December is National Drunk Driving Prevention Month

Underage drinking and alcohol-impaired driving are both common issues in communities across the nation. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) states that in 2012, over “10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes” and those types of crashes cost more than an estimated $37 billion annually.

According to the Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (July 2009), and listed on collegedrinkingprevention.gov, almost 2,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die annually from unintentional alcohol-related injuries, to include motor vehicle crashes. President Obama has declared December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month (2014 Proclamation). Throughout the month, we will identify and disseminate resources related to impaired driving. This week, we have listed information and resources below that are specific to underage drinking and alcohol-impaired driving.


UTSA Police Departments CALEA Reaccreditation by Lt. Robert Hudson

“On November 18-22, Chief Steve Barrera, Lt. Robert Hudson, and Gene Garcia attended the Albuquerque, New Mexico conference for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The purpose of CALEA’s accreditation programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence. After an exhaustive process of ensuring that the UTSA Police Department meets the high standards of best practices set forth by CALEA, including an on-site assessment by a team of assessors, the CALEA Commissioners voted at the conference to reaccredit the UTSA Police Department for a further three-year period.

During the three years, the Department must continue to maintain compliance with all applicable standards. This is the second reaccreditation for the Department, so the UTSA Police Department has been an accredited agency for a total of nine years. In addition, the Department holds accreditation credentials from The International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA), so the Department is dually-accredited. This is a distinction that is held by only a relatively few law enforcement agencies nationwide. The accreditation process is entirely voluntary, and ensures that the UTSA Police Department delivers the best possible service to our community.”
Traffic violators become very nervous whenever they see a police car behind them and they become even more squeamish at the sight of a police motor officer in their rear view mirrors. Combining an imposing profile that draws attention to itself with police-ready performance and handling capabilities, the Honda ST1300P, ("P" is Police version) will hold nothing in reserve as far as catching up to traffic violators in order to make our streets safer. The UTSA Police Department recently added another motorcycle to its patrol fleet, but unlike the first motorcycle, this Honda is made for the streets while their other patrol motorcycle, the BMW F650GSP, can patrol on and off road. The Honda ST1300P comes with a solo adjustable seat (so the bad guys won’t be given a ride on the back after being taken into custody) and it also has a motor-driven adjustable wind-screen for greater wind protection. It has a 5.5 gallon main fuel tank and an additional 2.2 gallon reserve tank giving it a range of approximately 300 miles! The speedometer is a very precise one that is graduated in 2-mph increments above 10 mph. I would strongly recommend that traffic violators don’t try to make a run for it as the Honda ST1300P has a liquid cooled 1,261cc DOHC 90-degree V-4 longitudinal engine that produces around 125 bhp. The driveshaft allows for a dependable final drive system requiring minimal motorcycle maintenance and with a curb weight of just 743 pounds this motorcycle has excellent acceleration and outstanding roll-on performance. The chrome engine side guards provide added protection in case of a tip-over and they are designed to accommodate the lights, radar and siren. These police motorcycles provided the Patrol Division with greater flexibility as well as greater savings. Compared to the traditional patrol car, a fully equipped patrol motorcycle costs thousands less and uses less than half the fuel. A motor officer is more approachable as he is out in the open and not sitting inside a patrol car and due to their slim profile, Motor officers can respond to accident scenes in congested areas where patrol cars can’t. Officers sit higher on a motorcycle which gives them the ability to see over the top of parked cars thus expanding their patrol capabilities. Since the motor officer is outside he also has an increased ability to hear what’s going on around him. Police Motor Officers must pass a rigorous 80-hour motorcycle course in order to be certified to ride the motorcycle. Graduates of the motorcycle course learn skills that place them in the top 5% of motorcycle operators. The UTSA Police Department currently has two certified Motor Officers, Officer Mark Smith and Corporal Shawn Smith. The UTSA Police Department started out with the BMW F650GSP motorcycle just over 10 years ago and it is still going strong. Designed to operate in most off-road conditions, it can easily patrol the hundreds of acres of undeveloped property at the 1604 campus and, when necessary, it can be driven up and down stairs. The police motorcycle has been a tremendous benefit to the UTSA Police Department used primarily for traffic control, accident investigation and police escorts and they will continue to serve the UTSA community keeping our streets safe for many years to come. 

*Story by Capt. Dan Kiley*
'Tis the season! It’s that time of year to spread holiday cheer, and the UTSA Office of Emergency Management would like to share some great tips to keep you in the know when decorating your workspaces and homes with holiday fun.

Caring for Your Tree
If buying a fresh tree, do not place close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Maintain Your Holiday Lights
Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets
Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch. Do not leave lights on unattended.

Avoid Using Lit Candles
If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

Finally, as in every season, make sure you have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help, and remember to practice your home or work evacuation/escape plan.

With these tips, you and your loved ones can be safe while having a jolly ‘ole time this holiday season. For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the Campus Alerts website at www.alerts.utsa.edu. Be safe UTSA!

Why do people commit crimes? I was speaking with my boss about this and he remarked that it seems that when someone loses something of value, it almost always ends up in the hands of someone who steals it. Why is that?

Studies show that people commit crimes because they want something of value without having to work for it. I can certainly back that claim up. I have been doing this job for a long time, worked many cases and heard many confessions.

Three things have to happen for a crime to be committed. First is that there must be a victim. Second is that there has to be an opportunity for the crime to be committed. And third is the lack of witnesses. We can go even deeper and address Social Learning Theory which has three core ideas. One is that people learn through observation. It does not have to be personal observation. Television is a good example. Second is the idea that internal mental states are part of the process. In Criminal Law, this is called Culpability. You can find the definition in Chapter 6 of the Texas Penal Code. Lastly, the theory points out that even when something is learned, it does not mean that it will result in a change of behavior. I often say that all people can be dangerous; most people just choose not to be.

What it boils down to is that committing a crime is a choice that can have pretty severe consequences if you get caught. Here at UTSA, if you commit a crime and get caught, not only are you looking at criminal charges being brought against you, but you also face sanctions from the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. This can include being expelled from the university. Don’t put your life and academic career in jeopardy by making a poor choice.
Schedule of Events For December 2014

**Thursday December 9, 2014**  
*Mariachi* (Aztec Theatre)  
210-226-2891 for tickets sales

**Sunday December 14, 2014**  
SAWS Concert, Music Recital Hall  
5—7 pm Arts Bldg. 2.03.02

**Thursday December 18, 2014**  
UC 1.02 SGA Giving Tree 8:00 am—11:00pm  
Contact: Montoya, John

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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>QTY</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>Bag/Backpacks</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Binders/Folders</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Books</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>Calculators</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>44</td>
<td>Cell phone &amp; Laptop Chargers</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Cell phones/Cases</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>Earbuds/Earphones</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>51</td>
<td>Jewelry &amp; Watches</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>36</td>
<td>Keys</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>Misc. Electronics</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Misc. Items</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>44</td>
<td>Prescription &amp; Sunglasses</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Umbrellas</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Long Board</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Wallets</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>205</td>
<td>USB</td>
<td>Various Brands, Colors &amp; Styles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SACU</td>
<td>Andres Herrero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Credit One Bank</td>
<td>Jason Wallace</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>SS CU Card</td>
<td>Eric Sanchez</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Crime Report for the Month of October 2014

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

- **Thefts** = 11
- **Alcohol Arrests** = 7
- **Burglary of Vehicle** = 0
- **Drug Arrests** = 5
- **Assaults** = 3
- **DUI/DUI Arrests** = 4
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle** = 1
- **Other Crimes** = 2

- Twitter: Protecting Your Future...Today
- Facebook: UTSA Office of Business Affairs: Your Partner for Successful Solutions!
Access Services is always looking for ways to better serve the UTSA community, and while trying to get ideas to write an article for the Runner Beat Newsletter, I ran across an interesting article on how to create a more secure campus, and would like to share it with all of you:

- All employees should say hello, smile, and ask others how they are doing once they enter the campus. The practice may indicate care about each student to increase a collective sense of comfort through caring. It may also create opportunity to identify people later.
- Curb petty theft on campus by securing property; SafePlace (www.safeplace-usa.com) offers personal safes for students and staff that can be placed in residence hall rooms or in lockers for commuters.
- Fix every broken light on campus and increase lighting in parking lots, pathways, halls, and lobbies.
- Consider parking patrol cars in entrance areas to parking lots and other visible spots.
- Make sure the halls are clean and uncluttered.
- Either wash off or paint over any graffiti, particularly in bathrooms.
- Promote the wearing of college IDs for all staff and students; so it helps determine if someone is not a member of community.
- Do not ignore the safety needs and concerns of staff. They will be the ones to project a sense of safety and security on campus.
- Get out of the office, walk the campus, and listen to students, staff, and the community. Keep in mind that we have two ears and just one mouth for a reason. People will feel safer if you are among them. Listening to them can also alleviate quite a bit of anxiety, which often comes out of the feeling that the school does not care about them individually.
- Use various ways to reach the community. E-mail and flyers will help. Let the community know you care and are doing things to increase an already safe campus. Communicate changes and improvements. Safety is in everyone’s job description. Have a great Holiday Season and a safe new year.

### Crime Prevention Safety Message

**Reminders on how to secure your residence before you leave for the holiday.**

- Secure the residence by locking the doors and windows. (Double check the day of departure)
- Make sure the residence looks lived in, not empty.
- If you have roommates find out if they are staying home during the holidays.
- Make sure blinds and curtains are closed.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch the residence.
- Do not post on social media sites you are out of town.
- Remove your valuable items from the residence, or remove the items from the main areas of the residence and place them in your bedroom and secure door.

### The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

The UTSA Police Department was recently was awarded its 3rd Certificate of Advanced Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The process involves a commitment to excellence in our policies and practices and is renewed for another three more years.

Our Department was able to demonstrate compliance with over 400 nationally recognized standards and best practices in policing. I would like to commend all the UTSA officers and civilian staff for successfully meeting such a high level of professionalism in this field. The benefits of accreditation are obvious in improving the service delivery and community oriented policing focus for all our customers: students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Of course, our accreditation could not have been accomplished without the support of the entire University community and local area law enforcement partners. We take great pride in serving our UTSA community and will continue to strive for excellence in public safety.