October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence affects every American. It harms our communities, weakens the foundation of our Nation, and hurts those we love most. It is an affront to our basic decency and humanity, and it must end. During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we acknowledge the progress made in reducing these shameful crimes, embrace the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and recognize that more work remains until every individual is able to live free from fear.

Last month, our Nation marked the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Before this historic law, domestic violence was seen by many as a lesser offense, and women in danger often had nowhere to go. But VAWA marked a turning point, and it slowly transformed the way people think about domestic abuse. Today, as 1 out of every 10 teenagers are physically hurt on purpose by someone they are dating, we seek to once again profoundly change our culture and reject the quiet tolerance of what is fundamentally unacceptable. That is why Vice President Joe Biden launched the #1is2many initiative to engage educators, parents, and students while raising awareness about dating violence and the role we all have to play in stopping it. And it is why the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the newly launched “It’s On Us” campaign will address the intersection of sexual assault and dating violence on college campuses.

Since VAWA’s passage, domestic violence has dropped by almost two-thirds, and domestic violence homicides claim the lives of three women every day. When women and children are deprived of a loving home, legal protections, or financial independence because they fear for their safety, our Nation is denied its full potential.

Halloween Safety Tips for Drivers

Halloween is a wonderful holiday, but because of increased foot traffic and that Trick-or-Treaters are out at night, the potential for automobile related accidents with young pedestrians increases four times on this night according to a CDC (Center for Disease Control) study.

Streets are literally crawling with all sorts of witches, ghosts, goblins, vampires and all other sorts of costumed people. This makes for added responsibility for drivers to make sure that they drive safer than normal.

In many areas, people drive their kids into subdivisions and let them out to walk from house to house. Usually the parent follows behind in the car. This can cause traffic jams in small areas and much confusion as kids dart between cars on the streets going from house to house. A driver is already distracted because they are trying to keep an eye on their own kids and usually aren’t paying attention to much else.

Children and adults tend to be preoccupied and may not pay as much attention to safety as they should. They may not see your vehicle or just assume that you see them automatically. Stay on the defensive and you shouldn’t have a problem while driving on Halloween night.

Pay extra attention, particularly to crosswalks, intersections and the side of the road; don’t use a cell phone or other electronic device while driving.

Drive below the posted speed limit in residential areas during trick-or-treating hours; do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway they may be dropping off others.

CAUTION: It’s also a night that child predators are looking for victims.
Sexual Assaults a Community Issue

Many forces can drive a male college student to commit sexual assault. But one of the most important may be the company he keeps. A number of studies, on college campuses and elsewhere, have shown that having friends who support violence against women is a big risk factor for committing sexual assault. Now prevention efforts are exploring the idea that having male friends who object to violence against women can be a powerful antidote to rape on college campuses.

“One of the things that matters most to boys and emerging adult men is the opinion of other men,” says John Foubert, a researcher at Oklahoma State University who studies rape prevention among young men. One of the most well-known studies on perpetrators of campus sexual assault is psychologist David Lisak’s 2002 “undetected rapists” study. Because few campus rapes are ever reported, much less prosecuted, Lisak looked for sex offenders hiding in plain sight at University of Massachusetts in Boston.

He surveyed about 1,800 men, asking them a wide range of questions about their sexual experiences. To learn about sexual assault, he asked things like, “Have you ever had sex with an adult when they didn’t want to because you used physical force?” When the results came back, he was stunned. All told, 120 men in the sample, or about 6 percent of the total, had raped women they knew. Two-thirds of those men were serial rapists, who had done this, on average, six times. Many of the serial rapists began offending before college, back in high school.

Other studies at colleges and in the military have since found similar numbers — usually somewhere around 10 percent of men admitting to either an attempted rape or a rape, with a significant proportion of them reporting a history of repeated offenses.

“I was forced, really, to accept that these are college students, but there is this small percentage of college students who are sex offenders,” says Lisak. “They are behaving like sex offenders. They are sex offenders.” Together, the 120 men in Lisak’s study were responsible for 439 rapes. None was ever reported. But Lisak had no problem getting details about how the men carefully planned and executed their assaults. They’d often ask a girl to come to a party, saying it was invite-only, a big deal to a nervous freshman. Then they’d get her drunk to the point of incapacitation so they could have sex with her.

In an excerpt from one of Lisak’s interview transcripts, a college student using the pseudonym Frank talks about how his friends would help him prep for an assault: Alcohol was the weapon of choice for these men, who typically saw themselves as college guys hooking up. They didn’t think what they had done was a crime. “Most of these men have an image or a myth about rape, that it’s some guy in a ski mask wielding a knife,” says Lisak. “They don’t wear ski masks, they don’t wield knives, so they don’t see themselves as rapists.”

In fact, they’d brag about what they had done afterwards to their friends. That implied endorsement from male friends — or at the very least, a lack of vocal objection — is a powerful force, perpetuating the idea that what these guys are doing is normal rather than criminal. Call it a sign of the times that right along with required writing core courses, incoming freshmen at most schools this fall also face a mandatory crash course on the subject of sexual assault. Similar to that at Rutgers University orientation, every freshman sits through a dramatization of the campus party scene that is intended to start real conversations about what it really may look like.

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Advocates say training students to be more active observers and changing campus culture are as critical to reducing campus sexual assault as schools cracking down on perpetrators and the government cracking down on schools.

UTSA students are strongly encouraged to support their classmates, by being informed on what resources are available on and off campus. Anyone can become a victim of sexual assault. When it does occur, it is never the victim’s fault, regardless of the circumstances. As a community, we can protect ourselves with awareness and information.

Counseling Center: 458-4150
Student Conduct: 458-4720
Title IX Coordinator: 458-4120

All UTSA students are strongly encouraged to report all crimes to the police department. However, we do understand that most crimes are reported to peers, friends and others; therefore all individuals should make themselves aware of how to be supportive. Know what services are available both on campus and off campus.

Educational Programs like the “Red Dot” seek to provide strategies on how to be supportive of the victim of sexual assault by not focusing on the victims behaviors but instead shifting toward accountability of the community as a whole. Encouraging those who recognize the behavior take a stand against it! RESPECT and dignity for all should be the standard norm.
Runner Beat

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

Stop Germs in Their Track!
Hand washing is one of the most important daily health activities that an employee can engage in to improve their health and prevent the spread of germs in the workplace. Washing your hands can also help save time and money by using less sick days, no doctor visits, and the out-of-pocket costs of insurance and medications. Wash away the germs for a healthier you!!

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on them. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs. With flu season quickly approaching, be sure to wash your hands after going to the restroom, before eating any food, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Also, disinfect door handles, keyboards, phones, desks, faucets, and other commonly touched items. Despite widespread knowledge of the importance of hand washing, there is still room for improvement. A recent study showed that only 31% of men and 65% of women washed their hands after using a public restroom – yuck!

So let’s get healthy by keeping our hands clean! When possible, use warm water and apply soap (antibacterial if available). Rub your hands together to make a lather and scrub them well; be sure to scrub the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Continue rubbing your hands together for at least 20 seconds. Rinse your hands well under running water. Dry your hands using a clean towel, air dryer, or air dry them. If you used a paper towel to dry your hands, use the towel to turn off the water facet and open the restroom door – then dispose.

Together, we can prevent the spread of germs and lower the transmission of seasonal viruses that can make us sick. For more information, please call the UTSA Office of Emergency Management at 210-458-6851, or visit the UTSA Student Health Services website at www.utsa.edu/health.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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

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

**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 UTSA PD. 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 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** = 9  
- **Alcohol Arrests** = 45  
- **Burglary of Vehicle** = 2  
- **Drug Arrests** = 15  
- **Assaults** = 0  
- **DWI/DUI Arrests** = 7  
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle** = 0  
- **Other Crimes** = 9
ALL ACCESS: Access Services Moves to a New Website  
by Cynthia Govea

Welcome to UTSA PD Access Services New Website!
It is with great pleasure that we unveil our new website http://www.utsa.edu/utsapd/Access_Systems/index.html to you.
We have redesigned our look and feel, focusing on ease of use for our customers.
Our new Website offers a quick and easy way to bring information about our department and how we can help you.
On our Main Page:

**We give you a list of services that are provided by Access Services.**

- Installation of electronic access control, DSX card readers, prox card readers, key pads, biometric readers, simplex nonelectrical locks
- Security cameras, live cameras and desk monitors
- Panic Alarms Emergency phones
- Building intercoms
- Installation of cores
- Issuances of keys
- Pad locks, gate openers, chains
- Installation of key boxes, electronic and non-electronic
- Card Access

**We give you quick access to our department’s phone numbers based on your needs.**

- Director of Security Services
- Senior Locksmith
- Security Systems
- Electronic Key Boxes
- Locknetics
- Panic Alarms and Blue Emergency Phones
- DSX
- FAX

**We also give you quick links to our:**

- Access Service Procedures - This tells how keys are to be assigned and who can request them for their department.
- HOP Policies and Procedures - This gives you links to UTSA Handboo of Operating Procedures (HOP).
- Card Access Request – Currently under construction- We have a new online electronic form we are testing out. As soon as it is available to all departments we will notify all department heads and authorized requestors.

**Mechanical Key Request** and **construction-** we do have how to contact us via email with our email address and our department’s main phone number so we can better assist you and your department.

We here at Access Services strive for excellence when supporting our UTSA customers.

Officer Maranda Tupper
Photo: UTSA PD

Crime Prevention Safety Message

Knowing the rules of the road just might save your life.

**Bicyclists have the rights and duties of other vehicle operators:**

- Yes, this means you have to stop at stop signs and red lights, but cars are required to yield right-of-way to a bicycle when appropriate, just as to any other vehicle.

Ride near the curb and go in the same direction as other traffic. At least one hand on the handlebars (two are safer):

- One when signalling but two when turning works well.

Use hand and arm signals:

- Point the way you are going, let the other operators know what you want to do.
- Must have a white light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the rear (for riding at night).
- The light is primarily so people can see you coming from the side, where their headlights do not shine on your reflectors.

See more at: http://www.biketexas.org and Texas Department of Transportation, Traffic Code.

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As we get into the full swing of the Fall Semester and now that October is here, along with it come deadlines for projects, study sessions in preparation for mid-terms, all while attempting to keep up with social obligations. This tends to add additional stress in the lives of our college community. Let’s remember to enjoy the upcoming holiday season and especially the cooler weather. We often take things for granted in life as we busily go about our daily routines. I recently read an article on how successful people deal with stress and was reminded of an approach that I had not heard of in quite a while. The strategy suggested in the article is simplistic ...

which is to practice gratitude for what we have. It also goes on to give some other more common tips such as staying positive and focusing on progress not perfection. I believe we all need to remind ourselves of these lessons from time to time to help deal with stress and life in general. If you know of anyone that is in serious distress or needs assistance in dealing with high stress levels, please guide them contact the Counseling Services Department. We work closely with counseling services to assist anyone needing help in this area. All of our officers are trained in crisis intervention techniques and assist with calls related to mental health issues. So, just to reiterate as we enter the second half of the semester: Be grateful for the positive things in your life and know that you have many lifelines here at UTSA to help you succeed in all your endeavors. Stay safe!