UTSAPD Holds Promotion and Award Ceremony

The start of the spring semester brings excitement, challenges and responsibilities. Making friends, being independent and learning new things are rewarding, but they can also be stressful. It can be hard to deal with pressures of college today. Work these health and safety tips into your routine to help you make the most of your spring semester.

- Most campuses have a “panic phone” system. Know where these are.
- Have a safety buddy, someone you can call for a ride or for help, and create a code word or phrase that means “Come help me out of this” or “I’m in trouble.”
- Before going to a party, tell a friend where you’re going and when you’ll be back. Let them know if your plans change.
- Take turns being a designated driver or sober companion. You could save someone’s life.
- If a party gets out of hand, leave!
- Study the campus and neighborhood with respect to routes between your residence and class/activities schedule.
- Always travel in groups. Use a shuttle service after dark if possible.
- Personal property should never be left unattended, even if it is only for a few minutes.
- Don’t let strangers in the building or allow them to “tailgate” or follow you through after you open the door.
- All suspicious person(s) need to be reported immediately.

Be careful this spring semester. Work these safety tips into your routine to help you make the most of your spring semester.

UTSAPD Wants You To Be Safe

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January is Stalking Awareness Month

Stalking is not a small problem. It can happen to anyone. At least 3.4 million people in the United States are victims of stalking annually, estimated the U.S. Department of Justice in a 2009 study. A major step in controlling stalking behavior is the ability to recognize when you are being stalked. If you quickly recognize the actions of a stalker, you can respond appropriately and perhaps avoid an escalation to physical violence. As soon as you become aware of potential stalking behavior, keep a written record of any contact whatsoever with this person.

Stalking is often subtle, yet pervasive. The stalker is counting on you feeling as if his actions are ordinary demonstrations of affection. If you find yourself experiencing any of these situations on a consistent basis, you may be the victim of stalking. Your quick reporting to the police is the most effective tool in putting an end to the stalker’s terror.

In Texas, Stalking is an offense when a person on more than one occasion and in the same course of conduct directed specifically at a victim follows him/her, threatens bodily injury to the victim or threatens to destroy someone’s property. If you think you are being stalked, take these steps:
- If you are in immediate danger, find a safe place to go. If you can’t get out of danger, call 911 or 210.458.4911 on campus.
- File a complaint with the police. Tell us about all threats.
- Write down every incident that happens. Include the time, date, and other important information.
- Keep voicemail messages, photos of property damage and any letters.
- Contact support systems to help you, including the UTSA Counseling Center (458-4140).
- Tell important people about the stalking problem, including family, friends and neighbors.

Sexting: A Disturbing 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 pornography 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 their 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 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.
Welcome Officer Maranda Tupper

Officer Maranda Tupper joins the UTSA Crime Prevention Team! After a competitive process and vigorous search, we are honored to announce Officer Tupper as the newest member to serve as a direct point of contact for all student, faculty and staff.

Maranda began her career as a police officer in 1998. She joined the department in 2012 serving in field operations working the midnight and evening patrol shift. Since her arrival, she has been active in participating with UTSA committee boards; she currently serves on the UTSA Staff Relations Council and UTSA Staff Council. Maranda assisted with Women’s Self Defense classes and various UTSA community outreach programs during her spare time.

“Officer Tupper believes that opportunities of growth towards success are missed when one fails to participate with building trust, communication, and confidence within themselves and their community.”

We are so excited and pleased to announce her primary duties will now enable her to focus on providing education and awareness programs full-time. Officer Tupper will no doubt be a great asset in the Crime Prevention Unit’s Mission to continue nurturing relationships with the university and the surrounding community in an effort to reduce crime and its effects.

The UTSA Police Department is providing an instructional video to assist with actions that should be taken during a critical incident. This 20 minute training video demonstrates how to respond to an active shooter situation. Go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd/Shots_fired/Shots_Fired.html.

Access Services Welcomes New Staff

Access Services has welcomed new team members that will be processing access control requests. Cordell Robinson, who is a former PSO with the UTSDAPD is now the Access Control Assistant 1 and has joined Tomas Fuentes and Steven Pedroza in the locksmith shop. His primary duties will be to key cores, cut keys, and provide electronic access control not to mention to also assist with any access control system or alarm issues. Cordell brings valuable knowledge and experience from being in security. Cordell will no longer be responsible for overseeing panic alarm installations or repairs. Please submit any requests or report any issues regarding Panic alarm devices to the Director of Security Services, Jessenia Skelton.

We also welcome Joann Arista, who has replaced Helen White as our Administrative Assistant. She will be our new face at the front desk and will assist Teresa Maillard with access control requests. Joann will be transferring out of Lost and Found and into Access Services, Monday Jan 13, 2014. Joann also brings years of knowledge and experience in administrative work. Welcome to the team.

As we all now, the semester will be in full swing very soon. We encourage you to submit access requests through your departments authorized requestor as soon as possible. At the beginning of each semester, Access Services experiences a high volume of requests for access. Please allow two weeks for processing. We hope to have requests completed sooner if possible. Feel free to contact Access Services at 6855 or 6486 for assistance or questions regarding your access. All access requests should be sent to the access control email AccessServices@utsa.edu.
Each year, the UTSA Office of Emergency Management selects a “Floor Captain of the Year” for each campus, and presents them with plaque to express our gratitude for their dedication to public safety and the well-being of the UTSA community. Floor Captains of the Year are awarded to those team members who go above and beyond their normal duties to continually assess their surroundings for safety issues, make recommendations to reduce campus vulnerabilities, attend safety training to increase their knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as take time to recruit new members into the program. There are countless Floor Captains that have these qualities, and making the decision for these awards is never an easy task.

The following Floor Captains were selected for ITC and DTC: Aaron Parks, Institute of Texan Cultures, Michael Date, Downtown Campus - Library

This year, two Floor Captains were selected for the Main Campus:

Michael Logan – Main Campus, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies & Claudia Dawdy – Main Campus, Office of the Dean – College of Business

The UTSA Office of Emergency Management is honored to have each of these awardees serving as leaders within the program. Emergency Management appreciates the participation of all existing Floor Captains, and encourages other employees (faculty and staff) to join our team of safety liaisons. Make 2014 a year of preparedness, and get involved in the UTSA Floor Captain Safety Liaison Program!

For more information on becoming a Floor Captain, visit the Campus Alerts website at www.alerts.utsa.edu and click on the “preparedness” link. You can also request information by emailing BePrepared@utsa.edu or by calling (210) 458-6851.

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

Another successful year has wrapped in Investigations Section of the UTSA Police Department. Let me share why I believe we were successful. In 2013, the UTSAPD Detectives investigated a total of 273 cases. Of those, 48 were unfounded, which means that a crime did not occur. 29 cases were classified as Exceptionally Cleared, which means these were cases where an Offender was identified and the Complainant chose not to pursue criminal charges. This classification also means that a juvenile may have been charged with the crime. 31 cases were cleared by arrest. That means that charges were filed on someone who committed a crime that was classified as above a Class B Misdemeanor. Lastly, 165 cases were listed as Inactive. That means either there were no solvability factors available to solve the crime, or we had identified a person of interest, but there was insufficient evidence to charge that person.

Monetarily, a total amount of $106,658.38 was reported in 2013 as stolen or damaged property. Our detectives were able to recover $49,242.30 of this amount. Overall, our total clearance rate for all cases investigated in 2013 was 26.67%. This is an increase from 2012 of 24.3%. These numbers are well above the national average.

One of the goals that I have for our section is to increase our overall clearance rate in the new year. For the last three years, we have been able to accomplish this goal. Your detectives work hard you. The numbers prove it.

Please reach out to us at www.utsa.edu/bit.
Schedule of Events For January 2014

Monday Jan. 13, 2013
Start of Spring Semester
Various at all campuses
Classes meet for the first time this semester. Good luck in the spring semester and be safe!

CPU (min 6 attendees)
SD350: Personal Safety
Ad hoc at any Campus
Find out how to reduce your risks of becoming a victim of crime both on and off campus.

CPU (min 6 attendees)
SD 351: Community Repose to an Active Shooter
Ad hoc at any Campus
Learn strategies for surviving an active shooter situation.

Friday Feb. 7, 2014
Floor Captain Safety Training
Begins 9:30am at BSB 3.03.02
UTSA Office of Emergency Management empowering staff to get involved in safety!

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.

** NOTE—Departments, please promptly turn in any lost and found items you may have so we can return them to their owners in a timely fashion.

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.

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Crime Report for the Month of December 2013

The below is a summary of the crimes that occurred as of the 20th of the last month. For more information, go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd and click on Crime Stats.

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Officer Robert DeRohn was named Runner Beat Member of Patrol Operations UTSA Officer Robert DeRohn

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As we begin the New Year let’s make a commitment to slow down and pay more attention to our driving habits, especially during cold weather and on slick streets. Each year we hear of more and more traffic accidents on our City streets where someone is seriously injured or killed. Acts of violence usually lead the newscasts followed by fatality accidents, but there are far more people killed in traffic accidents than in acts of violence. One of the main causes is driver inattention that could be avoided if we slowed down, not rushed everywhere and avoided looking/texting on our electronic devices while driving. The prevention campaign is true “it can wait” as far as sending a message or reading one while driving. How many drivers have started looking at your phone while driving and the line suddenly stops in front of you and you narrowly miss rear-ending another vehicle? This is sometimes enough to keep some from doing this again. Worse, if a pedestrian crosses in front of you in a cross walk and you don’t see the person until it is too late. We have a busy campus traffic-wise, especially when the semesters start. One of the main reasons we keep our speed limits low on campus is to prevent traffic accidents. Let’s make this a safe 2014 and recommit to safe driving habits and no texting or distractions while driving on and off campus. Be safe.

Officer of the Month - 2014 by UT System Police. Officer Robert DeRohn began his law enforcement career with the University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department in 2011. Prior to working for UTSA he was medically retired after 12 years of service in the U.S. Army after being wounded by an improvised explosive device on his third tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Officer DeRohn currently works patrol for the midnight shift. Officer DeRohn is a certified ALERRT Level I, II, and Low-Light Instructor. His other accomplishments include TCOLE Basic and Firearms instructor. He has assisted with several classes on active shooter response at the UTSP Academy and training within his department and other agencies. Officer DeRohn was selected as a team leader for the UT System Rapid Response Team (SRRT) San Antonio squad in 2011 when it was founded. He has completed the San Antonio Police Department Basic SWAT Course receiving the top team award and also attended the Travis County Sheriff’s Office Basic SWAT Course along with his squad to promote team cohesion. Robert has also completed the TTPOA Advance SWAT course, Texas DPS SWAT Advance SRT Course and Fast Rope Insertion Qualification as well as training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) along with numerous other courses in both law enforcement and military.

“I am a firm believer that we should lead by example. Physical, mental fitness, technical and tactical proficiency should be individual responsibilities. As you further your career and assume that leadership role, ‘lead by example’, accept those responsibilities as there is no room for excuses. Ego’s should be checked at the door and don’t depend on being judged on what you used to do but what you can accomplish today. Learning is a never ending process and knowledge passed and given should always be valued no matter how small. I am honored to be part of the UTSP as we progress on being the best that we can be. To get that mission accomplished, always do your part and don’t be afraid to ask for help. No one knows everything; we all need that outside view sometimes. Be Responsible for not only what you do but also what you fail to do. Always expect that someone in your corner, always look for work.”

Officer Robert DeRohn
UTSA Police Department
Recognition: UT System Police as Officer of the Month January 2014 A great example of the professional and dedicated service offered to the UTSA Community