April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The 2014 National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign focuses on healthy sexuality and young people. This campaign provides tools on healthy adolescent sexuality and engaging youth. Learn how you can play a role in promoting a healthy foundation for relationships, development and sexual violence prevention.

SAAM 2014 engages adults in supporting positive youth development, and encourages young people to be activists for change. This April, we encourage our community use their voice to impact our future. In 2001, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, NSVRC conducted a brief survey on the issues of color and symbol, and discovered that teal was the color most often used and preferred for SAAM. On the subject of symbol, about half of the respondents preferred the use of a ribbon to anything else. The color associated with sexual assault is Teal, the Awareness Ribbon is a recognized symbolization of support.

Awareness Ribbon

We encourage participation by using some variation of teal awareness ribbons. To order teal ribbon pins and appliques from the NSVRC, please visit the SAAM store.

An article by Liz Zadnik based on work of Staci Haines author of The survivor’s guide to sex: How to have an empowered sex life after child sexual abuse, (Haines, 1999) highlights the critical aspect of what surrounds sexual assault, that being “consent”. Asking for and hearing a “yes” can support feelings of safety and respect, even if sex isn’t happening or going to happen. Consent means that the people involved agree without pressure to what they are doing together. Consensual interactions are described as the opposite of sexual violence. Consent is best when it is verbal, and when there is a clear “yes.” For example, when two people are making out, they can ask each other if they are feeling comfortable. This doesn’t have to be formal or stuffy, a simple “Are you OK with this?” works just fine. It doesn’t have to be a big deal, just a simple request between two people who respect and like each other. Encouraging talking about what each individual needs and wants in an effort to visualize what that may appear like in real-time situations.

Strategies to being an ally:

- Listen actively, keeping an open mind
- Learn, make effort to recognize cultural and social norms
- Expect a range of emotions, including lack of emotion & shock
- Be Patient, allow person to move at their pace
- Support, encourage getting help determined by individual
- Practice and promote respect, be respectful, non-judgmental
- Be honest, don’t promise, provide accurate information
- Provide resources, find leaders in community to support you


Call someone; Tell someone; Say something
UTSA Police: 210-458-4911 Counseling Services: 210-458-4140


National Sexual Assault Hotline:
800-656 HOPE (4673)
Free. Confidential. 24/7
Rainn.org
National Telecommunicators Week brings celebration, honor, and publicity focused on the otherwise unsung hero on the other end of the line. It's a great opportunity to reflect on the important role of the 911 dispatcher as the first, first responder.

The month of April also serves as 911 education month, which focuses on teaching the proper use of 911 for aid in emergency situations (and as any dispatcher knows, NOT for pranks, weather checks, or complaints about slow traffic!). Thank you to all of you dispatchers who work long shifts and continually serve to provide a lifeline to those in need!

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. It was first conceived by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County (Calif.) Sheriff’s Office in 1981 and was observed only at that agency for three years. Members of the Virginia and North Carolina chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) became involved in the mid-1980s. By the early 1990s, the national APCO organization convinced Congress of the need for a formal proclamation. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) introduced what became H.J. Res. 284 to create “National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week.” According to Congressional procedure, it was introduced twice more in 1993 and 1994, and then became permanent, without the need for yearly introduction.

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was “National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.” In the intervening years, it has become known by several other names, including “National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week” and “International Public Safety Telecommunicator’s Week.” The Congressional resolution also stated there were more than “500,000 telecommunications specialists,” although other estimates put the number of dispatchers at just over 200,000. So this week we would like to honor the men and women of the UTSA Police Department who work in the Communication Center, specifically; Cindy Cantu, Ray Mesa, Rebecca Moreno, Gilberto Morales, James Garcia, Rafael Pettion, Jeffrey Volz, Connie Kimbrough and April Saenz. They take the calls and provide a comforting voice to the people on the other end of the phone line. They offer guidance and assistance to the responding police and public safety officers, and they give them a cheerful greeting when needed. Next time you have the honor of speaking to a telecommunications specialist, please take a moment to thank them for what they do.

Story Contribution by Capt. Dan Kiley

A Message From President Obama stated:

The consequences of dating violence — spanning impaired development to physical harm — pose a threat to the health and well-being of teens across our Nation, and it is essential we come together to break the cycle of violence that burdens too many of our sons and daughters. This month, we recommit to providing critical support and services for victims of dating violence and empowering teens with the tools to cultivate healthy, respectful relationships.

http://www.loveisrespect.org/dating-basics/dating-basics
Campus Preparedness  Lorenzo D. Sanchez, MPA (UTSA Director of Emergency Management)

UTSA FLOOR CAPTAIN SAFETY LIASON PROGRAM

The UTSA Floor Captain Safety Liaison Program was initiated to empower volunteer employees with the knowledge and skills required to help fellow building occupants evacuate/shelter-in-place as quickly and as safely as possible should an emergency occur. Floor Captain Safety Liaison (FCSL) program promotes emergency preparedness, safety awareness, and crime prevention throughout the university community. More volunteers are needed to help UTSA keep pace with our growth, further ensuring the university is prepared for any emergency.

Training involves the circumstances and mechanics of campus evacuations and related procedures, shelter-in-place procedures, emergency management concepts, utilizing Evac-Chairs (mobility/disability assistance chairs), fire safety, incident command system, crime prevention, and active shooter response. Primary focus is on safety and security initiatives that provide guidance and direction to Floor Captains to take the lead until professional first responders arrive on scene. With this knowledge Floor Captains help ease panic, stress, and help in an effort to restore order and return UTSA to regular functioning activities.

Additionally, Floor Captains assist emergency personnel in evacuating people. In certain emergencies, there may not be enough first responders to assist everyone in every building. Floor Captain Safety Liaisons help in the effort to restore order and return UTSA to normal operations.

We are especially in need of volunteers for the following buildings: Applied Engineering & Technology, Arts Building, Biosciences Building, Biotechnology Science & Engineering, Science Building, Child Development Center, Convocation Center, Engineering Building, Science Research Labs and Margaret Tobin Labs. Spring training will wrap up Tuesday April 29th, so log on to the Human Resources Training and Development portal and sign up for SA 485 Floor Captain Safety Liaison Training to reserve your seat.

Questions? Call or email the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at (210) 458-6851 or BePrepared@utsa.edu.

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

For this month’s edition of The RunnerBeat, I will explain how the UTSAPD investigations team begins to investigate crimes that are reported on campus. The first step in any investigation is conducted by the patrol officer who responds to the call. This is called a preliminary investigation. The officer will ask the reporting party certain questions which are aimed not only at finding out what happened but also to try to determine, what are called, solvability factors.

To determine solvability factors, an officer may ask the reporting party: “do you know who did this?”, “do you know where the offender is now?”, or “are there any witnesses to what occurred?” The reporting officer may also determine that there is physical evidence left at the scene. The officer will either collect the evidence themselves or call a detective over to accomplish the task. This evidence is usually fingerprints or DNA left at the scene by the offender. This is another solvability factor.

Once the officer has completed his initial investigation, he or she will write a report and submit it to their supervisor. It will then be approved or sent back to correct any errors.

The investigative Sergeant reviews all cases which are generated by the patrol officers and guards. Upon review, the Sergeant determines which cases need to be assigned to a detective for investigation.

Once a case is assigned to a detective it then becomes a latent, or follow up investigation. The assigned detective will then prioritize the newly assigned case. Cases which contain solvability factors usually get the highest priority.

However, even if there are no solvability factors, the assigned detective will perform a latent investigation to try and prosecute an offender.

Our main goal is to clear the assigned case in a way which will get the victim back any property which was stolen from them. They don’t always work out that way, though. Sometimes cases have no leads and have no other information which would lead to the development of a suspect.
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.

ALL ACCESS: by Jessenia Skelton (Director of Security Services)

Emergency phones for your Security

The UTSA Police Department takes the safety and security of its community seriously and has provided a means of communication by positioning blue emergency phone towers throughout the campus. Although many of us carry around a cell phone, there may be times when it may not be accessible to us or when you are uncertain of your location. These phones are intended to help those who find themselves in a stressful or emergency situation, by providing them the capability to communicate directly with the UTSA Police Department Communications Center. When a phone is activated, a blue light on top of the tower will flash and help police personnel quickly identify the location of distress. Dispatch automatically receives the location of the phone and can quickly communicate the exact information to an officer. Although these phones are primarily intended to be used during emergency situations, they may also be used to report incidents or suspicious activity.

Emergency phones are not only a deterrent; they are part of our emergency communication system and provide an additional means of security. Many of these phones also have security cameras that monitor the areas around them and may provide video evidence in the event of a criminal act. At this time, there are approximately 134 emergency phones located throughout the Main and Downtown campuses. These phones have been strategically placed for easy accessibility inside parking garages, parking lots, housing areas and near sidewalks. As a safety tip, you should consider the following: While walking to and from your vehicle, be attentive and aware of your surroundings. Be proactive and familiarize yourself with the locations of these emergency phones. Choose routes where there will be a phone accessible to you, and lastly use the emergency phone if you find yourself in a stressful situation, need immediate assistance or want to report suspicious behavior or a crime.

To obtain pamphlets or information, please stop by the UTSA Police Department/Access Services office. Access.Services@utsa.edu.

Ofc Maranda Tupper’s Safety Message

Bringing in the Bystander | What Can I Do To Prevent Sexual Assault Violence?

As individuals we can:
· Make arrangements to travel with friends to minimize vulnerability.
· Utilize the local police they are available 24 hours a day.
· Trust our intuition and don’t hesitate to call for help if we’re feeling uneasy.

As bystanders witnessing a dangerous situation we can:
· Call police or someone else in authority.
· Tell another person. Being with others is a good idea when a situation looks dangerous.
· Yell for help.
· Ask a friend in a potentially dangerous situation if he/she wants to leave and then make sure that he/she gets home safely.
· Ask a victim if he/she is okay. Provide options and a listening ear.
· Call the local crisis center for support and options.

All of these behaviors and more will contribute to building a community of safety and care that help end violence against women.

Information provided by: http://cola.unh.edu/prevention-innovations/bystander-what-can-i-do
Lost and Found Items

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

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**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 University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department

UTSA Office of Business Affairs: Your Partner for Successful Solutions!
Crime Report for the Month of March 2014

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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Congratulations!
Corporal Eric Webber
Recipient of the President’s University Excellence Award in Leadership

TAASA 2014 SAAPM Facilitation Efforts:
“Miss Representation” Screening and Discussion
Organize a screening and discussion of the film: Miss Representation (now available on Netflix).
“Explore how the media’s often disparaging portrayals of women contribute to the under-representation of females in positions of power, creating another generation of women defined by beauty and sexuality, and not by their capacity as leaders.”
http://movies.netflix.com/WiMovie/Miss_Representation/70167128?locale=en-US&noredir=true. For more information
http://therepresentationproject.org/resources

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As we approach the home stretch of this spring semester I’d like to discuss the importance of stress management.

Stress is a normal part of life and everyone has different ways of handling it. Many times our list of things to do is overloaded and we have to prioritize, get organized and learn to say no when we cannot commit to another project.

Other times we need to find a healthy outlet for our stress, like exercise. If you or anyone you know is having difficulty handling stress to the point that it is negatively impacting their lives there is assistance available through our counseling center.

We also have a Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) that is designed to assist people who may be in distress and/or present a danger to themselves or others. Please visit the BIT website at http://utsa.edu/bit/report.cfm for additional information and know that there is always help available from people who care about your well-being. Be safe.