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SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE TO TRP

UT Police is expanding the shuttle service to the Texas Research Park on a 3 month trial basis. Effective Monday, November 16, 2009, there will be 5 trips to TRP beginning at 7:20am. The new departure and arrival times are posted online at <http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu> and below. Schedules are available on all shuttle buses, stops, and at the UT Police Buildings. The shuttle operates Monday through Friday excluding

University holidays. The shuttle departs Lozano Long campus at the Perimeter Drive bus stop.

Please feel free to contact Julie Dupont, Parking Service Manager, with any questions you may have at 210-567-1787 or by email at dupontj@uthscsa.edu.

Thank you,
Capt. Ron Davidson

		AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Orange Route Begins at 7:20 AM	Depart Perim	7:20 AM	8:45 AM	12:15 PM	2:15 PM	4:30 PM	6:05 PM
	Arrive TRP	7:55 AM	9:20 AM	12:55 PM	2:50 PM	5:10 PM	6:40 PM
	Depart TRP	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:20 PM	6:45 PM
	Arrive Perim	8:35 AM	10:05 AM	1:35 PM	3:35 PM	6:00 PM	7:20 PM

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR ID CARD!

If you are not displaying your ID card per HSC policy on any HSC property, UT Police will stop you to verify your association with the University and then a report will be written.

HSC policy, 8.7.10.

- ID card/badge holders must wear the ID badge at all times while on property owned or under the control of the Health Science Center.
- The ID badge is to be worn on the upper chest and be clearly visible to someone

facing the wearer.

- ID cards/badges must be free of decoration.
- Failure to comply with this policy may subject the violator to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
- Any employee encountering an unknown person without proper identification in a non-public area should offer assistance. If the employee has any doubt as to the person's response or demeanor, UTPD should be notified.

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Special points of interest:

- A person commits a traffic offense if they are involved in a crash on a main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway and don't move their vehicle (if drivable) to an area that minimizes interference with freeway traffic.



HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

UT Health Science Center is like any other community when it comes to safety and crime. While it has police officers on duty 24/7, these officers cannot be everywhere at once. Therefore, it is extremely important that community members work closely with the police to report and address suspicious or criminal behavior.

Community members are encouraged to report suspicious or criminal activity to the Police Department. While there is sometimes a reluctance to report people to the police, particularly among students, it is important to realize that individuals who commit crimes harm others. In some cases, the harm done to others can be fatal. The United States Secret Service has conducted a study on school shootings. Their findings suggest that:

- before most incidents, other people knew about the attacker’s idea and/or plan to attack;
- most attackers did not threaten their targets directly before advancing the attack;
- most attackers engaged in some behavior before the incident that caused concern or indicated a need for help; and
- in many cases, other students were involved in some capacity.

WHAT IS SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR?

Community members are encouraged to report suspicious behavior. Sometimes, a person may not know what constitutes suspicious behavior. A general rule of thumb is that anyone who acts abnormally or anything that is placed in a location that is not usual should be considered suspicious.

Examples of suspicious behavior include:

- unusual noises, including screaming, sounds of fighting, glass breaking, or illegal activity;
- people in and/or around buildings or areas and who do not appear to be conducting legitimate business;
- unauthorized people in restricted areas;
- people who trying doors to see if they are lock;
- people who follow immediately behind others into card-access areas or buildings while the door is open;
- people driving vehicles slowly and aimlessly around campus or parking lots and, at night, without their lights on;
- people sitting in vehicles for extended periods of time;
- people who change their behavior when they notice that they have been detected;

- people dressed inappropriately for the weather or occasion, i.e., coat on when the temperature is warm; or
- people abandoning parcels or other items in unusual locations (i.e. in the lobby or in the elevator).

HOW DO I REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR OR SITUATIONS?

If you suspect that the suspicious behavior that you detected is actually a crime-in-progress, please call **911 or 210-567-8911**. If the incident does not appear to be a crime-in-progress, you may call the police non-emergency number and report the information.

Information that the Police Communication Officer (PCO) needs include:

- What is the person's last known location and direction of travel?
- What made the person's actions suspicious?
- Did the person say anything? If so, what?
- Did the person appear intoxicated?
- Were any weapons displayed or was there threat of a weapon?

Long and Greehey Campus	7-2800
CTRC and MARC	8-72800
Harlingen	5-8900
Laredo	3-7414
Edinburg	99-316-7151

Also, be prepared to give a description of the person (think head to toe):

- Race
- Sex
- Color of hair
- Glasses?
- Facial hair
- Complexion
- Color of Shirt
- Color of pants
- Shoes
- Age
- Height
- Weight
- Scars and Tattoos

If the suspicious person is in a vehicle, please provide the vehicle make, model, color, and license plate number if you can.

NEW STATE TRAFFIC LAWS

Listed below are some of the laws that came into effect on September 1, 2009.

- **Seatbelts** - All occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, or where they are seated, must be secured by a safety belt.
- **Child Passenger Safety Seat** - Any child under age 8 must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height..
- **Driving while Intoxicated with a Child** - Automatic drivers license suspension period for first time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders.
- **Drivers License** -
Allows new Texas residents to operate a vehicle without a Texas Drivers license for 90 days instead of the current 30 days.
•If you drive with a suspended license and without insurance. You can be arrested and charged with a



Class B misdemeanor . If you drive with a suspended license, without insurance and have an accident and someone is seriously injured or dies you will be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor. Both Class A and B misdemeanors' require that you receive a sentence for incarceration. A Class C misdemeanor is a citation that you sign and then you are released.

If a minor fails a breath or blood alcohol test while operating a watercraft their license may be suspended.

DPS has unveiled a redesigned Texas driver license and identification card with a new look and enhanced security.

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RADIATION ALARM RESPONSE TRAINING

Several Officers from the police department attended special training in October.

This is a 3 day course sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE) / Global Threat Reduction Initiative (GTRI). The class was taught within the secured DOE installation. The class was made up of nearly 50 students from a wide variety of professional disciplines to include: Police, Security, Radiation Safety, Physical Security Specialist, Physicians / Researchers, Dispatchers and SWAT. The following are the training modules covered:

- GTRI overview
- Radiation fundamentals
- Response force hazard management
- Radiological materials of

concern

- Radiation instrumentation
- Response considerations to radiological events
- Effective use of security equipment

After these initial modules are covered a series of detailed "table-top" exercises were completed. The final day of training uses all the information learned to perform hands-on practical exercises. These scenarios involve all personnel including Police Officers, Police Guards, Police Communications Officers and the Radiation Safety Officer (Safety Office).

The cadre of instructors was knowledgeable within their professional disciplines and presented

the topics in everyday language the audience could understand. The threat of these radiological materials being compromised is real and after this awareness level class each student is able to understand the importance of its security.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2009



Fun filled night with USAF working dog demo, Texas Game Warden, Blue Knights, lots of games and door prizes.



ONLINE CITATION PAYMENTS

The UT Police Department is pleased to announce the activation of the first component of online services being offered through the Parking Service Office. Effective today, UTHSCSA parking and traffic citations can be paid online with Visa, MasterCard, or Discover cards. Any court appearance citation must still be handled through Justice of Peace Precinct #2. The link can be found on the UT Police website <http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu/> or the UTHSCSA portal.

These other online services will be offered soon:

- Appeals
- New permit purchase and renewal
- Wait List registration (will also allow you to check your status)
- Account management

We will be keeping the UTHSCSA community advised of the progress through our newsletters. If you have any questions, you can contact Julie Dupont, Parking Service Manager, at 210-567-1787 or by email at dupontj@uthscsa.edu.



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We are on the web...

<http://utpolice.uthscsa.edu/>

[Annual Security Report](#)

“CRIME PREVENTION—A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY”

WORTH NOTING

Is this your Thumb Drive?



Sgt. Boyer-2nd Shift Commander and
Records Clerk Ms. Medellin

Do you keep a lot of information on your thumb or flash drive?

What if you leave in a library computer or drop it on campus?

Hopefully someone will turn it into UT Police Lost and Found. If they do, how will you identify it?

You need to know what brand, color, size, etc. and you must have an identifying mark, name or drivers license number that is unique to you. It is your responsibility to mark it so that it can be identified. The parking office will not put an unknown thumb/flash drive into one

of their computers to see if it has your information on it. There is too much of a chance it could be carrying a virus. If you have not marked your thumb/flash drive it will not be released to anyone. You **MUST** be able to positively identify it as yours. Don't forget your laptop cords too. Engravers may be checked out free of charge. Contact Sgt. Karen Tucker at 562-9095 or tukerk@uthscsa.edu to make arrangements.

“Crime Prevention a shared responsibility”

