February is Dating Violence Prevention Month

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 you deal with this. 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, ncbs.org & acadv.org

Bike Thefts On The Rise – Protect Your Property

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 anyplace 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.

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 the UTSA-PD. Call 210.458.6250 for more information.


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Prevent Your Identity From Being Stolen

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, credit card number or other financial account information, without your permission, to commit fraud. It is estimated that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. In fact, you or someone you know may have experienced some form of identity theft.

Identity theft is serious. While some identity theft victims can resolve their problems quickly, others spend hundreds of dollars and many days repairing damage to their good name and credit record. Some consumers victimized by identity theft may lose out on job opportunities, or be denied loans for education, housing or cars because of negative information on their credit reports.

Identity theft starts with the misuse of your personally identifying information. Skilled identity thieves may use a variety of methods to get hold of your information, including dumpster diving and phishing. Once they have your personal information, identity thieves use it in a variety of ways. One of the most common ways is through credit card fraud. They may open new credit card accounts in your name. When they use the cards and don’t pay the bills, the delinquent accounts appear on your credit report. Other methods include phone or utilities fraud, bank/finance fraud and government documents fraud.

The best way to find out is to monitor your accounts and bank statements each month, and check your credit report on a regular basis. If you check your credit report regularly, you may be able to limit the damage caused by identity theft. Unfortunately, many consumers learn that their identity has been stolen after some damage has been done.

What should you do if your identity is stolen? Filing a police report, checking your credit reports, notifying creditors, and disputing any unauthorized transactions are some of the steps you must take immediately to restore your good name.

Awareness is an effective weapon against many forms of identity theft. Be aware of how information is stolen and what you can do to protect yours, monitor your personal information to uncover any problems quickly, and know what to do when you suspect your identity has been stolen.

Employee Kudos: PCO Connie Kimbrough received a nice compliment from Lt. English: “I wanted to thank you for your great attitude which is a consistent display of teamwork, energy, enthusiasm, and initiative. You are always helpful and strive to provide the best service in a professional way. It is always a pleasure when you are on duty!” Way to go!

VIA Metropolitan Transit restores outbound bus stop for route 93

As of 9 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30, VIA Metropolitan Transit outbound route 93 will again stop on Frio Street at the UTSA Downtown Campus. VIA bus stops at the UTSA Main Campus are in the new Campus Oval north of the Business Building. VIA had eliminated the Downtown Campus outbound stop, but were convinced to reinstate it after discussion with UTSA administrators. UTSA passengers going from the Main Campus to the Downtown Campus are dropped off on the corner of Buena Vista and South Pecos-La Trinidad streets at the UTSA Downtown Campus.

For more information, visit the VIA Metropolitan Transit website (www.viainfo.net). Reference: UTSA Today

Officers Honored for Distinguished Service for Heroism

Corporal Crocker and Officer Major will soon be awarded the University of Texas System Police Distinguished Service for Heroism award for their response to an incident near the Downtown Campus on January 19, 2013.

Shortly after midnight, Corporal Crocker was on patrol when he was stopped by a citizen who reported there was an armed subject in the Pico de Gallo restaurant on Leona Street. Officer Robert Major responded to Corporal Crocker’s radio call and these two officers secured the perimeter ready to engage the gunman should he emerge or respond to any resulting hostage or barricaded gunman situation. Both waited for assistance from the San Antonio Police Department.

Suddenly the restaurant night manager emerged yelling that the suspect had been shot inside by a security guard. Corporal Crocker and the first SAPD officer on the scene entered the building tactically while Officer Major provided cover. With no assurance that the situation was stable and the threat eliminated, Corporal Crocker entered through the kitchen doors and observed a suspect lying on the floor bleeding, a semi-automatic handgun next to him. Corporal Crocker positioned himself between the suspect and the weapon and stood by until SAPD assumed the crime scene.

Later investigation revealed this same suspect had committed two earlier robberies at East Commerce Street and Travis Street shooting one victim and brandishing his handgun at another. It was also determined that the suspect fired several rounds as he entered the Pico de Gallo at the onset of the robbery. Corporal Crocker and Officer Major as the first officers on the scene placed themselves in harm’s way and demonstrated individual courage and resolve.

Corporal Crocker and Officer Major have brought great credit and distinction to the University of Texas System Police Department, the University of Texas System Police and the law enforcement profession and distinguished themselves personally and professionally.

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Reference: Michael J. Holdingsfield, Director of Police UT System Police
Campus Safety Escort Program

The UTSA Police Department is committed to ensuring a safe environment for all students, employees and visitors at the university. In an effort to encourage personal safety, the Campus Safety Escort program was initiated. It provides personal safety escorts twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The Police Department’s Campus Safety Escort service plays an essential role in the department’s effort to promote safety and security on campus. The Campus Safety Escort service is safe and easy to use. It is available to students, staff, faculty, and anyone else who needs an escort. This service is designed to provide escorts on all three of the UTSA Campuses (Main, Downtown and ITC). Any special requests will be honored on a case by case basis.

The Campus Safety Escort may be accomplished by means other than a vehicle. This program utilizes Foot, Bicycle, and Vehicle Patrol Officers. A uniformed police officer or Public Safety Officer (PSO) will meet you at your location and escort you to your destination. Although the Campus Safety Escort Program is not a taxi service, it is meant to provide a safe alternative to walking alone.

Wait time will vary, depending on the number of requests per evening. Our goal is to keep each wait under 10 minutes. It is recommended that you wait inside a building or in a well-lit location. Never wait in a dark or unpopulated area.

To access the program, call 210-458-4242 and provide the following information to the dispatcher:

- Your Name
- Current Location
- Destination
- Physical description of yourself

This program has been designed for your safety, so don’t put yourself in a situation that can lead to a bad outcome. Our escort program helps you avoid becoming a victim of crime. Help us to help you.

Officer Piepho’s Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Dating Violence Warning Signs

- Calls you names and puts you down in front of others and telling you what to wear;
- Acts extremely jealous of others who pay attention to you;
- Controls what you do, constantly calling or texting you demanding to know where and who you have been with; or
- Threatening to hurt your or has already hurt you.

Love doesn’t have to hurt. There are places you can go for help. Contact UTSAPD at (210) 458-4911 and/or Counseling Services at (210) 458-4140 if you or someone you know is being abused.

ALL ACCESS: Henry Verde Retires From UTSA

In 1977 the President of the United States was Jimmy Carter, the Oakland Raiders had won Super Bowl XI, and Henry Verde came to work at UTSA. After 35 years with the university, Henry has decided it was time to do other things. Henry began his career with UTSA as a cook and then went to work with Facilities Services. In 2000 Henry came to work with the University Police Department as a locksmith. Henry was a very recognizable face on campus and knew everyone. He was always willing to help staff and faculty with key and cylinder issues and to just lend an ear when they wanted to talk. Time and time again, Access Services was told by employees of the university how Henry helped them to resolve issues with a key or lock, and how much it was appreciated.

Henry has great plans for his retirement, many of which include his 1 year old granddaughter Zoe. He and his wife Dora plan to do some traveling, and to continue their volunteerism with many worthwhile community programs.

To celebrate Henry’s many years of service to the university, we would like you to join us for a Retirement Reception honoring Henry, on February 26th. We will be sending an email invitation soon. Please join us to wish Henry well. Dr. Helen White, Administrative Assistant in UTSAPD Security Services

Party on the Paseo

Be A Responsible Roadrunner (BARR) is once again sponsoring the 2012 Party on the Paseo. Party on the Paseo is an event that brings students, faculty, staff, alumni and community together to celebrate Fiesta in a safe, fun and interactive environment through games, concerts and activities. This year’s event is scheduled for Thursday April 25, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. For more info, go to www.utsa.edu/sa/barr/
Safety Highlights by Lorenzo D. Sanchez, MPA (UTSA Director of Emergency Management)

Don’t Get Blue with the Flu!

The 2012-13 influenza (flu) season is in full swing here in San Antonio, and it is very important for you to protect yourself and those around you. Students at UTSA can visit Student Health Services on campus for preparedness information or to see a doctor, and staff/faculty are encouraged to reach out to their doctors for vaccinations.

Getting vaccinated is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. Vaccination efforts should continue as long as influenza viruses are circulating. Findings from early CDC data suggest that this season’s vaccine so far is reducing the risk of having to go to the doctor for influenza by about 60% for vaccinated people. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that provide protection against the flu. Also, you can help stop the spread of influenza and other diseases by doing the following things:

If you get sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities (your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine); practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette to prevent the spread of germs; wash your hands regularly; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

While not a substitute for vaccination, these steps can help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like influenza. If you get the flu, remember to cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you need to sneeze or cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve and wash your hands immediately with soap and water. If a tissue is not available, throw it in the trash immediately. By doing these things, you will help protect those around you. Influenza is spread from person to person through droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Be Prepared – Make a Plan – Stay Informed! Be safe UTSA!

Sources: UTSA Women’s Resource Center, UTSA Student Affairs website

UTSA Women’s Resource Center Is a Campus Resource

The Women’s Resource Center (WRC) was created to be a safe place on campus where students can learn more about many of the issues affecting women today, including sexual assault and relationship violence. The goal of the WRC is to educate and bring awareness to the UTSA community by providing resources in health and wellness, equal opportunity, safety, and welfare. The RC houses a resource library with educational material, such as books, brochures, pamphlets, and videos. Currently, the WRC serves as the main entrance to the Health Education Department in Student Health Services. Students who have an appointment to speak with a Health Educator will sign in with the WRC receptionist. Also, students who have questions regarding AlcoholEdu are encouraged to call or visit the WRC to speak with a Health Educator. The staff at the WRC are Ally-certified and available to speak to students regarding nutrition, women’s health, sexual assault incidents, and other health topics as requested.

The Women’s Resource Center is located at Rec Wellness Center room 1.812 and the phone number is 458-6829.

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

My name is Sergeant Calucci. My current assignment is leading the Criminal Investigations Section of the UTSA PD. I have been doing police work for about twenty years and I love it. I really don’t know what other profession I would be good at.

Why do I love my job, you ask? Well, first is that I love helping people. I know that sounds hokey, but I do. I have sat through many interviews with prospective police officers. When asked why they want to be a cop, the most common response is that they want to help people. It’s funny how many forget that when they get out of the police academy. Not me. I take very seriously the tasks that have been presented to me. I look at it this way: If I was a victim of a crime (which I have been) how would I want to be treated. I stress this point of view to anyone who will listen to me.

Another reason I love my job? I get to do cool things. Granted, it doesn’t compare to some of the stuff on TV, but it’s still pretty cool. For example, I work very closely with the tech guys in our department. A few years ago, I didn’t know anything about video cameras or computers or Wi-Fi systems. I do now. I think it’s pretty cool that if someone has their laptop or tablet stolen on campus, I know a way to possibly track it and get it back to the owner. I think that it’s pretty cool that my idea was borrowed by several other UT components to help with their thefts too.

These are just a couple of reasons I love my job. There are many more. Maybe next month, I’ll share some more with you. Until then, remember our silent witness page. If you know of something going on that you think we ought to know about, take a minute and get on-line. It may not seem it at the time, but this is your opportunity to help someone who may be making one of the biggest mistakes of their lives.
Schedule of Events For February 2013

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| Tuesday Feb. 12, 2013 | FS 351: Community Repose to Active Shooter  
9:00 am at University Heights  
Learn strategies for surviving an active shooter situation. |
| Thursday Feb. 14, 2013 | Coffee with the Cops  
Begins 7:00 am at UC Starbucks  
The UTSAPD Crime Prevention Unit will be at the UC Starbucks. Come have some coffee with us! |
| Saturday Feb. 16, 2013 | 26th Annual Asian Festival  
Begins 10:00 am at ITC  
Join us for the Year of the Snake at the Institute of Texan Cultures for this family-friendly event. |
| Thursday Feb. 28, 2013 | SD353: Sexual Assault Disclosure  
3:00 pm at University Heights  
Learn how to effectively handle a disclosure of sexual assault. |

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 January 2012

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 = 14  
Alcohol Arrests = 12
Burglary of Vehicle = 1  
Drug Arrests = 3
Assaults = 2  
DWI/DUI Arrests = 3
Theft of Motor Vehicle = 0  
Other Crimes = 16

PCO Saenz Awarded Intermediate Certification

Congratulations to PCO April Saenz on earning her Intermediate Certification. The Telecommunicator Intermediate Certification is voluntary. The applicant must have two years experience and 120 hours of training. Training courses April took included Cultural Diversity, Ethics for Law Enforcement, Crisis Communications, Spanish for Law Enforcement and Texas Crime Information Center/National Crime Information Center (TCIC/NCIC) training courses. April has been a PCO with UTSAPD since 2009. Excellent job April.
Dealing With Roommate Conflict

During your talk, treat your roommate as you would want to be treated if you were the one perceived as having a problem. Assume that she/he isn’t a sociopath just because she/he has a habit you find hard to live with. Even bad tempers are often a sign of fear or insecurity; adding to her/his problem will probably just add to yours.

Be tactful, be even-tempered, but be clear. Your roommate can’t very well change her/his attitude if you skirt around the problem. Be concrete about what you would like to see change; a vague “You bug me so bad” won’t give her/him much to strive for. Ideally, they’ll come away with enough self-respect that they’ll want to try harder.

Remember, conflict is an inevitable part of most interpersonal relationships and is best viewed as a problem to be resolved. The key to conflict resolution is not to avoid conflict when it arises but to recognize it and manage it effectively in order to produce the best possible outcome. By first identifying the source of the problem and then engaging in the use of appropriate problem solving skills, anyone can become effective at resolving roommate conflict. Contact the UTSA Counseling Center at 210.458.4140 for additional assistance.

Chief Barrera Says:
The following personnel received an “EXCELLENT” rating on the Customer Satisfaction Survey: Officers James Lee, Jr., Rich Palacios, Joe Mirales and Ray Ervin. Some of the comments were: “Good investigative work”, “Officer was very helpful in my stressful situation”.

Thank you for taking care of our customers.

UTSAPD Members Complete Higher Education Degrees

The UTSA Police Department wishes to congratulate the below listed personnel in earning college degrees. It is very impressive to have such a great focus on education in our department. As a department, many of our members (both civilian and sworn) are attending classes, trainings or other types of courses to improve ourselves. Continuing education is another way we achieve our guiding principals (H.E.A.R.T.—Honor, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, Teamwork).

Elizabeth Carter: Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice
Jake Criswell: Associate of Horticultural Sciences Landscape and Design

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

This month I would like to highlight and promote some of our critical safety programs we offer to our university community. The first one is the Campus Safety Escort Program, which is for anyone on campus who feels the need for additional protection while walking to their car or around campus. Safety escorts are usually conducted in the evening hours to avoid walking alone in the dark but are available 24/7 to anyone who feels they need additional protection.

We also have free key chain safety whistles available that we give to anyone to use as a personal defense system. These whistles can come in handy if you are walking on campus and ever feel in danger as they can signal for help or scare away a potential attacker. I also wanted to point out that we have well over 100 emergency blue phones located at our Main and Downtown Campus for your safety. Don’t ever hesitate to press the button on one of these phones to ask for help which directly notifies our dispatcher and an officer can be sent to your location immediately. We are sending out a Special Edition Runner Beat to ensure word gets out about these important safety programs.

Don’t ever hesitate to take advantage of these services provided by the police department which are intended to keep you safe on campus. Remember, don’t take unnecessary risks with your safety, that’s why we are here.