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The UTSA Police Department

Our Vision:
The UTSA Police Department will strive to ensure The University of Texas at San Antonio is the safest university in the State of Texas.

Our Mission:
The UTSA Police Department will provide professional law enforcement services ensuring the safety of all persons within the UTSA community, while protecting the resources of the university. We will perform our duties in a fair and equitable manner, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States Constitution.
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WHO WE ARE:
- Yes, Campus Police are real Police!
- We are a full service Police Department.
- We have the same arrest authority as all other Texas Law Enforcement Agencies and we work 24/7/365 a year.

HOW SAFE IS CAMPUS?
- Typically, most university and college campuses experience less crime than their surrounding communities.
- However, there are no guarantees in being absolutely safe.
- The University Police Department has a comprehensive crime prevention program that assists community members to reduce their risk of becoming a victim of crime.
- We are required by the CAMPUS SECURITY ACT OF 1990 to make known all reported crimes in specific areas to the public.
- Go to our website (www.utsa.edu/utsapd) for more information.

CAMPUS COURTESY VEHICLE
- We offer these FREE services:
  - Unlocking Cars
  - Battery Boosts
  - Flat Tire Assist
  - Fuel (transport to gas station and back)

SAFETY ESCORT PROGRAM
- From anywhere on campus to a campus destination.
- Either a vehicle escort or walking with uniformed personnel.
- Escorts can occur any time of the day or night.

HOW TO CONTACT US
Emergency: Call 210.458.4911 from a non-campus phone or cell phone (or 4911 from a campus phone).
Save our emergency number to your cell phone’s speed dial!
Non-Emergency: Call 210.458.4242 from a non-campus phone or cell phone (or 4242 from a campus phone).

Other Phones:
- We have 100+ Blue Courtesy Phones located throughout the Main and Downtown Campuses.
- Each elevator in all buildings has an emergency phone.
- Just press the button and talk to our emergency dispatcher.
- Web Site (www.utsa.edu/utsapd)

SILENT WITNESS PROGRAM
Have you witnessed a crime, want to report it, but wish to remain anonymous? You may use the Silent Witness form to provide information anonymously.

REVERSE 911
- Participants in the system and will receive a telephone call, e-mail and/or text message in the event of a campus emergency.
- Messages will include pertinent emergency information and protective actions.

CAMPUS ALERTS
UTSA has launched a website called Campus Alerts.
the site was developed to keep students, faculty, staff and the general public informed on the status of the university during emergency situations. Campus Alerts can be found at http://alerts.utsa.edu/

458.SNOW
UTSA has an emergency recorded message phone line. UTSA faculty, staff and students can call 210.458.SNOW (7669) at any time for information about the university regarding the status of classes and employee work schedules.

CRIME STATISTICS
The UTSA-PD is committed to ensuring that our faculty, staff and students have a safe and pleasant experience at any of the UTSA campuses. The Annual Security Report contains information regarding campus safety and security in order to comply with The Jeanne Clery Act. The Clery Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. Go to www.utsa.edu/utsapd/Crime_Statistics/2011SecurityReport.pdf for our full report.

Clergy Act Summary:
- Schools must publish an annual report disclosing campus security policies and three years worth of selected crime statistics.
- Schools must make timely warnings to the campus community about crimes that pose an ongoing threat to students and employees.
- Each institution with a police or security department must have a public crime log.
- The U.S. Department of Education centrally collects and disseminates the crime statistics.
- Campus sexual assault victims are assured of certain basic rights.

ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS
- We will strictly enforce state laws on campus.
- Parents, have a frank conversation with your son or daughter about making responsible decisions. Students, talk with your parents about making responsible decisions.
- The law is: No alcohol under 21 years of age.
- UTSA Police WILL issue court appearance citations for Minor in Possession and Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor.
- The majority of violent crimes on campus are related to alcohol abuse.
- Students, avoid drinking games. Frequent binge drinking can lead to long-term alcohol problems.
- Be Rowdy! Be Responsible!

DRUGS
Illegal drugs don’t belong on campus. Students could end up in jail for making poor decisions that have future repercussions.
Prescription drug abuse is drug abuse. And it’s illegal to take someone else’s prescription.
Drug abuse effects your school work, your friends, your family and your health.
Students WILL be suspended from school for violations.

SECURE IT. KEEP IT.
The UTSA Police Department has an anti-theft awareness campaign called “Secure It, Keep It.” The purpose of the campaign is to create awareness about the importance of securing your belongings to avoid potential theft. Studies reveal that the majority of thefts on university campuses are crimes of opportunity, which occur because belongings were left unattended in unsecured areas. By simply securing your belongings and ensuring that they are not left unattended, you can limit being victimized.