

2008–2009

SECURITY REPORT

(includes crime statistics for 2005, 2006 and 2007)

A Message from the President

Every day in classes across this campus, students are presented with issues that require them to think, to question, to consider the perspectives of others, to debate, to formulate opinions and theories, to make responsible choices and to be accountable for their words and actions.

I encourage our students, faculty, staff and campus guests to take those same lessons outside the classroom and to apply them to your everyday lives.

We are very fortunate here at West Texas A&M University. We live, work and study on one of the safest campuses in the country, and Canyon is routinely listed among Texas' safest cities. This reputation is due in large part to the quality of people who live in this area and to our commitment to on- and off-campus law enforcement and other crime-preventing efforts.

Reputation, however, no matter how well deserved, cannot ensure continued health and safety. I urge you to read this report, to take responsibility for yourself and your property, to look out for your friends and colleagues, to attend University-sponsored safety workshops, and to follow common-sense security rules and guidelines.

Together, we will enjoy a safe, healthy and happy year.

Sincerely,


J. Patrick O'Brien

Reporting and Disclosure Procedures

Members of the West Texas A&M University community are encouraged and all faculty and staff members who have significant student- and campus-activity responsibilities are required to report violations of federal, state and local laws and University guidelines. These violations as well as any public safety related incidents should be promptly reported to the University Police Department.

Reporting responsibilities also extend to WTAMU mental health counselors, who may, when applicable, encourage their clients to consider voluntarily and confidentially reporting crimes. These and all such reports are compiled and coordinated through the University Police Department and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Each violation, whether or not a formal police report is filed or an investigation ensues, counts as one offense and is reflected on the University's annual crime statistics report.

This annual report, published by the Office of Communication and Marketing Services, includes statistics on reported crimes, arrests and referrals for violations that occur on campus, in residential facilities, on non-campus University property and on public property contiguous to campus boundaries. All reported violations that have taken place in these designated areas during the previous three years, whether or not a WTAMU student or faculty or staff member was involved, is reflected in the report.

The report is made available to prospective students and employees as well as current students, faculty and staff.

Emergency Operations Plan

West Texas A&M officials take the safety of the University community very seriously and are constantly evaluating the Emergency Operations Plan to ensure it is timely and effective. The University will be implementing mass notification systems on campus to assure campus members are kept informed of any emergencies as well as performing regular drills to test the plans' effectiveness. The University is involved in emergency management planning on all levels, including city, county and state, to address possible responses to disasters which may occur. Mutual aid agreements and contracts are in place to hasten the University's recovery from any type of emergency.

In case of Emergency, call 911.

To report a non-emergency incident, call 651-2300.

West Texas A&M University

Safety Check Points

- ✓ Walk with friends in lighted areas.
- ✓ Always lock your car.
- ✓ Park in well-lighted areas.
- ✓ Have your keys ready when you approach your car. Check the front and back seats before entering.
- ✓ Keep your keys secure, lock your room or apartment, and do not leave personal belongings unattended.
- ✓ Engrave your name or identification on personal property.
- ✓ Be alert for strangers.
- ✓ If you are followed, cross the street, change direction and go to a well-lighted public area.
- ✓ Report the loss or theft of keys and valuables immediately to UPD, 651-5000.
- ✓ Report crimes, suspicious situations and security concerns immediately to UPD, 651-5000.
- ✓ Attend organization- and University-sponsored programs on such topics as acquaintance rape, crime prevention and the use of alcohol and other drugs. Programs, both open to the public and by request only, are offered throughout the academic year. For information, call Student Affairs at 651-2050.

Timely Warnings

The University Police Department and/or Office of Communication and Marketing Services, in coordination with the president, issue Crime Alerts when an event occurs that may pose a known and foreseeable danger to members of the WTAMU community or their property. These warnings may be issued via e-mail, broadcast mail, posted fliers, direct mail and/or media announcements.

Security Education and Prevention Programs

West Texas A&M University offers educational workshops and programs on topics ranging from anxiety and depression to crime prevention to domestic/dating violence to property theft, smoking cessation and steroid abuse. For drug and alcohol abuse education, tools such as videos, testimonials, beer goggles and the Alcohol 101 CD-Rom program, group activities, assessments from personal counseling and an online interactive course are available.

For a complete schedule or to request a program specific to the interests and needs of your organization, call the Office of Student Affairs, 651-2050, or the University Police Department, 651-2300.

Residential Living

SAFETY AND COMFORT ARE MAJOR CONCERNS OF STAFF members who work in campus residence halls. Each hall is staffed with a hall coordinator and resident assistants who are selected and trained to foster a positive and cooperative community.

The Department of Residential Living and the Residence Hall Association set visitation hours. Visitation hours allow members of the opposite sex to visit rooms from noon–midnight Sunday through Thursday and from noon–2 a.m. weekends. Guests of the opposite sex are escorted by their host at all times. Card access has been installed in four of the eight residence halls.

Throughout the year, the Department of Residential Living, hall councils and the Residence Hall Association all sponsor programs designed to promote safety, health and well being.



The University Police Department provides on-campus escort service for students, faculty and staff.

Call 651-2300 to request an escort.

For More Information

For more information about West Texas A&M University guidelines and procedures, request a copy of the *Annual Report* from the University Police Department and the *Code of Student Life* from the Office of Student Affairs. These publications as well as crime statistics and crime-prevention programs are available on the University's website at www.wtamu.edu.

Crime Report, Arrest and Referral Statistics

Crimes Reported	On Campus (residence halls only)			Non-Campus WTAMU Buildings/Property			Contiguous Public Property		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
Criminal Homicide									
Murder, Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offenses									
Forcible	1 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	3 (3)	8 (8)	6 (3)	1	0	0	3	2	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests									
Liquor Law Violations	35 (25)	43 (27)	37 (30)	23	2	5	36	38	32
Drug Violations	3 (2)	9 (7)	4 (4)	3	0	2	11	7	4
Weapon Possessions	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1	0	0	2	1
Referrals									
Liquor Law Violations	27 (25)	13 (11)	20 (17)	1	0	6	0	0	0
Drug Violations	1 (1)	11 (11)	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapon Possessions	4 (2)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0

West Texas A&M University's crime statistics are determined according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's uniform crime reporting standards without regard to guilt or innocence. Statistics reflect reports made to campus security authorities as well as University and local police departments and are compiled and coordinated by the University Police Department and Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Hate Crimes: 2005—no hate crimes reported; 2006—no hate crimes reported; 2007—no hate crimes reported.

University Police Department

West Texas A&M University police officers are certified Texas Peace Officers and have statewide jurisdiction to enforce local, state and federal laws. The department employs a 24-hour staff of trained dispatchers and patrols and handles all investigations of offenses on the WTAMU campus. If additional on-campus assistance is necessary, a mutual-aid agreement with the City of Canyon and Randall County guarantees quick response.

UPD does not provide law-enforcement services to off-campus residences or meeting sites of recognized University organizations unless specifically requested. Off-campus properties and activities are monitored and recorded by the police agency with jurisdiction of the location.

Campus Access and Security

WTAMU is a public and open campus. No effort is made to restrain the general public from entering the campus; however, the University Police Department reserves the right to bar individuals who are considered a threat to the well-being of the University community. UPD provides 24-hour patrol of campus property and facilities, and designated building coordinators establish and maintain access to respective buildings. The campus is routinely inspected for environmental safety hazards such as insufficient lighting and overgrown shrubbery, and members of the University community are encouraged to report locations of concern.

Major Crimes Reported to Police at Selected Cities in 2006

City	Population	Total Major Crime	Population/Crime Ratio
Corpus Christi	291,507	21,208	14
Amarillo	188,208	12,703	15
Lubbock	215,681	14,542	15
Kingsville	25,441	1,520	17
Austin	709,813	45,231	16
San Angelo	90,508	4,953	18
Commerce	9,225	371	25
College Station	74,439	3,070	24
Nacogdoches	31,679	1,062	30
Canyon	13,731	161	85

Information/data for this chart was gathered by the University Police Department from Crime in the United States 2005, Uniform Crime Reports. *The higher the number in the "Population/Crime Ratio" column, the safer the community.*

Major Crimes Reported to Police at Selected Universities in 2006

Institution	Student Population	Total Major Crime	Population/Crime Ratio
Prairie View A&M University	7,912	253	31
Stephen F. Austin State University	11,435	218	52
Texas A&M University—Kingsville	6,662	84	79
Texas A&M University—Commerce	8,777	75	117
Texas A&M University	44,910	589	76
Texas Tech University	28,001	295	95
Angelo State University	6,156	80	77
University of Texas—Austin	49,696	661	75
Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi	8,365	104	80
West Texas A&M University	7,302	41	178

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Acquaintance Rape

A RAPIST IS NOT ALWAYS A STRANGER attacking late at night in an isolated place. A rapist may sit next to you in class, compete on your intramural team or belong to the same organization. Rape doesn't just conjure up thoughts of a crazed stranger in a dark alley anymore. Date rape is rape.

If You are Raped . . .

Tell Someone

Collect your thoughts, then call:

- University Police Department (651-5000),
- Victim Assistance (651-2307),
- Amarillo Rape Crisis Center (374-5433),
- WTAMU Student Medical Center (651-3287) and/or
- WTAMU Counseling Center (651-2340).

Get Medical Care

As soon as possible, seek medical care from a hospital emergency room, the WTAMU Student Medical Center or a private physician. A general exam by a rape/sexual assault nurse at the Northwest Texas Hospital Emergency Room, 354-6933, is advised to collect information for documentation of evidence should you decide to prosecute. The exam may also include testing and treatment to help prevent sexually transmitted diseases. Medication to help prevent pregnancy may be administered up to 72 hours after the sexual assault.

Report the Rape

It is your decision whether to report the rape to police; however, most rapists are repeat offenders and your report may prevent future attacks from occurring. If you plan to file a report, do not clean up the area or alter it in any way prior to UPD's arrival, and do not bathe, shower, douche or change clothes prior to the medical examination.

Seek Counseling

The local Rape Crisis Hotline and the WTAMU Counseling Center are staffed with well trained and compassionate counselors. They can assist you in dealing with the emotional trauma and pain associated with sexual assault. University officials will also help you change academic and living situations if that is your choice and such options are reasonably available.

Victim Assistance

The University Police Department employs a victim assistance coordinator who works directly with innocent parties of crime. For more information, call 651-2307.

Date Rape

Prevention

CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Set sexual limits. You don't "owe" anyone sex. Communicate those limits. People can't read your mind.**
- ✓ **Trust your feelings. If you feel pressured, you probably are.**
- ✓ **Pay attention to behavior that doesn't seem right. Power stares, someone who grabs or pushes, someone who doesn't listen or disregards what you are saying, someone who blocks your way, or someone sitting or standing uncomfortably close are all clues that you should stay alert.**
- ✓ **Be assertive. Get angry and act immediately with a negative response if things seem out of hand. Stand up for yourself. It's OK to make a scene or be rude if someone is pressuring you.**
- ✓ **Control your environment. Decide whether you want to be in a particular place or not, and don't depend on casual acquaintances for money, shelter, transportation, etc.**
- ✓ **If you choose to drink alcohol, drink responsibly. Seventy-five percent of date and acquaintance rapes occur when one or both persons are under the influence of alcohol.**

West Texas A&M University: A Drug-Free Campus

Alcoholic Beverages

State and federal statutes concerning alcoholic beverages will be strictly enforced on the West Texas A&M University campus and at off-campus WTAMU-sponsored events. In addition to these statutes, the University prohibits possession, consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on campus or in University public buildings and public areas unless otherwise authorized. Possession of alcoholic containers is also prohibited.

Illicit Drugs

Possession, distribution, consumption and/or use of illicit drugs or narcotics on University property or property under control of West Texas A&M University or at any event sponsored by the University or any University student organization, whether or not conducted on University property, is prohibited. This rule also applies to all illegal paraphernalia utilized in conjunction with the consumption and/or use of prohibited substances.

High Risk Alcohol Intake

People who consume large amounts of alcohol over a short period of time can reach very high blood alcohol levels before they pass out. This can lead to decreased breathing and death. Vomiting associated with high levels of alcohol may also cause choking and death.

How to Help an Intoxicated Friend

Do:

- Keep calm and get lots of help. Individuals with high alcohol-blood levels can be unpredictable and violent.
- Speak in a clear, firm, reassuring manner.
- Stay with a person who is vomiting. If the victim is laying down, turn them on their side, keep the tongue from falling back into the throat and protect them from choking.
- Monitor the person. If they become unconscious (will not wake up or talk to you) or if they appear to have problems breathing, seek medical help immediately. Call 911.

Don't:

- Don't try to walk, run or exercise the person. Don't try to keep them awake.
- Don't force anything orally—food, liquid (coffee, etc.) or drugs—in an attempt to sober them up.
- Don't give the person a cold shower; this can be very dangerous.
- Don't try to restrain the person without lots of sober assistance.
- Don't permit the person to drive.

Health Risks of Alcohol

Health hazards associated with excessive use of alcohol or alcohol dependency include dramatic behavioral changes, retardation of motor skills, and impairment of reasoning and rational thinking. These factors result in a higher incidence of accidents and accidental death for such persons than for nonusers of alcohol.

Nutrition also suffers, and vitamin and mineral deficiencies are frequent. Prolonged alcohol abuse causes bleeding from the intestinal tract, damage to nerves and the brain, psychotic behavior, loss of memory and coordination. Damage to the liver often results in cirrhosis. Other risks include impotence, severe inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to the bone marrow, heart, testes, ovaries and muscles.

Damage to nerves and organs is usually irreversible.

Health Risks of Other Drugs

Use of illicit drugs may lead to physiological and mental changes similar to those caused by alcohol, although changes are frequently more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is also more frequent.

Illicit drugs are commonly classified in seven categories: cocaine, amphetamines, heroin and other opiates, hallucinogens, solvent inhalants, steroids, and marijuana.

In addition to adverse effects associated with use of a specific drug, intravenous-drug users who use unsterilized needles or who share needles with other drug users can develop AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and infections in the heart. Brain damage may also result.



Important Contacts

UPD Emergency Dispatch
651-5000 or 911

UPD Administration
651-2300

UPD Victim Assistance
651-2307

Student Counseling
651-2340

Student Medical Services
651-3287

Student Affairs
651-2050

Residential Living
651-3000

HEARTS
651-2300

Anonymous Crime Tips
374-4400

Poison Control Center
1-800-764-7661

**Amarillo Rape Crisis/Domestic
Violence Hotline**
374-LIFE (5433)

**Sex Offender Registration List
(Texas)**
<http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>

Suicide and Crisis Center
359-6699
1-800-692-4039

Disciplinary Procedures and Sanctions

All violations of federal, state and local laws and University regulations and rules are reported to the University Police Department. Each violation is considered one offense. Once a criminal report is filed with UPD, it is investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division. When a suspect is identified, the case is referred to the Randall County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Aside from the criminal charges, the vice president for student affairs refers the suspect for University disciplinary action. The vice president may choose to hear cases that involve charges of a sexual nature, hazing, cases involving temporary suspension or other cases in which the law may grant authority. If the vice president chooses not to hear a case, a judicial officer or judicial board will be appointed to pursue the case. All disciplinary hearings will adhere to the procedures for notification, evidence, counsel/advisors, burdens of proof, records, findings and appeals as outlined in the current edition of the *Code of Student Life*. University actions may include but are not limited to monetary fines, work hours, probation, mandatory participation in specific awareness/rehabilitation programs and/or suspension or expulsion from WTAMU.

In all hearings, both the accused and accuser will have the opportunity to present their versions of the facts, to present other evidence in support of the case including witnesses, and to question evidence presented. In cases of alleged sexual assault, both the accuser and accused will be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary hearing.

For complete procedures and information involving discipline hearings, sanctions, penalties and appeals, refer to the current edition of the *Code of Student Life* available in the Office of Student Affairs and on the University website at www.wtamu.edu/student-life and click on "Code of Student Life."

West Texas A&M University serves people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, gender, religion, disability or national origin. West Texas A&M University is an affirmative action/equal employment opportunity institution.

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