Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Exercise, October 29, 2013

The UTSA Police Department is committed to the safety and security of the UTSA community. Recently, the department took another step in the process of ensuring it can effectively respond to an active shooter event and save as many lives as possible. Leading up to October 2013, Sergeant Joe LoBrutto and Officer Jake Criswell spent time training the Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) staff how to respond to an active shooter event. They provided a class created by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) facility. ALERRT was recently named by the Department of Justice as the standard response and training facility for active shooter events. Sgt LoBrutto is an adjunct instructor and Ofc Criswell is a certified instructor with the facility. The UTSAPD has been training its officers in ALERRT tactics since 2008 and has had officers attend the training through ALERRT since about 2004. In addition, UTSAPD instructors taught the UTSAPD officers and civilian public safety officers (PSO’s) tactical trauma care techniques. These techniques allow the officers and PSO’s to assess a person’s injuries and treat traumatic wounds using specific medical tools. The ITC Director, Angelica Dooc, and the ITC Executive Director, Aaron Parks, gave permission to the UTSAPD in conjunction with the Office of Business Continuity and Emergency Management to hold a reality-based full scale exercise at the museum. On Oct 29th, the UTSAPD held the exercise. The exercise focused on an active shooter incident and mass casualty response. This allowed the UTSAPD to evaluate the training provided and the department’s ability to respond to a mass casualty event. In addition, the ITC staff performed some of the procedures taught to them. These procedures focus on giving the active shooter fewer potential victims. The UTSA President’s Executive Advisory Council also took part in the exercise in order to practice their role during a major incident response. The UTSA staff Emergency Response Team took part as well in order to continue its training responding to a critical incident. Everyone involved in the exercise performed well. The training and exercise highlighted areas everyone is performing well and allowed everyone to see where they can still improve. The ITC management is dedicated to providing the safest environment for its staff and customers. The UTSAPD is committed to providing the best service to the UTSA community and everyone that comes in contact with any of the UTSA campuses. The UTSAPD is a leader in UT System in training and evaluating officer response to active shooter events and will continue to improve its ability to respond to those events in order to save as many lives as possible. The UTSAPD would like to provide special thanks to all of the ITC staff for its openness to training and allowing the UTSAPD to use the facility to train. In addition, special thanks goes to the San Antonio Police Department for assisting in evaluating the response, the ALERRT facility for providing an instructor to evaluate the response and the equipment to train and evaluate the officers, Victoria Smith with the San Antonio Fire Department and UT Health Science Center for applying the moulage that re-created realistic wounds that would occur during an active shooter Incident, to the UT Health Science Center San Antonio Police Department for providing role players and safety officers, to the UT Houston Police Department for providing evaluators, safety officers, and equipment for the exercise, and to the many volunteers that acted as victims for the scenario. Thanks to HEB for donating snacks, food and beverages for all personnel who participated in the exercise.

Written by Sgt Joseph LoBrutto
Keeping you and your property safe this Holiday Season

dow or scale a fence
• Don’t post Thanksgiving travel plans on social media letting people know that you will be out of town.
• Make sure to have all mail, newspapers, and deliveries stopped or picked up by a neighbor, friend or relative.
• Never leave a key hidden outside. Burglars know all the best hiding places.
• Secure all windows, including those upstairs and reduce the chance of easy entry by cutting tree limbs away from second-story windows.
• Use timers to operate lights
• Have a home security system installed that includes a 24-hour fire monitoring service that automatically dispatches the fire or police department.
Also, according to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is the leading day for home-cooking fires. Protection 1 suggests these fire-safety tips to ensure everyone has a safe and healthy Turkey Day:
• Be sure to keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, and teach your family how to use it.
• Be cautious when using turkey fryers as they pose a number of distinct safety concerns, including burn and fire hazards.
• Never wear loose fitting clothing when cooking. Long, open sleeves could ignite and catch fire from a gas flame or a hot burner. Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.

• Reference: Protection 1 Security Solutions

Driving Safety Tips:

• Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time to get to and from your destination.
• Give your vehicle a check-up.
• Don’t drive drowsy!
• Don’t Drink and Drive!
• Keep alert and watch for driving hazards.
• Obey all traffic laws and drive friendly this Holiday Season!

National Night Out 2013 “A Big Success!”

On October 1, 2013 The UTSA community participated in the 30th Anniversary of National Night Out (NNO) an event sponsored by National Town Watch and Target. Many thanks to all who participated and made NNO 2013 a big success. Without the UTSA communities involvement sponsoring NNO would be much more difficult if not impossible. It also takes the community along with the police department to make UTSA a safer place to learn, work and play. Throughout the 2 1/2 hour event there were approximately 800 to 900 in attendance. Various UTSA departments and outside businesses provided safety information, and handed out all kinds of give-a-ways, popcorn, and cotton candy. Many thanks to CELESTIAL DESCENT who provided live music free of charge throughout the evening. Housing and Residential Life provided the financial resources to have a hamster ball and a castle bounce house and the UTSA PD Patrol section displayed a patrol vehicle, motorcycle and bicycle for participants to tour. The Athletics Department donated a football signed by Coach Coker and the UTSA Bookstore donated a gift package for door prizes. Again thank you to everyone who made UTSA’s National Night Out a huge Success! Many thanks to the following student organizations and UTSA departments for volunteering their time and services: Counseling Services, Student Health Services, Student Conduct, Information Technology, UCPC, UTSA PD Patrol Section, Housing and Residence Life and Phi Sigma Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Lambda
Campus Preparedness  Lorenzo D. Sanchez, MPA (UTSA Director of Emergency Management)

Celebrate the Holidays with Health and Safety
The holidays are a time to celebrate, give thanks, and reflect. They are also a time to pay special attention to your health and safety. Remember, it’s everyone’s responsibility to engage in safe holiday activities at work and in your home. The UTSA Office of Emergency Management would like to share some great tips to keep you informed on personal health, fire prevention, and travel safety.

Personal Health and Safety
With the upcoming holiday seasons also comes the flu season. Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don’t have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands. Injuries can occur anywhere and some often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of furniture when hanging decorations. Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or skateboarding to help prevent head injuries. Keep vaccinations up-to-date.

Prevent Fires
Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your chances of fire. Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Don’t use generators, grills, or other gasoline, propane, or charcoal burning devices inside your home or garage. Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home and be sure to test at least once a month, and replace batteries twice a year.

Travel Safely
Whether you’re traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. With more people on the roads, it’s important to drive safely. Be well rested and alert, use your seat belts, observe speed limits and follow the rules of the road. If you plan on drinking alcohol, designate a driver who won’t drink. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age. Pay attention to the weather forecast for your destination. Travel and weather web sites can help you avoid storms and other regional issues that could impact your safety.

For more preparedness tips, visit the campus alerts website at www.alerts.utsa.edu. Questions? Send an email to BePreard@utsa.edu or call 458-6851. Have a safe holiday season from The Office of Emergency Management.

By Christopher Hawthorne, EM Student Assistant

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

Someone asked me a question the other day. They asked “why do some people commit crimes while others do not?” I have to say that I’ve asked that question many times myself. Let me pull out my Police 101 hat and try to answer that question.

Sometimes people act in their own self-interest and make the decision to commit a crime, after they have weighed the “pros and cons” of getting caught. This is called the Rational Choice Theory. Another theory says that a person’s environment is responsible for the choices they make. This is called Social Disorganization Theory. This theory hypothesizes that if a person lives in a run-down neighbor-
Schedule of Events For November 2013

**Thursday 11/7/13**
**Veterans Day Parade**
1:00 pm at **Main Campus**
Honoring those who serve and have served our country. Pass and review included

**Thursday 11/7/13**
**Operation Identification**
1:00 pm at **DTC**
UTSAPD Crime Prevention Unit provides FREE engraving of your valuables!

**Wednesday 11/19/13**
**SD350: Personal Safety**
2:30 pm at **DTC**
Find out how to reduce your risks of becoming a victim of crime both on and off campus.

**Thursday 11/21/13**
**Operation Identification**
8:30 am at **UC Paseo**
UTSAPD Crime Prevention Unit will be engraving bicycles and other valuable property. Register to win Mongoose U-Lock!

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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**Campus Alerts**

The University of Texas at San Antonio Police Department is providing an instructional video to assist with actions that should be taken during a critical incident such as one involving “shots fired” on our campuses. This 20 minute training video demonstrates how to respond to an active shooter situation and provides critical guidance on what to do to protect yourself. Go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd/Shots_fired/Shots_Fired.html.

**Crime Report for the Month of October 2013**

The below is a summary of the crimes that occurred as of last month as of 10/25/13. For more information, go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd and click on Crime.

Thefts = 30  Alcohol Arrestands = 7  
Burglary of Vehicle = 1  Drug Arrests = 9  
Assaults = 2  DWI/DUI Arrests = 4  
Theft of Motor Vehicle = 1  Other Crimes = 16

**National Teen’s Don’t Text and Drive**

**November 18-24th**

**STOP THE TEXTS, STOP THE WRECKS.**

**UTSA Office of Business Affairs: Your Partner for Successful Solutions!**
ALL ACCESS: by Jessenia Skelton (Director of Security Services)

The holiday season is just around the corner and Access Services would like to remind you that all academic buildings at the Main and Downtown campuses will be closed November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving, and December 24th, 25th, and 26th for Christmas and January 1st. Normally access to the exterior of the building is not granted unless requested by your department’s Authorized requestor. Access Services will not grant requests unless properly submitted by the appropriate department representative. Please contact your department for access needed. Also, please be sure to bring your access cards with you for entry into the buildings. Access Services would also like to encourage you to help us keep the buildings safe and secure by doing the following:

1. Not prop doors open. If locked, it should remain locked.
However if there is an issue to report, please contact us immediately at AccessControl.Center@utsa.edu or ext. 6855.
2. Not allowing unknown people to follow in behind you without swiping their cards.
3. Do not give your campus cards, keys or pin numbers to someone else.
4. Report suspicious people or activity in or around the buildings. See something, say something.
5. Report unsecured or propped doors.
Access Services thanks you for your support!

Chief Barrera Says:

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Corporal Elizabeth Carter to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Carter achieved the highest overall score in a promotional process that included many other qualified candidates. Sergeant Carter is assigned as the Supervisor of the Crime Prevention Unit. Sergeant Carter brings outstanding skills, great experience and a wealth of knowledge to her new position.

Bullying not child’s Play

Cyber bullying a relatively new term arising out of the digital age that refers to bullying behavior carried out through electronic or digital media and technology (Kowalski, Limber & Agatston, 2008). Like traditional face-to-face bullying, cyber bullying intentionally and repeatedly communicates abusive or distressing messages intended to inflict harm on others (Tokunaga, 2010; Cook, Williams, Guerra & Tuthill, (2007). Unlike face-to-face bullying perpetrators often enjoy some degree of anonymity the very essence of which can cause those who might not otherwise perpetrate such behaviors to lose inhibition and engaged in cyber bullying (Dooley, Pyzalski & Cross, 2009). In fact, some researchers have argued that the anonymity afforded to cyber bullies is a form or power in itself, thereby overriding the traditional requirement of power imbalance between perpetrator and victim.


Safety Tips:

- Don’t Respond
- Don’t Retaliate

Do:

- Block the bully
- Save the evidence
- Reach out for HELP

The Bottom Line by Chief Steve Barrera

As we approach the holiday season it brings back many great memories and maybe some not so great. The holiday season always seems to go by so quickly and before you know it, it’s over, January arrives and we say goodbye to another year. This year, let’s make a vow to slow down the hectic pace of the season and try to enjoy it as much as possible. Remember not to overextend yourself with too many commitments and/or functions to attend. One thing we really stress during the holidays is to avoid unnecessary risks. Don’t place yourself in situations where you can be taken advantage of or you have to drive after drinking alcohol. Don’t walk alone at night and, if you’re shopping at night, park in well-lit areas. Keep an eye on your valuables and make sure to keep property secured whether on your person, in your vehicle trunk, or at home. I hope everyone has a great and safe holiday season and remember to enjoy it, because, before you know it, you’ll be reading my