Are You Wearing Your ID Cards?

One of the most important missions of The University Police Department is to support the UT Health Science Center by:

Ensuring that faculty, staff, and students enjoy a safe place to teach, work conduct research and study and protecting state and personal property within our jurisdiction.

One of the ways we keep our campus safe is by checking ID's. If your ID card is not visible, it is very possible you will be stopped to verify your association with the University. A field interview report will be taken to identify you as an employee or as a non-associated person who may have no legitimate business on our campus.

Texas Education Code 51.209 states that police may refuse to allow persons with no legitimate business on campus and may eject any undesirable person from the property on his refusal to leave peaceably on request. **Identification may be required of any person on the property.**

**HSC policy, 8.7.10 states:**
- 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 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.

Please wear your ID’s to help keep the HSC safe.

**“Crime Prevention is a Shared Responsibility”**

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**Congratulations**

**PSO Emmanuel Buabeng!!**

PSO Buabeng has recently become an American Citizen. He was born in Accra, Ghana in West Africa. He said, “I came to the United States to further my education and to look for the American dream.”

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Special Note:

Some of you have not been able to fill in our forms or click on some of our links in the Newsletter. This is because of Adobe Reader and a default setting. PDF documents that are fill-able and some with Text Links with hidden URLs do not work unless a setting in the reader’s preferences is changed one time. This is the PDF/A View Mode setting. It needs to be changed to ‘Never’.  
- Open your Adobe Reader
- Click on Edit
- Click on Preferences
- Click on Documents
- Change PDF/A to ‘Never’
- Click OK
INFORMATION ON CITATION HOLDS

Recently we had a situation where a someone had a hold placed on their account due to a citation. They thought they had 10 days to pay before a hold was placed on the account and was surprised when they found a hold on their account a few days later. I had to explain to them that through an interface between our Parking System and PeopleSoft and the Student Registrar system, hold are normally placed on accounts within 24 hours of a citation being issued. The reason it is done this way is to prevent someone receiving a citation on let’s say a Monday and coming in to clear the University the next day. This practice has been in place for some time now and was necessitated by people leaving without clearing all obligations when they left the University.

Once the reasons for immediate hold were explained to them, they asked that the Police Department publicize that fact, which is the purpose of this article.

The applicable rules are below in italics. The first is from Page 6 of the Parking and Traffic regulations, and the second is from the Student Guide. Neither sets a time period for placement of the hold. The interface between our parking system, PeopleSoft and student services system updates who has an unpaid/paid citation and places or removes the holds every night.

D. UNIVERSITY POLICE: The University Police have the responsibility and the legal authority for the enforcement of the Parking and Traffic Regulations listed in this booklet. University Police officers may issue University citations and Court Appearance citations ENFORCEABLE IN COURT (Section VIII, infra). Other University Police personnel, Traffic Controllers, and Public Safety Officers may issue University citations. On special occasions and emergencies, such parking limitations may be imposed by the Chief of Police as are required by the conditions which prevail. When conditions warrant such action, the Chief may waive parking limitations. The University reserves the right to enforce parking and traffic regulations:

- through the issuance of University citations and the collection of administrative enforcement charges for offenses;
- by requiring the vehicle owner or operator or the person who purchased the permit to appear in court or at a University hearing for non-payment of outstanding charges;
- by the suspension or revocation of permits;
- by the impoundment of vehicles interfering with the movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or blocking a sidewalk, ramp, loading dock, crosswalk, entrance, exit, fire lane or aisle and through the impoundment of vehicles for unpaid charges after proper notice as provided by these regulations;
- by the suspension or revocation of permits;
- by requiring the vehicle owner or operator or the person who purchased the permit to appear in court or at a University hearing for non-payment of outstanding charges;
- by the issuance of Court Appearance Citations requiring an appearance in the appropriate state or municipal court; and,
- by such methods as are commonly employed by city governments or state agencies in control of traffic regulation enforcement.

Penalties for Nonpayment of Debts to the University

- Students who fail to pay University debts (traffic tickets, library fines, emergency loan repayments, etc.) will have a hold placed on transcripts and diplomas and may be subject to other penalties ranging from suspension of specific privileges to violations of the procedures and regulations governing student conduct and discipline. (See —Conduct and Discipline in the —General Regulations and Requirements1 section of the Catalog.) These holds may prevent a student from registering from classes that may prevent a student from receiving their financial aid. Please contact our office if you are not sure if you may fall into this category.

Please contact me at bleier@uthscsa.edu or 567 2759 if you have any questions.

Silent Witness Program

Did you know that if you witness a crime you can alert us while remaining anonymous? Here is the link below.

http://upolice.uthscsa.edu/divisions/crimeprev/silentwitness.asp

Crime Prevention is a Shared Responsibility!
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

It is that time of year again for the possibility of Hurricanes hitting the Gulf coast. Be prepared.

Disaster Supplies
- Know where the first aid kit and essential medications are.
- Maintain a supply of at least three gallons of water per person.
- Keep ready a battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Turn off unnecessary electricity, gas and water if authorities advise you to do so.

Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan
- Identify ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several places—a friend's home in another town, a motel, or a shelter.
- Keep handy the telephone numbers of these places as well as a road map of your locality. You may need to take alternate or unfamiliar routes if major roads are closed or clogged.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. The Internet site is www.noaa.com
- Take only necessary items with you when evacuating:
  - Prescription medications and medical supplies;
  - Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows
  - Bottled water, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight
  - Always keep your car road ready with spare keys and area maps
  - Safeguard important documents.

Know What to Do When a Hurricane WATCH Is Issued
- Fill your car's gas tank.

Know What to Do When a Hurricane WARNING Is Issued
- Listen to the advice of local officials, and leave if they tell you to do so.
- Complete preparation activities.
- If you are not advised to evacuate, stay indoors and away from windows.
- Be aware that the calm "eye" is deceptive; the storm is not over. The worst part of the storm will happen once the eye passes over and the winds blow from the opposite direction. Trees, shrubs, buildings, and other objects damaged by the first winds can be broken or destroyed by the second winds.
- Be alert for tornadoes. Tornadoes can happen during a hurricane and after it passes over. Remain indoors in the center of a room, or in a closet or bathroom without windows.

Stay away from flood waters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car and climb to higher ground. Call the University Police in case of any emergency and you need help at 567-8911.
2011 Bike Rodeo
Forty three children many volunteers,
a great time had by all
**OPERATION IDENTIFICATION**

Operation ID is a program that helps warn off thieves from your office and home. Thieves know that marked property is harder to sell and if they are caught the property it will serve as evidence against them. Marked property also helps police to return the property to the rightful owners.

Electric engravers make a permanent mark on hard surfaces such as wood, plastic, metal and glass. Use your state drivers license number with the state’s abbreviation. Do not use your social security number!

You should also make a list of all your valuables engraved or not with the items make, model and serial number. You should also take color photographs or videos of your property.

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**WORTH NOTING**

You can check out an engraver free of charge for a week from UT Police. If you have any questions please contact Sgt. Karen Tucker-Engel at 210/562-9095 or tuckerk@uthscsa.edu.

You may also contact Sgt. Tucker-Engel to make an appointment to have engraving done on state or personal items for individuals or HSC departments.

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**HSC True Crimes**

Interested in what crimes are happening on campus? Sign up to HSC True Crimes listserv to find out. You may register at [HSC True Crimes](http://hsttruecrimes.uthscsa.edu). After your e-mail address is submitted, you will receive an e-mail back asking you to confirm the registration and then you will receive a confirmation message.

**CRIME PREVENTION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY!**

Report Suspicious Persons when you see them, don’t delay.