Be Prepared For The New Academic Year

The jump to college can be stressful. You’re leaving behind your school, friends, family, and home, and going off to explore a new place, make new friends, learn new things, and set your own priorities. The more prepared you are for college when you get there, the more ready you’ll be to confront any new pressures. Here are some realities to consider, and a few common-sense ways to help you handle them:

Financial Responsibility: Practice basic money management even before you get to campus. Make a budget, avoid splurges and consider big buys seriously before you commit. It is all part of financial responsibility.

Study Tips: That means working out a regular study schedule, setting good habits such as reviewing class notes each day after every class and avoiding studying with distractions around you.

Use Classroom Time Wisely: When you miss class, zone out, and fall asleep you really undercut your college career. Stay at your peak in class by getting plenty of sleep at night and concentrating on the lectures.

Residence Living: Living away from home is a whole new experience as well, especially with a new roommate. A little cooperation on both of your parts can make dorm living less stressful. Develop clear lines of communication with your roommate right away. Also, be mindful of each other’s personal space and possessions.

Safety on Campus: A safer college is a more enjoyable college experience. Save our emergency number (210.458.4911) in your cell phone’s speed dial so you can call us quickly. Remember, the drinking age in Texas is 21 years of age. So it’s 0 drinks if you are not of age or you’re driving, no more than 1 per hour and no more than 3 in one night. Also, stay alert & aware of your surroundings and know where the blue emergency phones are. Above all, have common sense and be sensible. You can get through college and retain your sanity by having fun while maintaining your safety. The UTSA Police Department is here to help you through your college experience.

References: gocollege.com; collegeboard.com

UTSAPD wants you to be informed about the college experience

Photo: UTSA website

On June 28, 2014, several members from The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department along with various law enforcement agencies and members of their families and friends participated in the annual Cops on Top hike at Guadalupe National Park climbing the highest point in the state of Texas.

Cops on Top 2014

Members of the UTSA Police Department were blessed with absolutely pristine weather conditions for the more than 3,000 ft. climb. This year’s climb was particularly heart felt as they sought to honor one of their own fallen brothers, Sergeant Hector Barrera. Members of the UTSA entourage proudly displayed shirts bearing the “132” logo, representative of the now permanently assigned call-sign of Sergeant Barrera. Members individually and collectively overcame their own challenges to pay tribute and respect for the service and sacrifices of Sergeant Barrera and his family.

Hector Barrera, UTSA police sergeant
Sgt. Barrera was killed in a traffic accident on August 20, 2013

References: Business Horizon

Photo: UTSAPD

References: gocollege.com; collegeboard.com
Traffic Safety Tips for the Start of the Fall Semester

UTSA is one of the fastest growing university campuses in Texas with a diverse campus of resident and commuter students as well as those students that walk, bike or skateboard from nearby apartments. This mix of pedestrians and vehicles can be a dangerous combination. And with the start of the new academic year, there will be an increase of vehicles, pedestrian and bike/skateboard traffic in and around campus. The UTSA Police Department wants to ensure the well-being of all members of the university community when it comes to traffic safety. Here are a few tips that may reduce the risk of becoming involved in a traffic accident:

Give the Right of Way: Most traffic accidents on and near campus involve one car failing to yield the right of way to another car by selecting too short a gap in traffic when entering a busy street. Avoid accidents by waiting for a sufficient gap in traffic before entering.

Unsafe Speeds: Drivers who follow vehicles too closely cause rear-end collisions. The speed limit on UTSA campus roads is 20 mph and in the parking lots the speed limit is 10 mph.

Traffic Control: UTSA police officers routinely direct traffic on campus streets that become congested as students arrive on or depart campus. Heeding instructions from the uniformed police officers directing traffic helps to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians as well as shorten the time to arrive on or leave campus.

Emergency Vehicles: The UTSA Police Department reminds you that Texas law requires drivers of every vehicle to immediately move as close as possible and parallel to the nearest edge of the road, clear of any intersection, and stop whenever an emergency vehicle with warning lights and siren operating is approaching. The driver shall remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed and no other emergency equipment is in sight.

Pedestrians: UTSA parking regulations state that every pedestrian has the right-of-way at marked crosswalks, in intersections, and on sidewalks extending across a service drive, building entrance, or driveway. Texas Law states that a pedestrian may not suddenly proceed into the path of a vehicle so close that it is impossible for the vehicle operator to yield.

Operating a motor vehicle on campus and in the surrounding area of UTSA is a unique and challenging experience. Operators need to develop safe driving habits. We encourage every member of our community to drive safely, giving special attention to the speed limits, seat belt laws and most importantly their surroundings.

The UTSA PD wants you follow these safety tips:

- Pedestrian Responsibility:
  - Be predictable. Use sidewalks where provided.
  - Cross at marked crosswalks or intersections.

- Driver’s Responsibility:
  - Stop for pedestrians at crosswalk and intersections.
  - Slow down and obey the posted speed limit.

- Skateboarder Responsibility:
  - Wear protective gear.
  - Don’t ride in the street.

Try new tricks slowly and in a controlled environment.

References:
- Runner Beat Sept 08; ilstu.edu/depts/police/safety/tipstrr.htm; rdu.news14.com; tti.tamu.edu/documents/2136-2.pdf

The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department
UTSAPD wants you to be informed about traffic safety
Photo: UTSA PD

UTSA Police Department welcomes all faculty, staff and students.
Have a safe and secure Fall 2014 Semester!

Business Affairs is proud to recognize Officer Maranda Tupper, Police Department, as the 3rd Quarter recipient of the Celebrating Excellence Award

“Know When to Pass” On Football Game Day

Please help save Texans’ lives by spreading this life-saving message – Stop Football Game Day Drinking and Driving.

From the first game in August through the Super Bowl finale, watching football is a national past-time, especially in Texas where professional, college, and high school teams drive Texans “football crazy.”

Unfortunately, research shows that the sport of watching the sport is often accompanied by excessive alcohol consumption. Whether at small gatherings in front of the television or attending game day tailgate parties, drinking (often to excess) has become an inevitable football watching ritual. The results of game day drinking can be seen in the growing number of post-game traffic accidents and fatalities.

45 percent of those who drink at a football watching party in Texas have reported driving home. According to TxDOT, 35.6 percent of the total traffic fatalities were caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol. These figures increase over the weekend and on football game days.

These tragic statistics are why TxDOT has launched a public awareness campaign Know When to Pass. Always designate a sober driver if you plan on drinking, and if you are impaired, do not drive – call a taxi, use mass transit, call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely, or simply stay where you are.

Fans can follow the “Know When to Pass” at their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/KnowWhenToPass

Reference: Texas Department of Transportation

“Know When to Pass” 
KWT-P is a DWI awareness program from TxDOT concerning the dangers of game day drinking

Photo: TxDOT

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Prevent Bike Theft By Properly Locking It
Make sure to use the proper lock and method to secure your bike.
Photo: Google Images

One of the best ways to get around campus is on a bike. Bicycling to class takes less time than trying to find that “perfect” parking spot, is healthy for you and good for the environment. Unfortunately, bicycles are very easy to steal because most owners leave the bike unlocked or improperly lock the bike. Understanding the most common types of theft can help you protect your bike and lock it with confidence.

Keep your bicycle locked at all times, and use a strong lock. Use a case-hardened U-type lock. Weak or inexpensive locks will not deter a thief. Make sure to fill up as much space inside the “U” as possible.

If you notice someone “hanging around” a bicycle rack, report this to UTSA-PD. Call 210.458.4911 if you notice suspicious people anywhere on campus.

Engrave your bicycle with your driver’s license number. Your driver’s license number is a recognizable identifier that a police department would be able to use to try to get the bicycle back to you. Contact the UTSA PD Crime Prevention Unit at 210-458-6974 to schedule an appointment for this free service.

Record your bicycle’s make, model and serial number and store this information in a safe place. In case it is stolen, you will have this information available.

Protect your bike by registering it. Registering your bike greatly aids in its return to you if it is recovered by the police. Options include the National Bike Registry at www.nationalbikeregistry.com or registering your bike with UTSA Parking at https://www.utsa.edu/auxiliary/bikeForm.html.

Secure It. Keep It. Properly Lock Your Bike

September is National Campus Safety Month

It’s important to remember how important healthy relationships are as you get settled back into the groove of going to class, studying for tests, participating in activities and generally being busier than in the summer.

Learn more at www.loveisrespect.org
College Dating Violence and Abuse Poll
Over one in five college women (22%) report actual physical abuse, sexual abuse or threats of physical violence.

52% of college women report knowing a friend who has experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors including physical, sexual, tech, verbal or controlling abuse.

Learn more at www.breakthecycle.org

Stalking Victimization
1 in 6 women and 1 in 19 men have experienced stalking victimization at some point during their lifetime in which they felt very fearful or believed that they or someone close to them would be harmed or killed.

1 in 4 women and 1 in 13 men reported being a victim of stalking in their lifetime.

The majority of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know. 66% of female victims and 41% of male victims of stalking are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.


Sexual Violence

Sexual Assault Awareness month is April 2015, the focus is campus sexual violence prevention. Begin now and take action to create safer campuses and brighter futures for all.

Learn more at www.nsvec.org
Telephone Numbers and Referral Information
Call 911 or 210-458-4911
Call The Rape Crisis Center 24 hour Hotline 210-349-7273

www.rapecrisis.com

Call the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), 1-800-656-HOPE, to be routed to a rape crisis center near you or Call the National Center for Victims of Crime Victim Service Helpline, 1-800-FYI-CALL or 1-800-211-7996 (TTY/TDD)

ALL ACCESS: Guidelines and Procedures by Teresa Maillard

Access Services would like to welcome all our students, staff and faculty members and a special welcome goes to our newcomers this semester. You will find that UTSA is a warm, friendly and safe place to work, study, live, play and make new friends.

As the new Fall semester begins, Access Services is handling a high volume of access requests, as well as mechanical key requests. We encourage all our administrative staff to visit our website and begin using our new form. Some pages of our website are under construction, but will soon be offering new and improved links.

We take this opportunity to update you on some of Access Services guidelines and procedures:
All requests for key or card access must be approved by the department head and submitted electronically to Access.Services@utsa.edu.

We ask that you assist us in updating our “Authorized Requesters” list by notifying us when requestors have been replaced. Access Services will not grant requests unless properly submitted by the appropriate departmental requestor.

Persons other than the employees for whom the keys are issued to will not be permitted to pick up keys.
Banner ID is required when picking up keys.
Report lost keys and/or access cards to UTSA Police Department immediately. This will allow us to determine if the office area needs to be re-keyed or cards be deactivated.
Do not transfer or share keys, access cards or pin numbers. Appropriate requests must be submitted for a new employee.
Keys should not be used to open doors with card reader.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 458.6855.
We hope you have a great and safe new school year.
**Runner Beat**

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

**Preparedness is Everyone’s Responsibility By: Lorenzo D. Sanchez (UTSA Director of Emergency Management)**

The fall semester is here, and the UTSA Office of Emergency Management would like to get back to basics with you when it comes to emergency preparedness. With all the stressors in our daily lives, we often forget how important it is to prepare for emergencies both at work and at home. If you follow the simple measures outlined in this article, you’ll be prepared to act when emergencies strike.

First things first – prepare an emergency kit! In order to respond to any type of emergency, you are advised to put together an emergency kit for your home, car, and office/workplace. Items to include in your kit include water/sports drink, snacks, medications, first-aid kit, important documents, clothes, flashlight, batteries, cell phone charger, and personal hygiene products. You can download an emergency kit checklist on the Texas Prepares website (www.texaspreparers.org).

Next on the path to preparedness is to develop an emergency plan. Preparing a plan ahead of time will assist you during an emergency and lessen the stress of figuring out what to do and who to contact. Your plan should include emergency contact information, phone numbers of emergency services, important personal information for emergency responders (medical allergies, doctors, etc.), emergency procedures, and other basic preparedness information. Every campus department should develop an office preparedness plan as well, to include call tree lists, evacuation routes, shelter-in-place procedures, and campus resources and numbers.

Lastly, stay informed! Know the hazards that surround you at all times, and learn about how you can respond to different types of emergencies. Listen to the news, monitor weather conditions, research local threats, and most importantly, share this information with your family, friends, and coworkers. You can register for UTSA Alerts (emergency notifications via text, voice, email) by logging in to ASAP, clicking on the personal information tab, and selecting the UTSA Emergency Notification System. Together, we can build and sustain a safe campus community. For more information on emergency preparedness, visit our website the UTSA Campus Alerts website at www.alerts.utsa.edu. Questions? Contact the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at (210) 458-6851 or email BePrepared@utsa.edu.

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

Statute of Limitations. The purpose of these limitations is to ensure that the possibility of punishment for an act committed long ago cannot give rise to either a person’s incarceration or being thrust into the Criminal Justice System. The Statute of Limitations was created for several reasons. One is that, over time, evidence can become compromised or disappear altogether. People’s memories fade, crime scenes change and business records disappear, so the best time to file charges against someone is before evidence can be lost. Usually then, if a person wants to press criminal charges against another, the public prosecutor must file charges with a court within some time limit. The time limit varies from state to state, but there are some crimes committed that have no time limit to prosecute.

The State of Texas addresses the Statute of Limitations in Article 12.01 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. There is no Statute of Limitation on: Murder and Manslaughter; Sexual Assault (if DNA is involved); or Leaving the Scene of an Accident that results in the death of a person. A limitation of ten years from the date of the commission of the offense for: Theft of any estate; real, personal or mixed... with intent to defraud such estate; Theft by a Public Servant while serving in his official capacity; forgery; injury to a child, elderly, disabled person; sexual assault; arson. A limitation of seven years for crimes of: Misapplication of fiduciary Property; securing execution of document by deception; violations of several chapters of the Tax Code. A limitation of five years on crimes of: theft, burglary, robbery; kidnapping; abandoning or endangering a child; or; insurance fraud. Three years limitation on all other felonies; and two years limitation for all Misdemeanors.

I was walking through one of our buildings the other day when someone stopped me and asked a very good question. The question I basically was asked was, “how long do I have to file charges on someone if they’ve broken the law?” In legal terms, this is the
Schedule of Events For October 2014

**Tuesday Oct. 7, 2014**
National Night Out  
Kick-off 6:00 pm @ UC Paseo  
Join the UTSA community for National Night Out to take a bite out of crime! UTSA PD is collecting gently used and new books for the SA Reads Book Bank!!

**Saturday, October 11, 2014**  
UTSA Homecoming - Theme “Turn The Pages”  
Game Day Activities begin @ noon.  
Spirit Walk 3:30 pm  
Game starts at 6:00 pm

**Monday October 21, 2014**
Reality Rides  
11:00 am-2:00 pm @ Central Plaza (Sombrilla Area)  
Bringing awareness about distracted driver.

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 August 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** = 4  
- **Burglary of Vehicle** = 0  
- **Assaults** = 3  
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle** = 0  
- **Alcohol Arrests** = 20  
- **Drug Arrests** = 10  
- **DWI/DUI Arrests** = 8  
- **Other Crimes** = 6
Would You Know What Suspicious Activity Looks Like?

Race, gender or religious affiliations are not indicators of suspicious behavior. Look for signs of reconnaissance or equipment tampering. Don’t be afraid to report any of the following:
- Loose fitting clothing, large sweatshirt or jacket worn in hot weather conditions. Clothing that is disproportionate to the body type of the person.
- An individual who is fixated only on a particular object or location.
- Suspicious activity or loitering around facilities
- Attempts to abandon a vehicle in or near a parking facility, or cars in the parking lot without proper tags and license plates.

Unattended briefcases or bags may simply be forgotten or discarded items — but it’s better to be safe than sorry. Don’t be afraid to report any of the following:
- Unattended backpacks or packages in unusual places
- Items left unattended especially if partially hidden or in unusual locations.

Once you see something unusual, how do you describe it? In describing something suspicious, tell law enforcement who, when and where you saw something, and specifically what you saw. Explain why you thought there was cause for suspicion. Don’t be afraid to report something, even if you aren’t sure it was serious.

Victims of sexual assault, domestic & dating violence and stalking or persons who have information regarding these crimes are strongly encouraged to report the incident to the UTSA Police Department immediately. It is the UTSAPD’s policy to conduct investigations of all sexual assault, domestic & dating violence and stalking complaints with sensitivity, compassion, patience and respect for the victim.

When you are off-campus, call the local police immediately whenever you see or hear something suspicious or unusual. The UTSA Police Department will respond to all reports of suspicious activity on the tri-campus areas (Main, DTC and HemisFair Plaza) and will cooperate/assist the San Antonio Police Department for suspicious activity that occurs in the immediate vicinity of University of Texas at San Antonio. Early recognition and reporting of potential criminal activity is the first line in preventing crime. Take an active part in protecting your community and deterring crime.

Recognizing Scams
Be aware of the different scams that target money transfers:
- Online Dating Scams – anyone who asks for money is almost certainly a scam artist.
- Family Emergency Scams - someone calls or sends a message claiming to be a family member or a friend desperate for money.
- Virtual Kidnapping Scam – Demand for money in exchange for an alleged kidnapped relative.
- Job Posting Scams - to trick people looking for honest work, scammers advertise where real employers and job placement firms do. Then require payment for job listings.

A reminder: SOLICITORS ARE NEVER ALLOWED on university property without proper authorization by Office of Business Affairs. If you think you have been involved in a scam, contact university police at 210-458-4242.
You can file a complaint or get information on consumer issues by visiting ftc.gov

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As we begin another Fall semester at UTSA I wanted to remind everyone to watch their property and belongings. It seems like cell phones are glued to some peoples hands, but you eventually have to put it down or in your pocket or purse. Same thing goes with iPads, laptops, and other electronic devices. Please take care of these items and don’t let them out of your sight as they are expensive and carry lots of important and sometimes confidential information. In our haste and fast paced schedules it is easy to get careless and leave these devices somewhere. How many of us (guilty as charged) have walked out and driven away from a restaurant, gym, other public place only to realize you left your cell phone or other electronic device behind and go through the terror/stress of getting back there fast enough to see if it is still there or was turned in? The stress, inconvenience and costs of replacing your electronic devices is not worth it so please remember keep a close watch on these items at all times. Your UTSA police department has a number of helpful crime prevention presentations and tips designed to keep you and your property safe. Please feel free to visit our sight at www.utsa.edu/utsapd or contact The UTSA PD Crime Prevention Unit 210-458-6974 for more information. Here’s hoping you have a great and safe Fall Semester, 2014.