however, they can be the source of alcohol poisoning, drug overdose, and sexual assault. Any amount of alcohol or drug use can lead to impaired judgment, which can possibly lead to dangerous consequences. It is the responsibility of organizers and attendees to make sure that social events remain fun and safe. Luckily, there are a number of easy steps you can take to increase your level of safety and help make your memories good ones.

Obey the law! The legal drinking age in Texas is 21 and furnishing alcohol to a minor is an arrestable offense!

Watch what you drink and know your limits. A good rule is 0-1-3: 0 drinks if you're driving or underage, 1 drink per hour, no more than 3 drinks in an evening.

Avoid illegal drugs – you don't know what's in them or what effect they'll have on you, and they can get you arrested!

Watch out for your friends. Don't let them drive if they have been drinking. Don't leave them at parties alone.

Be extra careful on the road. A lot of people drive drunk on October 31st, so even though you know not to drink and get behind the wheel, some other people aren't as smart.

Also watch out for kids in the dark. One might dart out into the street so drive slow enough to stop quickly.

Create a buddy system with your friends. Keep tabs on each other and don't leave a friend stranded without a ride home. Be assertive if you perceive a potentially dangerous situation.

Make sure your costume is functional. You should be able to move easily in your outfit, and it shouldn't make it harder for you to get out of a crowd if a party is getting out of hand. Some people who want to cause harm may take advantage of being unrecognizable in a Halloween costume.

Reference: thecenter.ucla.edu/, examiner.com, seventeen.com

Credit Card Theft Awareness

Every year the UTSA Police Department investigates numerous reports of stolen credit cards and fraudulent charges. Here are a few things you should know to help protect yourself from becoming a victim of credit card theft and fraud.

- If you believe that your credit card was lost or stolen, or you have charges that you did not make, contact your credit card company and the police immediately. The faster the reporting, the

better the chance to prevent any more charges and apprehend the thief.

- Never leave your wallet or purse unattended. It only takes a few seconds for someone to take them.

- Review your monthly statements immediately and report any charges you do not recognize.

- When using your card, watch to be sure that extra imprints of your card are not being made. Making

another imprint of the card and filling in the information later is a common occurrence.

- When a merchant returns your card to you, make sure that it is your card.

If your credit card is stolen on campus, report it immediately to UTSAPD. If you're not sure where the card was stolen from, report it to UTSAPD and we can help make the determination.

Reference: www.ohio.edu/police/creditfraud.htm

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As mentioned in this issue our annual security report has just been released to all students, faculty and staff. You should have received an email which includes this year's report, which is nineteen pages in length. The report is required on an annual basis and details crime statistics from the previous three years. It also explains the policies and programs that are in place to help keep your campus environment safe. The main intent of the law is to make sure there is transparency in reporting of crime on

college campuses and promoting awareness of the services available to students.

In addition, we also use this newsletter, the local student newspaper, and our website to inform the community of exactly what crimes are occurring on campus. Lost and found items are also reported on our monthly newsletter. We also promote many of our crime prevention programs in the monthly newsletter to help prevent many of these incidents from occurring in

the first place.

I would encourage everyone to take the time to review the annual security report as well as our website at www.utsa.edu/utsapd and give us some feedback on how we can improve our services. Only through the continued support and input of our community can we make this the safest campus around!



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