

# **Texas A&M International University**

Police Department

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## **Crime Awareness and Campus Safety 2008**



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# Letters and Messages

## Chapter 1

### *Letter from the President*



***Dr. Ray M. Keck, III  
President***

Welcome to Texas A&M International University. You may have already experienced the vitality and beauty of this growing University as a student, a member of the faculty or staff, or as a visitor. Since students represent our hope for the future, the University's charge is to educate men and women from around the world to create a better life for us all.

The process of education and intellectual exploration is not easily undertaken and requires the sustained efforts of a committed team. As we grow, safety for our students and for our University community remains the common responsibility of all of us who work and study at TAMIU.

This publication provides information about the programs we offer to ensure the safety and security of our campus. We hope that, in reading this report, you will become more aware of the issues surrounding safety and security. Each of you chose to be here, and we will fulfill our responsibility to do all we can to make your stay both rewarding and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray M. Keck, III".

Ray M. Keck, III, Ph.D.

## ***Letter from the Vice President for Finance and Administration***



*Mr. Jose Garcia  
Vice President for Finance  
and Administration*

The University Police Department has primary responsibility for crime prevention and law enforcement on campus. Other departments, such as the Physical Plant, Safety/Risk Manager, and many others also contribute to making the University a safe place to study, work, live and visit. Your safety is our concern; it must also be your concern. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with information in this publication, which is updated annually, or visit our website:

<http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/safety.htm>, to take full advantage of the crime prevention programs offered by the University. The information contained in this publication is reported annually to the United States Department of Education and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jose Garcia". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Jose García

## ***Letter from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs***



*Dr. Dan Jones  
Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs*

This information is provided to you in compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 (formerly the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.)

At Texas A&M International University we realize that safety on the University campus is important to you.

Our mission is to educate students and we know that learning and productivity are best accomplished in an environment in which each student and employee feels safe and secure. We welcome suggestions from members of the community so that we may fulfill our responsibilities and accomplish the University's mission.

We offer educational and instructional information and programs, provide an active police presence on campus, and attempt to keep our students, faculty and staff safe on campus. Let's remember that safety and security are everyone's responsibility and that we must work together to have a safe campus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan R. Jones'.

Dan R. Jones, Ph.D.

## Message from the Director of University Police



*Felipe E. Garza  
Director of  
University Police*

Greetings from TAMIU. This Campus Safety information has been prepared for present and future students, faculty, staff, and visitors, who study, teach, work or visit this unique campus. The report will assist you in identifying the many services offered by the TAMIU police department. This information is also available on our web site:

<http://www.tamiu.edu/adminis/police/safety.htm>

The mission of the Texas A&M International University Police Department is to provide police services that will improve the quality of life of the University community, by promoting a safe and secure learning and working environment.

In order for us to accomplish our mission, we ask for your cooperation so that we may work together for a safe, Crime-free campus.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felipe Garza".

Felipe E. Garza

### **Reports available:**

Copies of this annual report may also be printed from the web site in PDF format or requested from the following offices:

- University Police Department
- Office of Student Affairs
- Student Judicial Affairs
- Office of Human Resources

## **TAMIU POLICE DEPARTMENT**



TAMIU police officers are commissioned peace officers as authorized by Section 51.203, Texas Education Code and The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Board of Regents. University police officers have full law enforcement authority and are vested with all powers, privileges, and immunities of peace officers while on the property under the control and jurisdiction of the institution or otherwise in the performance of his or her duties in any county in which property is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise under the control of the institution, including streets contiguous and traversing the TAMIU campus.

TAMIU police officers are charged with protecting the safety and welfare of students, employees, and property of the institution in accordance with Texas law. In order to accomplish the University's mission, all of our officers have attended a State-certified police academy and have received certification and licensing by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (T.C.L.E.O.S.E.) and must have successfully completed a minimum of 30 college credit hours. Our officers are well-trained, well-educated men and women, committed to the concept of community service, who protect a campus filled with professional, dedicated faculty, staff and students in our unique academic environment.

While it is important to know that all laws are in full effect on the TAMIU Campus, and that University police officers are duly sworn peace officers of the State of Texas, the enforcement option is only one in a wide variety of alternatives available to University Police officers. Ordinarily, the enforcement alternative will be exercised when other

preventive remedies have been unsuccessful or are inappropriate for a specific incident.

## **Police Authority and Interagency Relationships**



The TAMIU Police Department is committed to the concepts of courtesy, service and protection. University Police Officers believe in the value of promoting goodwill and service with the community which we serve. Each officer is dedicated to providing quality University law enforcement and security services. The work is challenging and rewarding, allowing a great sense of satisfaction for those committed to the ideals of community service.

As a member of our University community, it is important for you to understand the nature of campus law enforcement and the unique environment in which TAMIU Police Officers operate. The traditional model of law enforcement, which relies on reactive and enforcement based operations, is minimized. Officers who prefer enforcement options rather than less glamorous prevention-based operations will not be comfortable in our campus law enforcement environment.

The TAMIU Police Department maintains excellent relations with the City of Laredo Police Department, the Webb County Sheriff's Office, the agencies of the United States' Department of Homeland Security (including the Border Patrol, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)) and other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The Department has established liaison with the Laredo Community College Police Department, the

United Independent School District Police Department and the Laredo Independent School District Police Department. Information about crimes and incidents is exchanged between these agencies so crime trends and activities can be monitored.

We also have direct telephone and radio communications contact with the City of Laredo Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. These agencies respond immediately any time we need their services.

These working relationships with other area law enforcement agencies also ensure that crimes and alcohol violations at off-campus sites, immediately adjacent to the University, are reported to TAMIU police.

## **Reporting Crimes and Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency on campus, you can reach TAMIU Police by dialing 2911 from any University telephone. [Special Emergency telephones](#) are located throughout the Campus. The Emergency telephones are one-button telephones. To use the telephone, just push the button. The telephone dials the University Police Department's Emergency telephone number. If that line is busy or if there is no answer, the telephone automatically hangs up and dials the Laredo 911 center. Also, a blue light begins to flash and continues to flash for the duration of the call to assist responding personnel in locating the caller.

When the police dispatcher answers, stay on the line so that the dispatcher can obtain all necessary information. We will respond to all emergency calls for service by sending an officer to the location of the call.

For non-emergency police services, please call 2100. This line is answered by a TCLEOSE-certified telecommunications operator 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

TAMIU encourages students, faculty, staff and visitors to promptly report all crimes and incidents. Crimes should be reported by students and employees to the TAMIU Police Department to ensure inclusion in the annual crime statistics and to aid in providing timely warning notices to the community, when appropriate. We encourage proactive reporting of strange or suspicious activities. On-campus matters should be reported to the TAMIU Police and off-campus offenses should be reported to the appropriate police agency.

The TAMIU Police Department is physically located in the Killam Library (lower level), KL005.

## **Individual Responsibility**

Although TAMIU works hard to ensure the safety of all individuals within the University community, students, faculty and employees must also take responsibility for their personal safety and safeguarding of personal possessions. Simple, common sense precautions and awareness are the most effective means of maintaining personal security.

Although the campus is well lighted and may appear safe, persons walking across campus or to parking lots at night, whether male or female, should utilize Police Department escort services. Students living in University Village or the Residential Learning Center should keep their room doors locked at all times and should never prop open external doors. All guests should be escorted by a resident at all times. Any suspicious or criminal behavior should be reported to the

University Police or University Village/Residential Learning Community staff at once.

University students and staff are encouraged to utilize police department instructional programs.

## **Confidential Reporting**

Members of the University community may confidentially report incidents, in which they are victims or witnesses, to any campus official who has “**significant responsibility for student and campus activities.**” Their identity will not become part of the official police records system, but the statistic will be included in our annual report if the description represents a crime subject to reporting. In most cases, it will not be possible for police to investigate confidential reports.

Professional counselors are not required to report crimes brought to their attention as part of the counseling process. However, these counselors do encourage the official reporting of crimes brought to their attention as long as it does not compromise their counseling responsibilities.

## **On Patrol**



TAMU police officers perform a wide array of duties and services. Many of these are of a security nature, including securing buildings, motorist assistance, security escorts and general preventive patrol of buildings, parking lots and other campus areas. In addition to traditional vehicular patrol, alternative methods of patrol such as golf cart, foot and bicycle patrol are employed.

TAMIU Police Officers are not evaluated on the number of arrests, traffic citations issued, or other traditional enforcement activities. University Police Officers are committed to the concept of preventive, helping law enforcement.

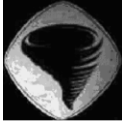
## **Sex Offender Registration**

In compliance with State and federal law, information to registered sex offenders in Texas may be obtained through the TAMIU Police Department or searched at the Texas Department of Public Safety Sex Offender Database website: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/>

[PublicData.com](http://www.publicdata.com/) <http://www.publicdata.com/> provides one-click search of sex offender databases in: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming for free.

Once in [PublicData.com](http://www.publicdata.com/) click on link "Click here for FREE SexOffender searches" <http://www.criminalcheck.com/>. If you cannot access into PublicData.com, click on the "Refresh" icon in the tool bar.

## Access to Timely Information



Timely warnings to events which pose an immediate threat or hazard to the University community are made through the University's email system and Police Department website: <http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/>.

## Timely Warnings

In the event that a situation arises, either on or off-campus, that, in the judgment of the Director of University Police, constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus-wide "timely warning" will be issued. The warning will be issued through DustyALRT. DustyALRT is a universal notification system that allows students, faculty and staff to be notified via text message, e-mail or pager in the event of a campus emergency or closure. It provides an innovative addition to the existing methods that the University has in place to alert the community to emergency situations.

Subscribers to DustyALRT will pay no fees for the service, other than any regular fees associated with text messaging services. Information is available at: <https://dustyalrt.tamtu.edu/welcome.aspx>

DustyALRT is for emergency messaging only and will **not** be used to distribute advertising or other unsolicited content.

Depending on the particular circumstances of the crime, especially in situations that could pose an immediate threat to the community and individuals, the University police department may also post a notice on the University Police web site: <http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/>, providing the University community with more immediate notification.

In such instances, a copy of the notice is posted in each residential facility, and in each University building. The police website is immediately accessible via computer by all faculty, staff and students. Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should report the circumstances to the University Police office, by phone (956-326-2100) or in person at the TAMIU police dispatch center, Killam Library 005, (lower level). Timely Warnings of situations that may pose a threat to others are generated from reports made to persons that have “**significant responsibility for student and campus activities**” as identified by TAMIU, the University Police and/or the local police agencies having concurrent jurisdiction.

### **Crime Log**

The TAMIU Police Department maintains a daily log of calls for police service which also includes any crimes that may have occurred on campus. The log includes the following information: case number, date, time, nature of the call, general location and action taken. The daily log may be viewed on the following website: <http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/casemenu.htm>.

### **General Security Procedures**

The TAMIU campus is well lighted. Police officers make daily reports, as necessary, to Physical Plant personnel regarding any lights which are not functioning.

Additionally, the University Safety Risk Manager makes regular safety and health inspections, serves as liaison with local public health and safety officials, schedules regular safety lectures and follows up on recommendations with lock shop and Physical Plant personnel.

TAMU students, faculty and staff have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus. The general public may attend cultural and recreational events on campus, with access limited to the facilities in which the events are scheduled. The University's trespass policy, enforced by University police, is as follows:

Only those persons having legitimate business with TAMU, members of the University community and their invited guests, are permitted on campus. The University reserves the right to request that all persons not conforming to acceptable behavior leave the campus.

TAMU Police officers may serve verbal or written trespass notices to non-members of the University community on campus at their discretion.

### **Bicycles and Bicycle Racks**

Bicycles are not to be ridden on University sidewalks or lawns.

Bicycle racks are strategically located on the campus for convenient access by bicycle riders and to avoid rider-pedestrian conflicts. Locking bicycles to the rack is encouraged. Using other site fixtures such as sign posts, light poles, building columns, handrails, trees, etc., is improper and may obstruct pedestrians or access by disabled persons. Any bicycle attached to anything other than a bicycle rack may be removed and impounded by University Police. Parking or storage of bicycles (or any other vehicle, whether motorized or human powered, except for wheelchairs and authorized personal transporters) inside buildings, including arcades, porticos, lobbies and entrance or exit ways is strictly prohibited. Any bicycle or vehicle found in violation may be impounded by University Police.

## **Candles and Open Flames**

Candles, incense and other open flame materials and devices are prohibited in University facilities, including residential facilities, except in instructional laboratory space or as authorized by the University. Burning of any material is prohibited except under a fume exhaust hood.

## **Fire Extinguishers**

Should a fire extinguisher be used, or if a permanent extinguisher is missing, please notify the Physical Plant Service Center or University Police immediately.

The purchase and maintenance of fire extinguishers is the responsibility of the Physical Plant Department. Inspection, replacement, and servicing of all University fire extinguishers for general and instructional space may be performed by either Physical Plant personnel or a service contractor. Fire extinguishers for use in auxiliary areas may be furnished and maintained by Physical Plant Services at cost to the auxiliary. The Safety Risk Manager may require additional portable extinguishers be placed temporarily for a University-sponsored activity or event. Extinguishers required for events or activities will be furnished at no charge to the sponsor unless actually used (or lost). If used (or lost) during an activity or event, the cost of recharging (or replacing) extinguishers will be the responsibility of the event or activity sponsor.

## **Access to Residential Facilities**

Card access to University Village (UV) and Residential Learning Community (RLC) housing and parking areas are required. Access to on-campus housing by University employees is on an “as needed” basis and is for the exterior of the apartment complexes and common areas in the UV a RLC

only. All repair and maintenance personnel must be in uniform or wearing a TAMIU photo ID to allow for easy identification by residents. University police officers routinely patrol the parking areas, exterior of the apartment complex, common areas of the UV and RLC and respond to calls for police service from either UV or RLC residents or from the Community Advisors.

Gates leading to the UV and the RLC are locked 24 hours a day, with access to visitors provided only by residents of the UV or RLC management. Community Advisors and UV/RLC management have direct radio access to the TAMIU police. Inspections to ensure the security integrity of UV and the RLC are conducted periodically. Repairs are made promptly, locks quickly replaced when keys are lost or stolen, and reports of potential safety hazards, such as broken windows, receive immediate response.

### **Student Identification Cards**

Many events sponsored on or off-campus requires a student identification card. During the first registration a student ID card is issued. It must be validated each semester after tuition and fee payment.

An ID card is positive means of identification and must be carried by the student at all times. This card is non-transferable and must be presented when it is requested by an official of the University on campus, or at an off-campus University activity/function.

### **Prohibition of Firearms**

Concealed handguns, unlicensed handguns and all other firearms are not permitted in any System or component building or portion of a building, state vehicle, or on any grounds on which an activity sponsored by a System

component is being conducted. Sponsored activities of TAMUS or its components are conducted frequently on the grounds of the institutions for the use of their students, faculty and staff. Exceptions to this prohibition may be made as authorized by law or by a rule developed by the component. The System will follow Texas Penal Code Section 46.03 in the administration of this regulation and the resulting rules.

### **Smoke-Free Policy**

The University is a smoke-free campus.

**Buildings and Vehicles:** All buildings, entrances to buildings, and vehicles, owned or leased under the administrative purview of the President of Texas A&M International University will be entirely smoke-free. The smoke-free policy will apply to all indoor air space including foyers, entryways and classrooms, individual faculty and administrative offices.

**Athletic Facilities:** All indoor air space of University-owned athletic facilities will be smoke-free. Outdoor public seating areas in athletic arenas and theaters will be smoke-free.

In order to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of students, employees, and the public, TAMIU provides for an environment free from exposure to tobacco. The use of tobacco products is not permitted in University buildings or in University-owned or operated vehicles.

<http://www.tamiu.edu/>

## **Security Awareness and Crime Prevention**

The TAMU Police Department has several crime prevention programs available to the University community. These programs emphasize personal awareness and personal responsibility for protecting property and to reduce and prevent crimes.

### **Alarm Systems**

The University Police Department monitors several types of alarms from different locations on Campus. These systems are designed to enhance personal safety, building security and environmental controls.

### **Crime Prevention Presentations**

The University Police Department conducts crime prevention and crime awareness presentations at student orientations and on request.

### **Crime Stoppers**

The University Police Department benefits from the Laredo Crime Stoppers program. Anyone who has witnessed or has information about a crime can call Crime Stoppers, 956-726-2827. The call is confidential; the caller remains anonymous and could be paid up to \$1,000.

## **Lost and Found**

The University Police Department is the official Lost and Found department for the University. Each item of property found on the Campus is to be turned to the University Police Department. A receipt will be given to the person who turns in the property to the Police Department. If the property is unclaimed after one year, it will be destroyed or used by the University. The information may be viewed on the following web site: <http://www.tamtu.edu/adminis/police/lost.htm>.

## **Motorist Assistance Programs**

University Police Officers will provide assistance to motorists on our campus who experience mechanical difficulties. The services range from jump-starts of vehicles, attempting to unlock a locked vehicle, providing assistance with out-of-fuel vehicles and assistance with flat tires. These services can be obtained by calling 326-2100.

## **Victim Assistance Program**

We offer access to victim assistance programs provided by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the Webb County District Attorney's Office and the Laredo Police Department. A variety of programs and services are offered so differing needs may be met. University Police Officers will explain court and police procedures and will ensure the University community receives the best support services available. Referrals can be made for emotional support services, to victims' compensation programs and other assistance programs designed to address the needs of individuals.

## Emergency Telephones



The University currently has 17 Emergency Call (2911) blue light telephones throughout the campus that provide direct contact with the police dispatcher. Also, a blue light begins to flash and continues to flash for the duration of the call to assist responding personnel in locating the caller.

Other emergency telephones are located in all elevators as well as in Pellegrino Hall (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors), Canseco Hall (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors), Bullock Hall (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors), and Cowart Hall (1<sup>st</sup> floor). The emergency telephones are **one-button**



telephones. To use the telephone, just push the button. The telephone dials the University Police Department's Emergency telephone number (2911). If that line is busy or if there is no answer, the telephone automatically hangs up and dials the Laredo 911 Center.

Use these phones to report any crimes, fires, or medical emergencies, and to request emergency assistance. A police officer will always respond to the location of an activated emergency telephone.

Blue light telephones may be used for any police assistance including escorts.

## **SAFE TAMIU**



SAFE TAMIU, the campus safety escort service at TAMIU, operates 24/7, and provides a safe alternative to get to and from on-campus destinations. The TAMIU Police Department provides security escorts - walking, golf cart, police vehicle to on-campus locations. If you're concerned about walking alone on campus at night, call the Police Department (2100), and request a security escort. A police officer, Campus Security Assistant or Police Department student employee will escort you to your destination. Safety Escorts are provided on request, 24 hours a day.

## **Crime Prevention Presentations**

We conduct crime prevention and crime awareness presentations at student orientations and upon request. These presentations include:

- Alcohol Awareness
- CA Presentation
- Crime Prevention and Safety
- Crime Prevention Tips
- Date Rape
- Drug Abuse
- Family Orientation
- Hate Crimes
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Program
- Personal Safety
- Robbery
- Safety in the Workplace
- Student Orientation.



## **Sexual Assault Prevention Programs**



The TAMIU Police Department provides educational programs to prevent sexual assault and to increase student awareness to circumstances which could lead to sexual assault.

### **Educational Programs**

- Date Rape
- Drug Abuse
- Hate Crimes
- RAD Program
- Personal Safety.



### **Reporting Procedures**

A victim of sexual assault or other sex offense should immediately call 2911. The police dispatcher will notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and immediately dispatch an officer. The victim should retain all clothing, await the arrival of the police officer and not disturb the crime scene. The officer will take the initial report, collect items of evidence and make arrangements for an advocate to accompany the victim to the hospital for medical examination and treatment. The advocate also provides support and assistance throughout the investigation. Additionally, a victim may elect to use a pseudonym to prevent the victim's real name from appearing on police documents. Anonymity can

be maintained throughout the investigative process. The victim may also request a change of academic and living assignments, if other classes and accommodations are reasonably available.

Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to report the incident to the TAMIU Police Department. This action does not obligate prosecution, but it does make legal action possible if the decision to prosecute is made at a later date. The earlier an incident is reported, the easier it is to collect valuable evidence. The Police Department will provide support and assistance to victims of sexual assault in seeking medical attention and/or counseling services on or off campus as well as investigating allegations of both sexual assault and sexual harassment. Services and referrals the University provides are intended to help the victim of sexual assault become a survivor.

University judicial action, criminal prosecution and civil suits are all options available to victims of sexual assault. To begin University judicial action, the counselor, police or victim should contact the University judicial officer. During campus judicial proceedings, both the victim and the accused may be present and may have a counselor, attorney and/or adviser present to provide support and advice. Both the victim and the accused will be informed of the results of the proceeding.

**Sanctions for sexual assault may range up to and include suspension or expulsion from TAMIU.**

*These recommended steps, if followed, will provide evidence for either criminal prosecution or for University disciplinary action.*

**If a sexual assault should occur, the victim should take the following actions:**

- ▶ Go to a safe place
  
- ▶ Get prompt medical attention
  
- ▶ Call the University Police. They will assume responsibility for all notifications
  
- ▶ Contact a friend or family member
  
- ▶ Do not bathe or douche
  
- ▶ Do not urinate, if possible
  
- ▶ Do not eat, drink liquids, smoke or brush teeth if oral contact took place
  
- ▶ Keep the clothes worn during the offense. If clothes are changed, place clothes in paper bag (evidence deteriorates in plastic)
  
- ▶ Do not destroy physical evidence that may be found in the vicinity of the crime. If the crime occurred in the victim's residence, the victim should not clean or straighten until the police have had an opportunity to collect evidence
  
- ▶ Tell someone all the details remembered about the Assault
  
- ▶ Write down all details remembered as soon as possible.

## TAMIU Crime Statistics

The University Police Department contributes Part I Crime information to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), (the information is then forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice's Uniform Crime Report, administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.) Statistics for this report are compiled from University police reports, incidents reported to public law enforcement agencies where the University controls property, and from others who have "**significant responsibility for student and campus activities**" to whom individuals report criminal incidents they have not reported to police. Crimes reported in the FBI Uniform Crime Report by the University Police Department for the last three calendar years are included in the following pages.

The seven major crime categories, with several sub-categories, are: **Criminal Homicide**, sub-categories, *Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter and Negligent Manslaughter*; **Sex Offenses**, sub-categories, *Forcible Sex Offenses (includes sexual assault (rape)) and Non-forcible Sex Offenses (includes incest and statutory rape)*; **Robbery**; **Aggravated Assault**; **Burglary**; **Motor Vehicle Theft** and **Arson**.

The University also compiles information on **Hate Crimes**, crimes or incidents of violence involving bodily injury to any person in which the victim is intentionally selected because of actual or perceived Race, Gender, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Ethnicity, National Origin and/or Disability.

Also included in the brochure is information on arrests by category of crime: **Liquor Violations, Drug Law Violations and Illegal Weapons Violations**. Each of the crime and arrest categories are particularly defined. An act must meet the requirements of the definition to be included in any of the categories. For example, TAMIU policy prohibits alcoholic beverage consumption in public areas of the campus unless it

is an approved catered event. If an adult student were found consuming alcohol on campus (not inside the privacy of their on-campus apartment), that would be a violation of TAMIU policies and regulations. The student would be referred to the Division of Student Life for disciplinary action, but the action would not have resulted in a statistical "crime."

## **Crime Data**

The data presented reflects the raw numbers for a metropolitan university of 5,200+ students using the system of crime definitions required for the Uniform Crime Report. These definitions do not correspond to those established by State laws. Thus, TAMIU data should not be compared to data from other institutions without considering institutional demographics, including size of student populations, the numbers of students living on the campuses and the size of the communities in which the institutions are located.

## **Arrest Data**

An "arrest" as defined in the Texas Penal Code equates to custody. "Custody" means: detained or under arrest by a peace officer; or under restraint by a public servant pursuant to an order of a court. For reporting purposes under this Act, the issuance of a citation is also considered an "arrest" but does not usually involve incarceration. Therefore, included in the arrest data for this report are citations issued for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Consuming Alcohol after Hours, Minor DWI, Consuming in a Vehicle, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, and Open Container After Hours. These were not incarcerations for these offenses.

**Texas A&M International University Police  
2007 Presentations**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>DATES PRESENTED</b>	<b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b>
RAD presentation to Domestic Violence Coalition	25	January 27	Crime Prevention
Property Engraving	8	January 29	Crime Prevention
Property Engraving	8	February 01	Crime Prevention
Alcohol Awareness & Date Rape Drugs @ The Village	30	February 22	Alcohol Awareness
Alcohol Awareness	12	March 12	Alcohol Awareness
ID Theft Presentation	20	April 21	Crime Prevention
ID Theft Presentation Staff Enrichment Day Session 1	40	May 26	Crime Prevention
ID Theft Presentation Staff Enrichment Day Session 2	40	May 26	Crime Prevention
Child Identification Program	100	June 16	Children's ID Program
RAD Course	8	June 26-28	Crime Prevention
RAD Course 4 consecutive Fridays	4	July 6	Crime Prevention
RAD Course TXDot Facilities	10	July 16-19	Crime Prevention
RAD Course	14	July 23-26	Crime Prevention
R.L.C. - RA Presentation Alcohol, Drug and Safety Procedures	20	August 19	Crime Prevention
New Student Orientation for Foreign Students	50	August 23	Crime Prevention
Campus Night Out for New Students R.L.C. / Village	150	August 23	Crime Prevention
RAD Course 4 consecutive Fridays	9	August 03-24	Crime Prevention
RAD Course	19	August 25-26	Crime Prevention
RAD Course ECHS Fridays Only Class	24	August 31- November 16	Crime Prevention
Engraving Session at the R.L.C.	10	September 06	Crime Prevention
Freshmen Orientation Presentation	25 students per class(total 450)	September 10- October 11	Crime Prevention
RAD Course	14	September 24 – September 27	Crime Prevention

Halloween Safety Fair Student Center Rotunda	600	October 6	Crime Prevention
National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness	250	October 18	Alcohol Awareness
Alcohol Awareness	42	October 22	Alcohol Awareness
Alcohol Awareness Drunk Driving Simulation Red Ribbon Parade	31	October 24	Alcohol Awareness
Red Ribbon Parade	Unkown	October 24	Drug Awareness
Career Day	600	November 08	
RAD Course	8	November 26 – November 29	Crime Prevention
TAMIU Wellness Fair	700	November 6	Alcohol Awareness
Dangers of Date Rape	25	December 6	Crime Prevention

## **Clery Reporting Process**

The University Police Department determines the following locations to be included in the Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report.

- On Campus Property
- Non-Campus TAMIU Buildings/Property
- Contiguous Public Property
- Off Campus TAMIU locations
- Organizational Properties.

The locations are provided to area Law Enforcement Agencies annually, requesting reports of offenses (offenses are determined by the Campus Security Act/Clery Act) occurring at the locations in their respective jurisdictions.

The Director of University Police is responsible for requesting and collecting crime statistics, reports and/or referrals from the following agencies/departments:

- TAMIU Police Department
- TAMIU Student Services/Judicial Officer
- Outside Law Enforcement Agencies
- Notifications from other TAMIU Campus Officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities (i.e., Athletics, Student Health Services, Residential Living).

In August of each calendar year, the Director of University Police prepares the collected crime statistics for the Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report. The information is then forwarded to the following agencies/offices:

- U.S. Department of Education (Web-based, with registration requirement, assigned ID's, passwords and limited data collection period)
- Vice President for Finance and Administration to be distributed to all employees
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to be distributed to all students.

Preparation, production and distribution of the Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report is the responsibility of the Director of University Police with the assistance of the University Community as needed.

- The Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report is available the TAMIU web site at: <http://www.tamiau.edu/adminis/police/documents/Clerky2006booklet.pdf>
- The Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report is available for prospective students on the TAMIU Student web site at: <http://www.tamiau.edu/enroll/>
- The Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Report is available for prospective employees on the TAMIU Human Resources web site at: <https://employment.tamiau.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1170266223091>

Distribution is made by October 1 to all current TAMIU students, faculty and staff. Distribution is made throughout the year to prospective students and employees and upon request.

### **Interagency Cooperation**

TAMIU Police cooperate and interact with the Laredo Police Department, the Webb County Sheriff's Office, other local police agencies and local courts to monitor and record off-campus crime involving members of the University community. Those reports involving drug abuse are in turn forwarded to Student Affairs or to the appropriate supervisor of an employee.

### **Internal Cooperation**

Internally, the following officials are designated as others who have **“significant responsibility for student and campus activities”** pursuant to the provisions of the Crime Awareness Act:

- Vice President for Student Affairs
- Executive Director of Student Life
- Director of International Student Services
- Director of Athletics and Coaches
- Director of Student Activities
- Program Coordinator of First Year Success Program
- Director of University Village
- Director of Student Health Services.

These individuals and their assistants, who also urge all persons to promptly report all crimes and incidents to the University Police, are charged with the responsibility of reporting to the TAMIU Police Department any crimes covered by the Act reported to them that they believe have not been previously reported to University Police or local authorities.

### **Others Who Have “Significant Responsibility for Student and Campus Activities” Reports**

Occasionally, there are reportable crimes addressed or reported to others who have “**significant responsibility for student and campus activities,**” other than Police personnel. The reports represent descriptions of events provided to civilian employees of the institution not skilled in criminal investigation or crime classification. Since TAMIU Police

Department officers do not have an opportunity to interview the reporting party(ies), the crime classification provided in this section of the report cannot be verified as accurate. Incidents reported to others who have “**significant responsibility for student and campus activities**” and not reported to TAMIU Police for the last three calendar years are as follows.

**Not Reported to TAMIU Police**

Reported to others who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities”	2005	2006	2007
Vice President for Student Affairs	0	0	0
Executive Director of Student Life	0	0	0
Director of International Student Services	0	0	0
Director of Athletics & Coaches	0	0	0
Director of Student Activities	0	0	0
Program Coordinator of First Year Success Program	0	0	0
Director of University Village	0	0	0
Director of Student Health Services	0	0	0
Psychology Clinic Outreach, 1319 Corpus Christi (Off-campus)	0	0	0

## **Crimes Reported to University Police**

<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0
<b>Non-negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Negligent Manslaughter</b>	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	2	9	3
Residential	2	8	3
Non-Residential	0	1	0
<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	1	0	1
Residential	1	0	1

Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	1	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	1	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0
Residential	0	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	0	5	14
Residential	0	5	11
Non-Residential	0	0	3

<b>Liquor Law Violations</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Minor in Possession</b>	13	19	44
Residential	13	19	44

Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Furnishing to A Minor</b>	0	1	6
Residential	0	1	6
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Other Crimes</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Hate Crimes Residential</b>	1	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0
<b>Drug Law Violations</b>	8	2	6
Residential	8	0	6
Non-Residential	0	2	0
<b>Weapons Law Violations Residential</b>	1	0	0
Non-Residential	0	0	0

<b>Reported to Laredo Police Department</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
On Campus	0	0	0
Off-Campus	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

<b>Reported to Webb Co. Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
On Campus	0	0	0
Off-Campus	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

<b>Uniform Crime Statistics</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Murder</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**IMPORTANT POLICE TELEPHONE  
NUMBERS**

**On Campus  
2911 Emergency  
9911 Laredo Emergency**

**Administrative  
2100**

**Village Residents  
326-2911  
326-2100**

# Chapter 4

## **Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs**

As a Member of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), TAMIU is governed by System policy which addresses drug and alcohol use on our campus as established by the Board of Regents. System policy, 34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs, strives toward the following objectives: to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students and employees; to maintain the good reputation of the System and its employees within the communities where System components are located; to minimize accidental injuries to persons or property; to minimize absenteeism and tardiness and improve the effective job performance and productivity of all employees and the educational performance of all students; to identify resources for alcohol or substance abuse rehabilitation for students and employees, when appropriate; to comply with the federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and other applicable legislation; and to adopt and implement a program to prevent use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited on System property and/or while on official duty and/or as part of any System activities. Sanctions (consistent with local, State, and federal law) will be imposed on students and employees for violation of this policy. Sanctions may include disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion, termination of

employment and referral for prosecution. All System components are expected to abide by State and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances, illicit drugs and use of alcohol. Each System component will adopt a plan consistent with this policy that will include implementation of an awareness and prevention program on the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees.

The TAMIU [Student Handbook](#) supplements System policy as follows:

### *Alcohol*

Students 21 years or older are permitted to possess and consume alcoholic beverages inside the privacy of their on-campus apartments. Alcoholic beverages in any form are not permitted in the breezeways, stairwells, community center, cars or any other spaces outside the individual apartments. Additionally, the resident and his/her guests must comply with State and local statutes concerning possession, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Be aware that even if you are 21, possessing or consuming alcohol in the same room with any roommate or guest under the age of 21 is a violation of State law. You will be arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor and they will be considered a minor in possession.

Additionally, TAMIU Police may also file appropriate charges in a Justice of the Peace Court for:

♦ <b>Purchase</b>	<i>Second Offense:</i>
♦ <b>Attempt to Purchase</b>	Class C misdemeanor: up to \$500
♦ <b>Possession</b>	Fine Possible alcohol awareness
♦ <b>Consumption</b>	course
♦ <b>Misrepresentation of Age</b>	20-40 hours community service
♦ <b>Public Intoxication by Minor.</b>	60 days driver's license suspension or denial.
The following penalties shall be imposed:	<i>Third Offense:</i>
<i>First Offense:</i>	Class B misdemeanor: \$250 - \$2000
Class C misdemeanor: up to \$500	fine and/or
fine Alcohol awareness course	Confinement in jail up to 180 days
8-12 hours community service	Possible alcohol awareness course
30 days driver's license suspension or denial.	180 days driver's license suspension or denial.

Any use of alcoholic beverages should be in moderation to ensure residents' rights to privacy, sleep and study within their rooms and/or apartments. Bulk quantities of alcohol (i.e., kegs, cases, etc.) are not allowed on campus or in residence facilities. Loud or disruptive behavior or drinking habits that is Harmful to the health or education of an individual or to those around him/her may result in disciplinary action. Additionally, alcohol may be served at pre-approve dinners,

receptions or events catered by University food service or designated others. Consumption is expressly limited to the room or site in which the event is being held and may not leave that area for any reason.

**While Driving**

It is illegal for a minor to drive

while having any detectable

amount of alcohol in the minor's

system.

The following penalties shall be imposed:

***First Offense:***

Class C misdemeanor: up to \$500 fine

Alcohol awareness course

20-40 hours community service

60 days driver's license

suspension

30 days ineligible for occupational

License

***Second Offense:***

Class C misdemeanor: up to \$500 fine

Alcohol awareness course

40-60 hours community service

120 days driver's license

suspension

90 days ineligible for occupational

license

Alcohol awareness course

40-60 hours community service

120 days driver's license suspension

90 days ineligible for occupational

license

***Third Offense:***

Class B misdemeanor: \$500 - \$2000

fine and/or Confinement in jail up to

180 days.

180 days driver's license suspension,

ineligible for occupational license.

## **CIVIL PENALTIES**

An adult 21 years of age or older is liable for damages proximately caused by the intoxication of a minor under the age of 18, if: the adult is not the minor's parent, guardian, or spouse; or an adult in whose custody the minor has been committed by a court; and the adult knowingly served or provided to the minor any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication; or allowed the minor to be served or provided any of the alcoholic beverages that contributed to the minor's intoxication on the premises owned or leased by the adult.

**PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR MINOR OR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINOR: AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION; LICENSE DENIAL.** “A person's driver's license is automatically suspended on final conviction of an offense under Section 106.06, Alcoholic Beverage Code. The department may not issue a driver's license to a person convicted of an offense under Section 106.06, Alcoholic Beverage Code, who, on the date of the conviction, did not hold a driver's license. The period of suspension under this section is the 180 days after the date of a final conviction, and the period of license denial is the 180 days after the date the person applies to the department for reinstatement or issuance of a driver's license, unless the person has previously been denied a license under this section or had a license suspended, in which event the period of suspension is one year after the date of a final conviction, and the period of license denial is one year after the date the person applies to the department for reinstatement or issuance of a driver's license.”

## **University Disciplinary Process**

University disciplinary charges may be pursued against faculty, staff, and students alleged to have violated University regulations and/or State and federal laws concerning alcohol and other drug abuse. Violations of any State or federal law pertaining to controlled substances that occur off campus and are not associated with a University-connected activity may result in disciplinary charges in situations in which the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and the orderly operation of the University.

University disciplinary proceedings will be in accordance with procedures outlined in the University Regulations (students) and the Policy and Procedures Manual (faculty and staff). Voluntary admission to an alcohol and other drug abuse treatment program prior to the issuance of charges may be looked upon favorably in disciplinary cases. Disciplinary action in cases involving alcohol and other drug-related violations by students may result in a warning, community service, suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the University, depending on the nature and seriousness of the case. Participation in an alcohol and other drug abuse education program may be required in addition to other sanctions. Disciplinary action(s) imposed by the University have no relation to civil/criminal penalties.

## **Controlled Substances**

Students are expected to be aware of and abide by all State and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illicit drugs. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of controlled substances, illicit drugs, or drug paraphernalia on University property or at University - sponsored activities is strictly prohibited. Furthermore, improper or illegal use, possession or distribution of narcotics

or other controlled substances and/or drug paraphernalia may result in immediate expulsion from University housing facilities as well as additional disciplinary sanctions. If a student is expelled from housing, the student is still responsible for the remaining rent under their lease agreement.

### **Advertising and Marketing of Alcohol and Other Drugs**

Texas A&M International University does not permit the advertisement or promotion of the availability of alcohol and other drugs at social functions as attraction of the event, nor does it permit the marketing of alcoholic beverages by manufacturers or distributors, or by clubs, organizations, departments, or divisions of the University. Incidental advertising such as on cups, T-shirts or promotional items, etc. provided by distributors are included.

<i>Students who have violated the Student Conduct Code may have one or more of the following sanctions imposed:</i>	
<b>Warning</b>	A written notice to the student that the student is violating or has violated institutional regulations.
<b>Disciplinary Probation</b>	A written reprimand for violation of a specific regulation(s). Probation will be for a specified period of time and will include the probability of more severe disciplinary sanctions should the student violate that or any other regulation during the probationary period.
<b>Loss of Privileges</b>	Denial of specific privileges for a period of time.
<b>Restitution</b>	Compensation for loss or damage. This may be in the form of service and/or monetary material replacement.
<b>Community Service</b>	Service to the University in terms of work assignments.
<b>Housing Suspension</b>	Separation from housing for a definite period of time after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for readmission to housing may be specified.
<b>Housing Expulsion</b>	Permanent separation of the student from housing.
<b>Banned from University Housing</b>	This is in addition to Housing Suspension/Expulsion. Entrance by the student into these facilities will be a violation of this sanction. The student will be confronted and charged accordingly for trespassing and failure to comply.
<b>University Suspension</b>	Separation of the student from the University for a definite period of time after which the student is eligible to return. Additional conditions to be satisfied during suspension or upon return to the University community may be specified.
<b>University Expulsion</b>	Permanent separation of the student from the University. The student will not be eligible to reapply for admission.
<b>Banned from Campus</b>	In addition to being suspended or expelled from the University, the student is banned from entering the grounds and/or facilities owned, operated and/or maintained by the University. Entrance onto campus or into those facilities/areas will be viewed as a violation of this sanction and the student will be confronted and charged accordingly for trespassing and failure to comply.

**Texas A&M International University**  
**Student Counseling Services and Disability Services for**  
**Students**

**124 Student Center**

**Laredo, Texas 78041**

**Phone: (956) 326-2230**

**Fax: (956) 326-2231**

**E-mail: [counselina@tamiu.edu](mailto:counselina@tamiu.edu)**

**Student Counseling Services**

Student Counseling Services contributes to the overall mission of TAMIU within the context of the Division of Student Life. Its purpose is to facilitate student success, by:

- Providing active networking with departments, faculty, staff, and community agencies
- Providing counseling, testing, and psycho-educational services
- Providing advocacy & support services toward obtaining reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities
- Providing quality training for graduate students in psychology.

## **Hours**

The Center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with evening hours on Wednesday and Thursday open until 8 p.m. In the event of a crisis after regular hours or during University holidays, call campus police at (956) 326-2100, and provide your name, telephone number, and location. 24-hour crisis counseling is available and will be arranged when needed through the University Police Department. 24-hour Crisis Hotlines are also available through community services such as:

LIFELINE of Laredo (956) 722- LIFE (5433)

The Rape Abuse Help Line 1-800-551-0008

Border Region Mental Health/Mental Retardation (MH/MR)  
1-800-643-1102.

## **Appointments**

Professional services are usually made by appointment and can be arranged either in person or by calling (956) 326-2230. In crisis situations, provisions can be made to see a counselor without a prior appointment. E-mail: [counseling@tamiu.edu](mailto:counseling@tamiu.edu)

## **Confidentiality**

All tests and records of the counseling office are strictly confidential as protected by law and professional ethics. They are set apart from all other records at the University and are not released to any other person or agency within or outside the University without the client's written consent, except as described by law. All staff members subscribe to the ethical guidelines established by the Texas Board of Examiners of Psychologists. As a client, you will be informed of the legal limits of confidentiality.

### **Reports available:**

Copies of this annual report may also be printed from the web site ([www.tamtu.edu](http://www.tamtu.edu)) in PDF format or requested from the following offices:

University Police Department

Office of Student Affairs

Student Judicial Affairs

Office of Human Resources

# **Crime Prevention Tip**

## ***Protect Yourself in Public Places***

- Avoid walking alone at night; get a friend to go with you, or call SAFE TAMIU @ 326-2100
- Walk in well-lighted areas; avoid shortcuts through dark isolated spots
- Be alert! If you are being followed, quickly go to an area of increased safety; i.e., an open business establishment, a group of people, or an emergency telephone
- Carry a whistle or another type of personal safety alarm attached to your keys for use in warding off an assailant or obtaining police attention
- Wear clothing that will allow you maximum mobility.

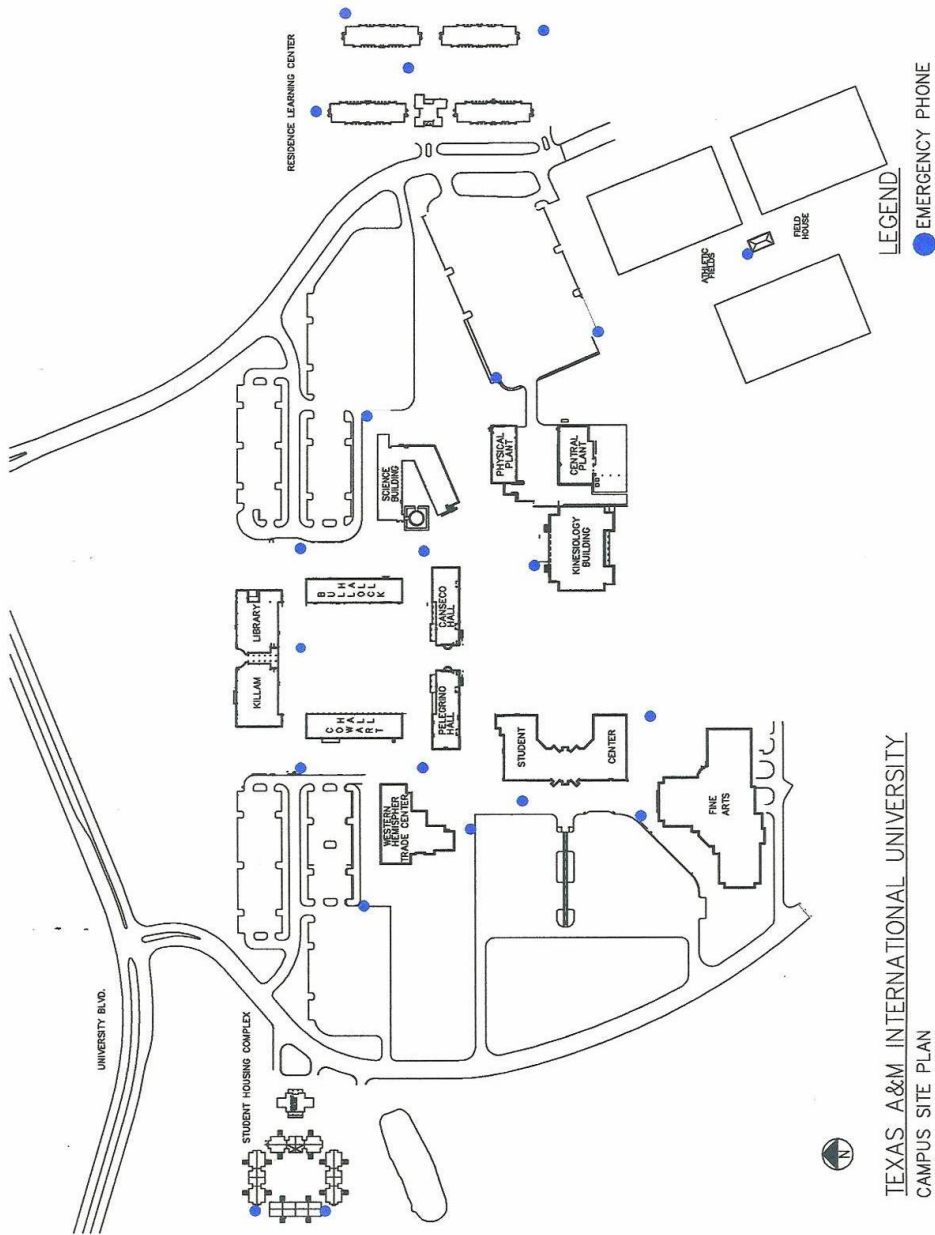
## **Protect your Personal and University owned Property**

- When leaving an office or room, even for a few minutes, **LOCK THE DOOR!** It only takes a few seconds for a thief to make off with your things
- Never leave a wallet or purse on top of your desk. Its best to take it with you or lock it in a desk drawer or file cabinet
- Avoid taking wallets, money or jewelry into athletic facilities and storing them in lockers, which are targets for thieves. If possible secure your property elsewhere
- Avoid leaving books, backpacks, purses, coats, etc., unattended in libraries or other public areas

- Keep a record of serial numbers and model numbers, brand names, and descriptions of valuable items. Use “Operation Identification” engravers available, on loan at no charge from University Police
- Use a quality U-lock to secure your bicycle to approved bike racks, and lock it any time you are not riding it
- Immediately report criminal activity or suspicious activity to police. Dial 2911 (on campus) in the event of a crime in progress. Note physical descriptions of persons involved, vehicle descriptions and license plates if available.

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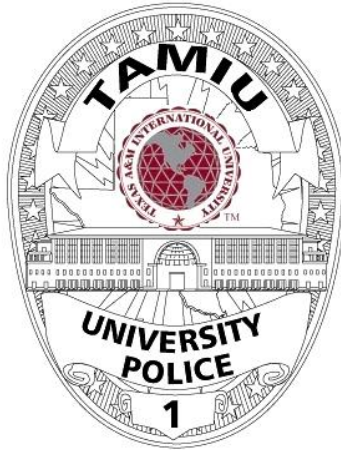


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# **Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Information**

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