A campus safety newsletter for the UTSA community

While cycling may be a great alternative to getting around campus riders should keep in mind the following safety tips:

- Always ride with traffic and follow the rules of the Road
- Don’t Ride on the sidewalk
- Be Predictable and Visible
- If riding in the dark use headlight and tail-lights
- Watch for stuff on the road that might make you fall or swerve
- Watch for turning traffic
- Most importantly know that pedestrians always have the right of way

Practicing courtesy among all those traveling on campus whether on foot, bicycle, skateboard or in a motor vehicle will assist in fostering a safer community. Don’t wait until police are forced into conducting selective enforcement; adhere to the educational messages provided “free of charge” ...rules and policies are often strengthened or established due to lack of desired positive practice. Help keep our university pedestrian, bicycle, skateboard, and car friendly.

-SHARE THE ROAD -

Ref: http://www.pedbikeinfo.org
February is Impaired Driving Awareness Month

An average of one drunk-driving fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2012. That resulted in thirty-five percent of the rate of alcohol-impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes at night in 2012. In the same year resulted with 10,322 people killed on the roadways due to impaired driving. Buzzed driving is Drunk driving. Always plan a safe way home before the festivities begin. Designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home. Use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation.

Drowsy Driving

If you looked forward to setting your clock back, changing out smoke detector batteries and raking the last bit of leaves until spring, please also keep in mind that as we are in daylight saving time mode your sleep patterns have been affected, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. Some countermeasures you can take are to get sufficient sleep, do not drink alcohol, and limit your driving between midnight and 6 a.m. As soon as you feel sleepy you should pull over or let someone else drive. The key here is to Stay Alert, Arrive Alive.
Runner Beat

ALL ACCESS: Securing Campus should be controlled. Any assistance to determine how access should be followed and provide d determine what best practices Services Department can help unwanted visitors out. The Access access controlled spaces and keep the number of people who can pus. By restricting access, we limit people and property on this cam ensure the safety and security of criminal activity. Our goal is to ensure the safety and security of people and property on this campus. By restricting access, we limit the number of people who can access controlled spaces and keep unwanted visitors out. The Access Services Department can help determine what best practices should be followed and provide assistance to determine how access should be controlled. Any department looking at improving their access control should contact the Access Services Department to schedule a meeting. All keys and card access are controlled in accordance with UTSA HOP 8.04 Keys & Card Access to University Facilities. As members of UTSA, we each have a duty to adhere to the policies and procedures in place so that we can maintain a secure campus. There are many policies out there and it can be difficult to remember them all. To help you remember, I noted a few rules to follow:

1. All requests for key or card access must be approved by your department head and submitted by your department’s authorized requester.

2. Do not transfer or share keys, access cards or pin numbers. Appropriate requests must be submitted even upon replacement of a position by a new employee.

3. Persons other than the employee to whom the key is issued to, will not be allowed to pick up keys.

4. A valid photo ID is required when picking up keys.

5. Report all lost keys and access cards to UTSA Police Department immediately. This will allow us to establish a plan of action and determine if an area needs to be re-keyed or a card needs to be deactivated.

6. Keys should not be used to open doors with card readers.

7. Use access cards for buildings that are locked during the holiday breaks or when the building is closed.

8. Departments should conduct audits of access to their spaces yearly.

9. Lastly, immediately report any suspicious activity or unauthorized personnel in controlled areas to the UTSA Police department.

By following these simple rules you will help mitigate risk and contribute to keeping our campus secure.

Safety Tips from Officer Maranda Tupper

As I reflect on choosing a safety tip to share; I find the need to encourage our community to be aware of their surroundings and to take action in reporting crimes.

It is a fact that most criminals rely upon the element of surprise or an opportunity by chance to commit a crime. Knowing that fact and making a few changes in your routine can help decrease or avoid your chance of becoming a victim.

Consider applying these few personal safety actions into your daily routine;

- Take a moment to visually scan an area you are entering.
- Be cautious of distractions while in public, such as; Daydreaming, wearing both earphones while listening to music, and talking/ texting on the phone.
- Never leave personal items unattended in public areas.
- Secure office/residential windows and doors before leaving.
- Do not leave personal belongings or electronics visible in vehicles.
- Report to the police immediately if;
- You observe or are involved in an uncomfortable or threatening situation.
- You or someone needs assistance.
- You witness or have information about a crime.

The UTSA Police Department Vision states “The UTSA Police Department will strive to ensure that the University of Texas San Antonio is the safest university in the State of Texas.”

I challenge the UTSA community to be aware, to be active in reducing opportunities for crime to occur and to report crimes and safety concerns. Having tolerance towards crime is a mentality that destroys a community’s growth and success. Each member of the UTSA community has a voice and leaves an impression upon the future of The University of Texas San Antonio.

ALL ACCESS: Securing Campus by Jessina Skelton (Director, Security Services)

The Key to Securing the Campus

The Access Services Department oversees the access control for UTSA buildings, offices, labs and teaching spaces. These areas should be controlled to ensure that only authorized UTSA affiliates are issued keys and electronic card access to minimize the potential risk for theft and other criminal activity. Our goal is to ensure the safety and security of people and property on this campus. By restricting access, we limit the number of people who can access controlled spaces and keep unwanted visitors out. The Access Services Department can help determine what best practices should be followed and provide assistance to determine how access should be controlled. Any
UTSA tests Giant Voice emergency notification system February 14

As a key component of university preparedness, the UTSA Office of Emergency Management will conduct an indoor and outdoor test of the Giant Voice emergency notification system between 3 and 5 p.m., Friday, March 14 at the UTSA Main Campus.

Select buildings on the Main Campus will announce this test message twice: “Attention, attention, this is a test of the UTSA Giant Voice Emergency Notification System. This is only a test.” The indoor test will last approximately 35 seconds, and NO evacuations will be necessary.

UTSA community members and visitors who are outdoors on the Main Campus will hear the same message during this time. However, emergency management officials will conduct additional tests of the outdoor siren towers until 4:30 pm to ensure full functionality.

More information: Call the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at 210-458-6851, email BePrepared@utsa.edu, or on the web at UTSA Campus Alerts (http://www.alerts.utsa.edu).

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

When a serious crime occurs on campus, the UTSAPD investigative team will respond to ensure that the scene is processed. Our ultimate goal of working (or processing) a crime scene is to hold an offender accountable for their actions. This cannot be done unless physical evidence is recovered which places the offender at the scene of the crime. So how is this done? First, the responding officers will respond to the scene and determine if a serious crime has been committed. Next, they will secure the scene and not allow anyone inside the area. This is where you will see the yellow crime scene tape all over the place. Please don’t try and sneak under the tape. If still on the scene, the officers will identify possible witnesses or suspects and separate them. When the investigative team arrives, we will begin by documenting our actions and making observations about the scene. We take a lot of pictures and possibly video the scene as well. We will then conduct a scene assessment to determine the level of investigation needed. We will do a walkthrough of the scene to prioritize the collection of evidence. Then we will document and record the scene, usually with pictures, video, and a drawing. We will then locate, collect, preserve, inventory, and package any recovered evidence.

If this sounds easy, it’s not. There are many criminal cases which have been dismissed because of poor police work at the scene of the crime. We strive to ensure that this does not occur. UTSAPD investigators receive specialized training as well as follow federal guidelines on how to manage a crime scene to ensure that we can provide the best service.
Schedule of Events For February 2014

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.

UTSAPD’s CPU Operation Identification
Provides anti-theft preventive measure—FREE engraving of your valuables. At your request we can schedule group service. Increases chances of property recovery.

Friday Feb. 21, 2014 Floor Captain Safety Training Begins 9:30am at BSB 4.301
UTSA Office of Emergency Management empowering staff to get involved in safety!

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.

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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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.

Crime Report for the Month of January 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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The UTSA Police Department is proud to share the great accomplishment of our Charles Nail the recipient of Business Affairs 2014 Excellence Award. Charles has been a devoted and loyal employee of the UTSA Police department since 2000 and has always made the best of any situation or circumstance he has encountered. Charles has been responsible for various projects to include uniforms and vehicle maintenance which directly impact the ability of the other staff members within the department to function on a daily basis. He is fondly referred to as the “Go-to-Guy” by peers, colleagues, students and staff due to his unrelenting determination to produce results. Charles earned his reputation by always seeking creative and alternative methods to accomplish any task or project, so long as the end result met with the mission getting accomplished. Charles has utilized all of his skills to make himself a valued employee, friend, resource and confidant to any and all members of the police department. It is often been said of Charles…. “He is the hardest working member of the Police Department”, a sentiment expressed by all members of the Police Department and the UTSA Community.

Congratulations Charles!

You are the HEART ❤️ of our department.

Chief Steve Barrera
The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

By now you should have received your UTSA Alert texts or voice messages, as well as an email announcing the spring semester test. We test our emergency notification systems each semester in an effort to ensure it is properly working and ready to go in the event of a real emergency. On February 14th, if you happen to be on campus you may also hear our ‘Giant Voice’ outdoor speaker test. The Giant Voice message is interfaced with indoor speakers (connected to fire alarms) tested in most buildings. These are some of the primary ways we reach out to you in the event of an emergency on campus. We also have our UTSA Campus Alerts webpage (www.alerts.utsa.edu) which provides the latest updates as well as using Facebook and Twitter. When the decision was made to cancel school operations for a period of time due to the safety hazard posed by an ice storm. Our Emergency Management Office, under the Direction of Lorenzo Sanchez, sent out a weather related notification utilizing those emergency notification systems. This year has been unusually cold and we want to ensure we provide you with the latest updates with as much time as possible in order to keep you safe. Please pay close attention to these emergency alerts and test messages as they could be critical in the event of an emergency and keep you safe. If you have any suggestions for improvement or are not signed up to receive the alerts please don’t hesitate to contact us at BePrepared@utsa.edu or by phone at 210-458-6851. Thanks and stay safe this semester.