

ANNUAL SECURITY & FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2015



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and
Texas Southmost College**

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PURPOSE

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department, in cooperation with Texas Southmost College Security Services, is responsible for preparing and distributing the Annual Campus Fire & Safety Report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act, also referred to as the Clery Act. This Annual Campus Fire & Safety Report is published every year by October 1st and contains the last three years of selected campus crime statistics, policies, and procedures as they relate to safety and security. The Annual Campus Fire & Safety Report is completed in compliance with Federal law as mandated by the Department of Education.

The bill that created The University of Texas at Brownsville in 1991 also authorized it to enter into a partnership agreement with Texas Southmost College. The partnership and operational implementation between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College began in the Fall Semester of 1992. At the time, the combination of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College created the first and only partnership of its kind, combining a four-year university with a community college.

In 2010, The University of Texas System Board of Regents voted to terminate the partnership between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The operational partnership ended on August 31, 2013 and the existing partnership ends on August 31, 2015.

From September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015, both schools will continue with the separation and transition to become independent institutions. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are recognized as separate institutions of higher learning but are still accredited under the same accreditation, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

On September 21, 2013, Texas Southmost College hired a private security firm for the safety and security of their campus community. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department no longer serves the security and law enforcement needs for Texas Southmost College as a condition of the separation. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department and the Texas Southmost College security continue to collaborate for the overall safety of the two institutions and assist one another on a regular basis.

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department is committed to protect, preserve, and safeguard the constitutional and civil rights of our campus community through impartial and courteous law enforcement with integrity and professionalism.

UNIVERSITY POLICE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University Police is to provide a safe and welcoming environment to enhance the well-being of students, faculty, staff, and visitors; as well as to protect all college property. The University Police strives to achieve the mission by means of a community friendly approach that enhances safety through the visibility of security personnel, preventive patrols, 24-hour accessibility, and positive conflict resolution. The University Police collaborates with local law enforcement in fulfilling its mission.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE SECURITY SERVICES

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department and the private security firm that serves Texas Southmost College protect and serve the institutions by providing professional law enforcement and security services to both campuses. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College actively promote campus wide community involvement through progressive policing strategies with the primary goal of providing a safe learning environment for the campus communities.



The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including holidays. The police department consists of police officers, public safety officers, police telecommunicators, and administrative support staff. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department operates a fully licensed communications and emergency operations center to provide the best possible service to the campus community. Police Telecommunicators answer

emergency and nonemergency calls for service and all information is recorded and stored per State of Texas standards.

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Officers are commissioned by The University of Texas System Board of Regents per Article 51.203 of the Texas Education Code. These Peace Officers, per Article 2.12 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, are fully empowered to carry out the duties and responsibilities of peace officers by the State of Texas. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Officers are armed and have full authority to detain and arrest.

Public Safety Officers (PSO's), assist commissioned officers and The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department as civilians assigned to enforce the rules and regulations of the University of Texas System and the University of Texas at Brownsville to include parking enforcement, helping the campus community with ancillary services such as vehicle lock-out assists, and patrolling the campus to report suspicious and criminal activity.

The University Police Department is currently located at 2671 FJRM Ave., Brownsville, Texas, 78520. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department can be contacted at (956) 882-8232 for non-emergencies and (956) 882-2222 for emergencies. If calling from a campus phone, dial extension 8232 or 2222 for immediate assistance.

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE SECURITY SERVICES

Texas Southmost College contracted American Investigations & Security International (AISI) to provide security services to their campus locations to ensure a safe and secure environment for Texas Southmost College students, faculty, and staff. AISI is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for non-emergency situations and can be contacted at (956) 542-8256. The Texas Southmost College campus security services office is located in Tandy Hall T-116 and can be contacted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including holidays. AISI security officers are responsible for securing and granting access to buildings, as well as patrolling the campus to report and deter any suspicious activity. Campus security officers file reports on all incidents that occur on campus as well as parking lots. For a medical emergency, crisis or other life threatening situation needing a police officer or emergency medical responder, TSC students, faculty, and staff should call 911 to report emergencies.

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE POLICE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

American Investigations & Security International provides armed security services to Texas Southmost College and operates under Texas Department of Public Safety and is commissioned as set forth by Texas regulations 1702 and its employees are not law enforcement personnel. The City of Brownsville Police Department responds to any criminal acts that occur on campus. American Investigation & Security International has a professional working relationship with the City of Brownsville Police Department.

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE JURISDICTION

Texas Southmost College security officer's jurisdiction is limited to the Texas Southmost College campus to include buildings and parking lots.

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH STATE AND LOCAL POLICE

Texas Southmost College is located near to two international bridges to Mexico. Texas Southmost College security officers have a working relationship with Brownsville Police Department, the University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department, the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Brownsville Independent School District Police Department.

TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITY

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TITLE IX

The University of Texas at Brownsville is committed to upholding a learning environment that is free from discrimination based on gender, including inappropriate conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment, (including sexual violence, stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence), and sexual misconduct in any form are prohibited. Individuals who engage in such conduct are subject to disciplinary action.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX regulation describes the type of conduct that would be considered discrimination. Examples of the type of discrimination covered under Title IX include sexual harassment, the failure to provide equal opportunity in athletics, and discrimination based on pregnancy. Every campus is required to have a designated Title IX Coordinator to oversee complaints, identify problems, assist students and law enforcement, and handle Title IX concerns. To enforce Title IX, the U.S. Department of Education maintains an Office for Civil Rights, with headquarters in Washington, DC, and 12 enforcement offices across the United States.

Complaints against a student, faculty member, staff member, or a visitor for sexual harassment, sex discrimination, or sexual assault, should be made to the Title IX Coordinator (956) 882-8240 or Deputy Coordinator (956) 882-5140. Victims of sexual assault should also consider contacting the University Police Department at (956) 882-8232.

For further information on available resources, complaints, investigations, and grievance procedures for Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct, please visit the website at: <http://utb.edu/sa/studentlife/StudentRightsandResponsibilities/Pages/Sexual-Harassment-and-Sexual-Misconduct.aspx>.

The following individuals can be contacted regarding Title IX complaints:

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND MISCONDUCT POLICY

The University of Texas at Brownsville is committed to providing a professional working and learning environment free from sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. Sexual harassment has been declared a form of sex discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1972 and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act, Chapter 21, Texas Labor Code. It is illegal and actionable under civil and criminal law. The university maintains a strict policy and will not tolerate sexual harassment or sexual misconduct in any form. Any person who engages in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, including termination or expulsion. The university encourages students, faculty, staff and visitors to promptly report sexual harassment or sexual misconduct. The complete policy regarding sexual harassment can be found in the UTB Handbook or in the Handbook of Operation Procedures section 3.3 (<http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Policy/3-3.pdf>).

RESOURCES

University Police – Brownsville Campus	(956) 882- 8232
Human Resources – Brownsville Campus	(956) 882- 8205
Student Affairs	(956) 882-5134
Dean of Students	(956) 882-5140
Director of Athletics	(956) 882-8912
Counseling/Medical Services	(956) 882-7283

LOCAL AGREEMENTS

The University Police Department works under the direction of and at the discretion of the University of Texas at Brownsville. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department maintains a working relationship with the City of Brownsville Police Department, the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the United States Border Protection Agency, the University of Texas System Police, and the University of Texas System Office of the Director of Police Inspectors.

In cases of a medical or a fire emergency, assistance is requested from the City of Brownsville Fire Department.

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department has an inter-local agreement with the City of Brownsville Police Department. The agreement provides for law enforcement assistance when necessary within the common geographic areas of The University of Texas at Brownsville property and the City of Brownsville.

For Further information regarding The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department please visit the web site page at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/Pages/default.aspx>

TRAINING

Texas Peace Officers commissioned by The University of Texas Police Department are licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) after successful completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy. Furthermore, The University of Texas System Police Office of The Director of Police mandates that all University of Texas System Police Officers complete required training at the University of Texas System Police Academy in Austin, TX. A rigorous Field Training Program must be completed prior to the end of their initial evaluation. Police Officers must also complete a minimum of 40 hours in Continuing Education approved by the Texas Commission On Law Enforcement (TCOLE) for every two year cycle to maintain an active Peace Officer's license.

Police Telecommunicators must complete a 40 hour Telecommunications Training Program as mandated by TCOLE and a 15-week Field Training Program under the close supervision of an experienced Police Telecommunicator. Police Telecommunicators must also complete a minimum of 20 hours in Continuing Education approved by TCOLE for every two year cycle to maintain an active Telecommunicators license.

Public Safety Officers (PSO) must complete an 8-week Field Training Program under the close supervision of an experienced PSO and the direction of the Field Training Supervisor.

SECURITY AND ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College academic buildings on campus are opened at approximately 6:30 a.m. and locked at approximately 10:00 p.m. on weekdays. On weekends, buildings that are not utilized for academic courses are kept locked unless students, staff, or faculty members schedule special events through ASTRA. ASTRA is a space management system that is utilized by the university to reserve available rooms and classrooms for academic and business needs. The University of Texas Brownsville Library has special operating hours that can be obtained from library personnel or at the Research Services Help Desk at (956) 882-8221. Information can also be obtained from the University of Texas Brownsville Library Web page at: <http://www.utb.edu/library/Pages/default.aspx>

On-Campus Resident Housing - The Office of Residential Life is located at The University of Texas Brownsville Casa Bella Apartment Community located at 2651 FJRM Ave. Casa Bella management takes every precaution necessary for the safety and security of student residents. When a resident has processed their application with the office of residential life, they are issued an electronic key that grants them access to the main door of their apartment and their assigned room. All student housing and housing parking lots are equipped with an access control system. The key control system records every time a key is being read. The key also gives the resident access to the pedestrian gate in and out of the housing community, as well as the pedestrian gate leading to the pool area. The key card access program prohibits a resident from entering a room that does not belong to them. Additionally, residents are issued a four digit gate code which gives them access to the residential community parking lot.



The housing community also has 24/7 security provided by the University Police Department. Throughout the day, police officers and PSO's patrol the area.

Additionally, Resident Assistants (RA's) complete rounds within the housing community at different times of the evening and overnight. The on-duty RA typically conducts security rounds at 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, and 1:00 am. During an RA's rounds one of the duties is to check and make sure that the gates and doors are properly secured.

There is also a Residence Life help desk that is monitored Sunday through Thursday from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am and on Friday and Saturday from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am. The Office of Residential Life has two Assistant Directors that also live at Casa Bella and are expected to respond to any incidents that may occur at the housing community. The Assistant Directors of Residential Life, the Dean of Students, and the on-call Residential Assistant have master keys for the housing community.

For further information regarding the Office of Residential Life visit the web page at:

<http://www.utb.edu/sa/residential/Pages/default.aspx>.

Safety Measures

- The Casa Bella Residential Community is gated and is equipped with personal codes and personally issued key cards provided to the residents strictly for their use. The pass codes and key cards allow them access to the parking lot and into their housing areas.
- For the safety of the residents, all guests must register with the Resident Assistant on duty at (956) 551-3859 or visit the office to register the guest upon their arrival.
- The Casa Bella community has video cameras which monitor the parking lots, hallways and public areas. These cameras are monitored by police communications personnel.

SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CAMPUS FACILITIES

Surveys - The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are committed to campus safety and security. The University of Texas Police Department Crime Prevention Officer conducts security surveys to identify potential security risks such as lights that are non-functioning or inoperative locking mechanisms. If any deficiencies are found, the appropriate department is notified in order to correct the problem. The Crime Prevention Officer conducts lighting surveys on campus, and if lighting is inadequate or not in working order, a request is submitted to the appropriate maintenance department to correct the problem. The University Police Department also conducts surveys of all emergency phones and access control devices on campus. These surveys examine security issues such as landscaping, locks, alarms, lighting, and communications. Police Officers and Public Safety Officers also conduct routine patrols on all buildings and parking lots on campus in an effort to identify potential security risks.

There are over 200 security cameras installed in various locations on campus to include pedestrian areas, security sensitive areas, and parking lots. Security cameras are monitored by the police department's communications personnel.

University personnel staff is available to respond to calls for service regarding unsafe facility conditions or personal safety and property protection. Additionally, the Directors of Facilities Management, Residence Life, and Campus Safety communicate regularly to discuss any areas of concern.

We encourage anyone who has a concern about physical security to contact the University Police Department at (956) 882-8232 (non-emergency). All routine maintenance problems and repair requests should be reported to Facilities Management through their web page at <http://www.utb.edu/ba/ofp/physicalplant/Pages/ReportaProblem.aspx> if the repair is an emergency, please contact (956) 882-5903.

CRIME ALERTS AND TIMELY WARNINGS

Campus crime and timely warning notifications are provided to heighten safety awareness and to provide students, faculty, and staff notifications of events that represent a serious or continuing threat to the campus community. The alert will provide pertinent information related to the crime or the situation that is occurring that would necessitate a warning. The University Police Department consults with the Office of the Provost for issuing timely warnings in compliance with the Clery Act. Members of the community who know of a crime or any serious incident should report it as soon as possible to the University Police Department. If community members report crimes or serious incidents to other university administrators, those administrators will promptly notify and collaborate with University Police so that an alert can be issued if needed.

Warning notifications are provided in order to keep the campus community informed about safety and security matters. Notification warnings shall be decided on a case by case basis depending on the situation.

If warranted, the University Police Department issues warning notifications for the following incidents:

- Criminal Homicide
- Arson
- Aggravated Assault
- Robbery involving force or violence
- Sexual Assault
- Warning notifications can be issued for threats to persons or property as determined necessary by the Chief of Police or a designee.
- Warning notifications may also be issued for other crime classifications and locations as deemed necessary.



A notification warning will usually include the following unless there is a risk to first responders:

- Date and time of the incident.
- A brief description of the incident.
- Information that will promote safety and potentially aid in the prevention of similar crimes (crime prevention or safety tips).
- Suspect description(s) as necessary.
- University Police Department contact information.
- Other information deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police or a designee.

The UT Brownsville community may receive updates as necessary regarding a warning notification. Updates may be disseminated electronically via email. The department does not issue warning notifications for the above listed crimes if they do not meet the criteria as previously mentioned.

IMMEDIATE (EMERGENCY) NOTIFICATIONS

In an effort to provide timely notice to the university community in the event of a serious incident which may pose an on-going threat to members of the University community, a warning notification is sent to all students and employees in the campus community. This is achieved by utilizing various communication systems. This system includes an Emergency Notification System to alert students, faculty, staff, and visitors of any life threatening incidents. These messages provide instructions on what actions should be taken for such emergencies. These methods of communication will be activated in the event of an immediate threat to campus community. The goal is to communicate to students, staff, faculty, and visitors in the event of an impending threat on campus. All messages will communicate the current situation and provide guidance for what actions need to be taken. These methods of communication include:

- UT Brownsville webpage: The University of Texas at Brownsville will post emergency messages online at: <http://utb.edu/Pages/default.aspx>
- Campus Warning System: A majority of campus buildings are equipped with speakers for emergency announcements.
- Campus VoIP Phones: Landline phones have the capability to display emergency messages.
- Text Messages: Students, staff, and faculty members of the community are able to receive text messages on their cellular phones regarding an emergency. Members of the campus community are automatically enrolled in the notification system using their cell phone number and must opt out in order to not receive a notification text message.
- University Email: Important information is sent to the university community via email.

All members of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College community are encouraged to notify the University Police Department of any situation or incident on campus that involves a significant emergency or dangerous situation. These may involve an immediate or on-going threat to the health and safety of students and/or employees on campus. The incidents could include but are not limited to emergencies such as:

- Border Violence
- An active shooter on campus
- A hostage or barricaded person
- Riot
- Bomb Threat
- Tornado
- Fire or Explosion
- A reported death on campus
- Structural damage to a university owned or controlled facility or building
- Biological Threat
- Flooding
- Gas Leak
- Hazardous Materials Spill

The University Police Department has the responsibility of responding to an emergency or dangerous situation. Federal Law requires the institution to immediately notify the campus community or the appropriate segments of the university that may be affected by the situation.

The University Police Department will also contact the Environmental Health & Safety Department (EH&S) in the event of a hazardous situation. Please see the EH&S webpage at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/safety/Pages/default.aspx>.

Subsequent messages may include additional details, directions to the campus community, or information that the threat has passed. News and Information will send follow-up messages to the university community using the Emergency Notification System. Members of the larger community who are interested in receiving information about emergencies on campus can access our website at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/Pages/default.aspx> or by calling the University Police at (956) 882- 8232.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

The University of Texas at Brownsville has an emergency response and preparedness plan which outlines the institution's approach when responding to and managing emergency situations. This plan outlines our emergency response organization and assigns responsibilities for various emergency tasks. The plan describes a series of best practice guidelines and provides general guidance for emergency management activities and an overview of our methods of preparedness, response, recover and mitigation. Additional emergency preparedness and response information can be obtained at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/emergency/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Police Chief has primary responsibility for emergency management on the University of Texas at Brownsville campus. In the event of an emergency, at the direction of the Police Chief, the Emergency Operations Center can be activated to manage an incident. UT Brownsville Police will cooperate with Texas Southmost College's security service in the event of an emergency.

The University Police Department can be contacted at (956) 882-8232 or (956) 882-2222 to report an emergency. There are also emergency phones strategically located throughout the campus that connect directly to the police communications center. You can always call 911 during a life threatening emergency and the call will be routed to the City of Brownsville emergency communications center.

Additionally, The University of Texas as Brownsville established an emergency notification system (ENS) that is activated during emergencies. The ENS is used to send alerts via text to email, mobile phones, via audio to campus telephones, indoor and outdoor speakers.

EVACUATION AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Evacuations: As soon as a fire alarm system goes off, or if you are being directed to evacuate for any other reason, please follow these guidelines:

- Stay calm. Stop what you are doing and leave the building immediately if instructed.
- Leave belongings behind.
- Close doors behind you.
- Walk; do not run, to the nearest stairway or emergency door.
- **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS.** Exit the building using stairs.
- **DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING** until the all-clear is given by the Fire Department, University Police, or Environmental Health and Safety personnel.

Shelter in Place: If exiting the building is not an option during a violent situation, the following actions are recommended:

- Move away from the immediate path of danger.
- Go to the nearest room, lock the door and turn off lights.
- Remain quiet.
- Lock doors and windows.
- Do not answer the door.
- Close shades, blinds or curtains.
- Wait for the University Police Department to assist you out of the building.

PROCEDURES FOR TESTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The University Police Department, in cooperation with Environmental Health and Safety, will test the Emergency Notification System on a periodic basis throughout the year. Each component of the Emergency Notification System is tested at least twice a year and is documented, to include the date, time, and whether or not it was a scheduled or non-scheduled test of the system.

REPORTING A CRIME

The University Police Department encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of all criminal offenses. In case of an emergency call (956) 882-8222 or 911.

To report a criminal incident or emergency on campus, call (956) 882-2222. Police personnel are accessible 24 hours a day to answer your call. In response to a call, the Telecommunications Operator will take the information, dispatch an officer, and, if necessary, contact emergency personnel from other agencies such as the City of Brownsville Fire Department or Emergency Medical Services. If necessary, the officer will complete a police report. Reports of criminal offenses are investigated by the appropriate personnel trained in criminal investigations. To check on the progress of an investigation or the status of your report, please contact the University Police Department at (956) 882-8232.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Emergency phones are located throughout the university campus. They are located in most campus buildings and campus parking lots. The emergency phones are linked directly to the Police Communication Center. Emergency Panic Buttons are strategically located in some campus offices.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY RESOURCES:

Division of Student Affairs Cortez Hall Brownsville, Texas 78520	(956) 882-5134
Office of Student Conduct Cortez Building, Brownsville, Texas 78520	(956) 882- 5034
Residence Life, Casa Bella 2651 FJRM Ave. Brownsville, Texas 78520	(956) 880-7191
Athletics Department Manuel Garza B. Gym, Brownsville, Texas 78520	(956) 882-8911
Health Services Cortez Hall 237 Brownsville, Texas 78520	(956) 882- 3896

DAILY CRIME LOG

The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department is dedicated to keeping students, faculty, staff and visitors informed about criminal activities occurring on campus. The University Police Department maintains a Daily Crime Log that records the name, the case number, the date, the time of a reported offense, the date and time the offense occurred, the general location of the incident, and the disposition. The purpose of the Daily Crime Log is to record criminal incidents and or alleged criminal incidents that are reported to or discovered by the University Police Department. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police post incidents in the Daily Crime Log within 48 hours of receiving a report. The Daily Crime Log is available to the public at the University Police Station located on 2671 FJRM Ave (across Casa Bella Residential Life). For further information visit the University Police website at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police> or view the Daily Crime Log at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/crimelogs>.

PROCEDURES FOR CAMPUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION

If an alleged suspect in a violent sexual offense reported to the University Police Department is a university student, the case will be referred to the Dean of Students for a review of the allegations. The victim and the accused are entitled to have others present during campus disciplinary hearings. For more information, please refer to the Handbook of Operating Procedures at: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Policy/6-4-2.pdf> Both the victim and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of any campus disciplinary proceedings.

If the accused is found responsible for a sexual offense, the following range of disciplinary action may be taken:

- Forcible Sex Offense: Periods of suspension up to separation from the institution.
- Non-forcible Sex Offense: Periods of disciplinary probation up to separation from the Institution.
- Sexual Harassment: Official warning up to separation from the institution.
- Domestic Violence: Disciplinary probation up to separation from the institution.
- Dating Violence: Disciplinary probation up to separation from the institution.
- Stalking: Disciplinary probation up to separation from the institution.

For more detailed information, please refer to the Handbook of Operating Procedures - HOP (student Policies - Student Conduct and Discipline), at <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Pages/default.aspx>

In addition to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions, the accused may face prosecution under federal or state law.

The University of Texas at Brownsville will disclose the results of the report to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense in any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the University of Texas at Brownsville against a student who is the alleged suspect. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of the crime or offense, the next of kin of the victim shall be afforded the information regarding the results of the report.

In addition to incidents that occur on campus, The University of Texas at Brownsville may take disciplinary action in response to incidents that take place during official events or those sponsored by registered student organizations or incidents that have a substantial connection to the interests of the university, regardless of the location in where they occur.

RESOURCES

Student Health Services	(956) 882-3896
University Police Department	(956) 882-8232
Friendship of Women	(956) 544-7412

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

In accordance with the **Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000**, all states that register sex offenders are required to develop procedures to obtain information from the sex offenders regarding institutions of higher education in the state where the person is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student. The registration information is to be made available to law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction where the institutions of higher education are located beginning October 2002. In Texas, information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained at Texas Department of Public Safety at <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffender/index.aspx> or by contacting the police department where the sex offender is registered.

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL OFFENSES

Relationship violence, offenses of a sexual nature, and aggravated sexual assault are serious crimes. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College encourages any individual who is the victim of a sexual offense to report the incident immediately to a Campus Security Authority and the University Police Department. Reporting an assault does not mean that the victim must press charges or must take the case to criminal trial or a disciplinary hearing. Even if a victim has not decided whether or not to press charges, they are encouraged to report the incident to the University Police Department and seek medical treatment. The University Police will provide transportation to the closest emergency room for medical treatment and will collect evidence as necessary.

When a victim reports a sexual assault, efforts are taken to protect the emotional health and physical safety of the victim. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College will act in accordance to policy in the event of a reported offense: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Policy/3-6.pdf>

The victim has the following rights:

- The right to be kept informed about actions related to the incident.
- The right to have changes made to their academic or living arrangements.
- The right to be present during the entire hearing, notwithstanding the fact that the complainant will be called as a witness. The accused student has the same right.
- The right to have a support person present during the hearing.
- The right not to have evidence of his/her past sexual history with third parties admitted as evidence.
- The right to have the hearing closed to spectators unless both the accused and the complainant consent in writing to having the hearing open to the public.



SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are committed to creating and maintaining a community in which students, faculty, staff, and visitors can study and work in an atmosphere free from all forms of harassment, intimidation and inappropriate sexual conduct. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College does not tolerate sexual assault and harassment and such behavior is prohibited by federal law, state law, and by The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College policy. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College will take action to prevent, correct, and, if necessary, discipline and/or prosecute behavior that violates this policy and the law. The University of Texas at Brownsville does not tolerate any form of sexual assault or harassment and such acts are regarded as serious university offenses that are likely to result in the separation of the institution. Criminal prosecution may also take place in accordance with the Federal or Texas criminal statutes and are independent of the university actions.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS

There are many campus resources that can help campus community members reduce their risk of becoming a victim of sexual assault:

- The Student Health Services provides advocacy, education, prevention programs and support services for women and men through the Health Education and Promotion programming. Contact the Student Health Services at (956) 882-8951 for information or to schedule a presentation.
- The Students Affairs division offers all registered student clubs and organizations sexual assault prevention programs through Risk Management Training.
- The University Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer provides education, prevention and personal safety programs.

VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

A victim of sexual assault that has occurred on campus should notify the University Police Department immediately. Other campus personnel such as residence hall personnel and counselors are resources that can assist a victim in reporting the sexual assault to the University Police Department. If the assault occurred off of the University of Texas at Brownsville campus, the local police department where the assault occurred should be called to report the crime. Campus officials and the University Police Department will assist the victim with contacting local law enforcement if requested and in any way possible if needed.

Individuals may also report a sex offense to the institutions' Deputy Title IX Coordinator. This office is responsible for coordinating the institutions' compliance with Title IX. The Deputy Title IX Coordinator is the Dean of Students of Student Affairs. The office number is (956) 882-5140 and the office for the Dean of Students is located in Cortez Hall. The institutions' sexual harassment policy, including a description of the grievance procedures can be found in the UTB Handbook of Operating Procedures: <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hoop/Pages/default.aspx>.

Victims of a sexual assault should do the following:

- Go to a safe place.
- Preserve all physical evidence. If possible, do not shower, use the toilet or change clothing. If clothes are changed, clothing worn during the attack should be placed in a paper bag (not plastic).
- Contact the University Police Department as soon as possible by calling 911 for an emergency or (956) 882-2222 for assistance from an officer. If the attack did not occur on campus, call the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the assault occurred. University Police will assist in notifying the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Get medical attention. When notified, the University Police will assist with medical attention and collecting of evidence.
- Talk to a counselor. University Police officers will assist in contacting a trained professional regardless of the victim's intent to pursue legal action. Victims have the right to have an advocate and support person present at the hospital during an examination.
- Contact someone you trust.

A sexual assault victim has an option to choose a pseudonym (fictitious name) and address to maintain confidentiality. The pseudonym will be assigned at the victim's request. A victim of sexual assault who lives on campus may request to change his/her living and/or academic situation(s) by contacting Student Affairs. All reasonable and appropriate efforts to carry out requests will be made.

Visits to the Student Health Service Office for medical treatment and counseling are confidential. A qualified sexual assault counselor will meet with students and provide emotional support and advice on disciplinary and legal options.

VOLUNTARY CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING

Victims or witnesses wishing to make voluntary reports of criminal activity in confidence may do so by requesting that the agency or person to whom a report is made and maintain confidentiality with regard to the identity of the individual making the report. Reports of this nature will be honored to the extent permitted by state law, criminal investigatory requirements, and university judicial processes. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the crime statistics for the University, but, as with all other crimes included in the annual crime report, no personally identifiable information is included.

FALSE ALARMS AND/OR REPORTS

A person commits an offense under **Section 42.06. Texas Penal Code**, if he knowingly initiates, communicates or circulates a report of a present, past, or future bombing, fire, offense, or other emergency that he knows is false or baseless and that would ordinarily: (1) cause action by an official or volunteer agency organized to deal with emergencies; (2) place a person in fear of imminent serious bodily injury; or (3) prevent or interrupt the occupation of a building, room, place of assembly, place to which the public has access, or aircraft, automobile, or other mode of conveyance. The offense under Section 42.06 of the Texas Penal Code stipulates that making a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education is a state jail felony. An individual found guilty of a state jail felony shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days and, in addition to confinement, an individual found guilty of a state jail felony may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

MISSING STUDENT

If a member of the University community has a reason to believe that a student has been missing for 24 hours, he/she should **immediately notify University Police Department at (956) 882-8232**. The University Police Department will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation. The investigation of a missing person begins when the University Police is notified or becomes aware of a missing student. Situations that would cause a person to be considered missing include: contact from concerned individuals, including university officials, about an individual's absence, or lack of contact that is contrary to his/her normal behavior, and or if unusual circumstances may have caused the absence.

If the missing student is under the age of 18 and is not an emancipated individual, University Police will notify the student's parent or legal guardian immediately in addition to the emergency contact person(s) designated by the student.

Suzanne's Law requires agencies to immediately enter records into the NCIC Missing Person File for missing individual under the age of 21. Previously, immediate entry was required for individuals under the age of 18. The age of emancipation in Texas is still 18.

In addition to registering an emergency contact, students residing in campus housing have the option to designate another individual to be contacted by the institution in the event the student is determined to be missing. Contact information will be accessible only to authorized campus officials and law enforcement; and will not be disclosed outside of a missing person investigation. For additional information for Casa Bella at: <http://www.utb.edu/sa/residential/Pages/default.aspx>.

To report a missing student, please call the University Police Department at: (956) 882-8232.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are committed to the well-being of every student, staff, faculty, and visitor. The mission is to promote awareness of the negative effects of alcohol, other drugs, and to provide learning resources and alternate resources. The Student Health Services provides the Health Education and Promotion Program, which is a resource that is available to students who seek health education and counseling for areas such as alcohol abuse and drug abuse. Referrals to outside rehabilitation agency are also available.

Campus class presentations or programming on these topics are available. To schedule a presentation, call (956) 882-3896. To view additional resources, please visit The University of Texas at Brownsville Drugs & Alcohol Use Education at <http://www.utb.edu/sa/shs/Pages/AlcoholDrugEducation.aspx>.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is assistance for employees. EAP provides confidential, professional assistance to help employees and members of their households resolve problems that affect their personal lives or job performance.

EAP has contracted with The University of Texas Employee Assistance Program (UTEAP) whose staff is specialized in helping people identify problems, offer guidance, and locate resources when necessary. Any problem that troubles you, gets out-of-hand, or reduces your ability to concentrate can be brought to EAP at no cost to you. This includes but is not limited to alcohol or drug dependency.

For more information, go to <http://www.utb.edu/ba/hr/Assistance/Pages/default.aspx> and <http://www.uteap.org/>. If you need assistance accessing the UTEAP website, please call UTEAP at 1-800-346-3549.

Further information regarding alcohol policy and educational resources can be found in the following departments:

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities	(956) 882-5034/5141
Office of Residence Life	(956) 882-7191
Office of the Dean of Students	(956) 882-8866
Student Health Services	(956) 882-8951
University Police Department	(956) 882-8232
UT Employee Assistance Program	1-800-346-3549

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, the Board of Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, provides for disciplinary action against any student who engages in conduct that is prohibited by state, federal, or local law. This includes those laws prohibiting the use, possession, or distribution of drugs and alcohol. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College will impose a minimum disciplinary penalty of suspension for a specified period of time or suspension of rights and privileges, or both, for conduct related to the use, possession, or distribution of drugs that are prohibited by state, federal, or local law. Other penalties that may be imposed for conduct related to the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol include disciplinary probation, payment for damage to or misappropriation of property, suspension of rights and privileges, suspension for a specified period of time, expulsion, or such other penalty as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

Information is distributed to each student annually concerning standards of conduct prohibiting unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol, as well as the health risks associated with their use and abuse, institutional penalties, state and federal criminal penalties, and counseling and rehabilitation programs available in the area. Additional information is also available in the Student Health Services Office.

ALCOHOL POLICY

The possession of, consumption, or sale of alcohol on campus is prohibited. Individual and organizations associated with the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College must comply with such ordinances and laws, including those governing the sale, dispensing, and use of alcoholic beverages. All members of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College community should at all times be cognizant of and comply with state and local liquor laws. It is unlawful in the State of Texas for any person under the age of 21 to possess, purchase, or drink alcoholic beverages. Providing alcoholic beverages to minors other than where the law allows is prohibited.

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are committed to the safety and welfare of its students, faculty, and staff. The University of Texas at Brownsville prohibits the irresponsible and/or illegal use of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs. The University, cognizant of the negative impact that the illegal use of alcohol and illegal drugs has on our academic community as well as on the personal health of its members, promotes a learning environment that teaches responsible decision making that acknowledges the personal and legal consequences that arise from the use of alcohol and other drugs.



RESIDENCE LIFE ALCOHOL POLICY

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are alcohol and drug free campuses. It is a violation of campus policy for students or guests to possess or consume alcohol or illegal drugs on the university campus, including the residence halls. Violations of this policy may result in eviction from university housing. In addition to sanctions imposed by The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College for violations of university alcohol and drug policy, students are still subject to prosecution under state and federal laws.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Student violations could result in criminal charges or arrest by The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department and/or sanctions by The University of Texas at Brownsville Judicial Affairs.

The unauthorized use or possession of alcohol by an employee on university premises is defined as misconduct by the University of Texas System's Policies and Procedures for Discipline and Dismissal of Employee, Rule 30601, Section 5.6 and UTB's Handbook of Operating Procedures 8.2.11. The unlawful use, possession, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by an employee is prohibited by the University of Texas Systems' Policy on Drugs and Alcohol. In addition, employees of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College are subject to Handbook of Operating Procedures 8.2.21.

Possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs (as defined by the Texas Penal Code) on campus is a violation of state law and violators will be prosecuted. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police will enforce federal and state drug laws. State laws relating to alcoholic beverages, as defined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, will be strictly enforced. Possession, sale, and or use of alcoholic beverages on campus are prohibited by university policy, with the following exceptions:

- **ALCOHOL** - Information regarding State of Texas law governing alcohol, please consult Texas Regulatory and Penal Provisions; Chapter 106 - Provisions Relating To Age: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/AL/htm/AL.106.htm> A few excerpts are highlighted below:

It is illegal for persons under 21 years of age to:

- Purchase or Attempt to Purchase Alcohol by Minor
- Possession or Consumption any Alcoholic Beverage by a Minor penalty:
 - Fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$2,000
 - Confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days; or both the fine and confinement

It is illegal for anyone (regardless of age) to:

- Sale, Purchase, or Furnish Alcohol to a Minor, penalty:
 - Perform community service for not less than 20 or more than 40 hours; and
 - Attend an alcohol awareness program approved under Section 106.115; and
 - Request the Department of Public Safety to suspend the driver license or permit to operate a motor vehicle.

DRUG AND DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POLICY

Texas State Law prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance without legal authorization. A controlled substance includes any drug, substance or immediate precursor covered under the Texas Controlled Substance Act, including but not limited to opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana and hallucinogens. The possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited under Texas State law. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products and material of any kind that are used to facilitate, or intended or designed to facilitate, violations of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department and Texas Southmost College enforce all state and federal laws that prohibit the use, possession and sale of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.

Every student shall be responsible for compliance with all local, state and federal laws regarding controlled substances, including, but not limited to, their use, sale, distribution, possession, or manufacture. Consequences for the violations of any local, state, or federal law regarding controlled substances could include criminal charges or arrest by the University Police Department in addition to sanctions by the university.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG SANCTION GUIDELINES

Type of Alcohol ** Policy/Law Violation	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Under age 21 possession and/or consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol education program / counseling • Notify parent if under the age of 21 • A minimum of 10 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary probation • Alcohol education program / counseling • Notify parent if under the age of 21 • A minimum of 20 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from the university • Notify parent if under the age of 21
Unauthorized possession / consumption of alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol education program / counseling • Notify parent if under the age of 21 • A minimum of 10 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary probation • Alcohol education program / counseling • Notify parent if under the age of 21 • A minimum of 20 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from the university • Notify parent if under the age of 21
Hosting a party involving the illegal use of alcohol or making alcohol available to minors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disciplinary probation • Alcohol education program / counseling • Notify parent if under the age of 21 • A minimum of 20 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension from the university • Notify parent if under the age of 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expulsion • Notify parent if under the age of 21

Public Intoxication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol education program / counseling Notify parent if under the age of 21 A minimum of 15 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplinary probation Alcohol education program / counseling Notify parent if under the age of 21 A minimum of 25 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension / Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21
Driving While Intoxicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplinary probation Alcohol education program / counseling Restitution Notify parent if under the age of 21 A minimum of 25 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension / Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21
Endangering self and/or others, and/or property damage while under the influence of alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disciplinary probation Alcohol education program / counseling Restitution Notify parent if under the age of 21 A minimum of 20 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension Alcohol education program / counseling Restitution Notify parent if under the age of 21 A minimum of 25 hours of community services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21
Abuse of medical drugs- either prescribed or over the counter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counseling program Disciplinary probation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension Notify parent if under the age of 21 Community counseling Proof of completion of outside counseling program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21
Possession of any illegal drug in any amount or paraphernalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum one semester Suspension** Community counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21 	
Causing another person to involuntarily or unknowingly consume an illegal drug or other substance(s) which could adversely affect said person(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21 		
Manufacturing, selling, or distributing of any amount of an illegal drug or controlled substance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion Notify parent if under the age of 21 		

* In addition to sanctions Imposed by The University of Texas at Brownsville for violations of University Alcohol and Drug Policy, students are still subject to prosecution under federal and state laws. Non-students will be referred to University Police.

** Violations found to have been committed by residents of Casa Bella while on the premises will result in removal from university housing.

*** In the event the final decision to suspend the student occurs after mid-term of the semester, the minimum length of the suspension would be the remainder of the semester in which the violation occurred plus the following long term semester. In a one year suspension, a suspension after midterm would apply to the remainder of the semester plus two long term semesters.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

The University of Texas at Brownsville Health Services website at http://www.utb.edu/sa/shs/Pages/Home.aspx	(956) 882-3896
Lower Rio Grande Valley Alcoholics Anonymous http://www.lowrgvaa27.org	Help Line 1-888-880-9718
Narcotics Anonymous – Brownsville http://www.drugstrategies.org	Help Line 1-800-559-9503

Health risks associated with drug and alcohol abuse

- Alcohol and Drug Awareness: <http://www.utb.edu/sa/shs/Pages/AlcoholDrugEducation.aspx>

University policies related to the illegal possession, use, or distribution of drugs or alcohol

- Drug and Alcohol Policy: <http://utb.edu/sa/studentlife/StudentRightsandResponsibilities/Pages/Policy-on-Alcohol-and-Other-Drugs.aspx>
- University of Texas System - System wide Policy UTS 164 - Drug -Free University Community and Workplace Policy at: <http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/policy-library/policies/uts164-drug-free-university-community-and-workplace-policy>
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- University of Texas System - System wide Policy (UTS102) - Drugs and Alcohol Policy <http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/policy-library/policies/uts102-drugs-and-alcohol-policy>

SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College offers shuttle bus service around the campus and surrounding cities. For additional information regarding routes and schedules information please visit: <http://www.utb.edu/vpia/marketing/metro/Pages/default.aspx>

The University Police Department provides the following services as a courtesy to the campus community:

- Escorts: Personal safety escorts are available upon request; call University Police Department at (956) 882-8232.
- Vehicle Jump Starts: The University Police Department will assist motorists on campus needing a jump start.
- Accident/Crash Reports: Motor vehicle crash reports are available at the University Police Department during normal office hours Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm. To obtain a crash report, the following information is necessary: a) report number of the crash; and b) name of the driver involved.
- Foot Patrol: As part of the officers regular patrol duties they spend a portion of their work day on foot patrol. While on patrol officers improve police/community relations by speaking and interacting with members of the community. Officers also take the time to walk the community premises and make sure that the community is safe
 - Foot Patrol areas include but are not limited to:
 - Residence Halls
 - Parking Lots
 - Academic and non-academic buildings

Shift supervisors monitor activity to ensure each officer spends a portion of their patrol time on foot patrol. All campus parking lots are restricted to authorize users, whom display a valid university parking permit and these parking lots are patrolled and monitored by our University Police Department.

OPERATION OF PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

The University Police Department encourages engraving personal identification numbers on valuable property. If an item is stolen and later recovered, the identification number will assist law enforcement agents in returning it to its rightful owner. An engraving tool is available for checkout at the University Police Department.

Lost and Found is located in the University Police Department, (956) 882-8232; Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

CRIME PREVENTION AND SECURITY AWARENESS PROGRAMS

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College places a high priority on crime prevention. While it is impossible to prevent all crimes, the University Police Department believes that crime prevention education and information can help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a crime. The University Police Department provides a wide range of services and educational programs designed to promote campus security. Upon request, the department provides crime prevention programming to any student organization and faculty/staff gatherings.

These and other programs and services are presented throughout the year to groups on campus. During the 2014 calendar year the following programs were offered:

The following PRIMARY PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS for all incoming students were offered in 2014:

<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Which Prohibited Behavior Was Covered?</u>
2014 Winter Orientation	12/15/2014	Life Health and Science Bldg.	Campus Safety Know your UPD
Sober Party (NCAAW)	10/24/2014	Casa Bella Clubhouse	Sexual Assault Awareness / Sexual Violence / Alcohol Awareness
Watch your BAC/ Alcohol Awareness Fair (NCAAW)	10/23/2014	El Gran Patio	Alcohol Awareness
I am not as think as you drunk I am (NCAAW)	10/22/2014	Student Union Lawn	Alcohol Awareness
The Risk Associated with Alcohol Abuse	10/21/2014	Salon Cassia	Alcohol Awareness
Popcorn on the Paseo: Say Something (NCAAW)	10/20/2014	Student Union Lawn	Alcohol Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness
Risk Management	9/26/2014	LHSB 1.104	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department / Alcohol Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness
R.A.I.N.N.	9/25/2014	Student Union	Sexual Assault Awareness
Orange Crush	8/29/2014	Main Front Lawn	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department / Alcohol Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness / Bicycle Registration
Life Savers Team	8/26/2014	Main	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department / Bicycle Registration
Life Savers Team	8/25/2014	Main	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department / Bicycle Registration

<u>Name of Program</u>	<u>Date Held</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Which Prohibited Behavior Was Covered?</u>
Casa Bella Block Party	8/23/2014	Casa Bella Pool Area	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department
Casa Bella Move-In-Day	8/23/2014	Casa Bella Entrance	Campus Safety Know your UPD / Bicycle Safety
International Orientation	8/21/2014	Salon Cassia	Staying Safe with University Police
Pride Drive	8/20/2014	Main Campus	Campus Safety
Bike Registration	8/19/2014	Casa Bella UREK	Bicycle Safety
Orientation	8/11/2014	Sabal Hall	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department
Student Orientation	7/31/2014	Student Union	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department
Student Orientation	7/23/2014	Student Union	Campus Safety Know your University Police Department
Drug and Alcohol	7/22/2014	Student Union Lawn	Drug Awareness / Alcohol Awareness
BECHS Orientation	7/18/2014	LHSB 1.602	Student Safety Know your UPD
B.S.N. Orientation	7/9/2014	LHSB 1.104	Student Safety Know your UPD
Earth Day	4/22/2014	Student Union Lawn	Safety Awareness / Bicycle Registration
Bike Registration	3/6/2014	Casa Bella	Safety Awareness
Luau Event	3/5/2014	Student Union Lawn	Alcohol Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness

TIPS FOR YOUR SAFETY

On-Campus:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Never leave your personal property unsecured or unattended.
- Report all suspicious activities to University Police Department immediately.
- Program the University Police Department phone number in to your cell phone: (956) 882-8232.
- Always tell someone where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- Avoid shortcuts. The shortest route is not always the safest route.
- Avoid walking alone, particularly after dark. Call University Police Department at (956) 882- 8232 for a Security Escort.
- Never allow someone to predict your route of travel. Whether you are driving, biking, walking or jogging, frequently alter your route between campus and your residence.

Off -Campus:

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times. Exterior doors should be equipped with deadbolt locks.
- If you do not have a peephole, request that one be installed.
- Know whom to call in an emergency.
- Do not open your door for anyone you do not know. If a person in uniform knocks and you did not call for assistance, contact the person's place of employment to verify the reason for the

visit.

- Use outside lighting and keep shrubbery trimmed around windows and doors.

Protection from Date Rape Drugs:

- Never leave your drink unattended. Date rape drugs are colorless and odorless, so they can easily be slipped into any type of beverage.
- Once you lose sight of your drink, do not consume it any more.
- Do not accept drinks from anyone but a bartender or server.
- Try to attend bars or parties with a group of friends, arranging beforehand to watch each other's drink.
- Stay in public places.
- If going on a date with someone you may not know well, go on a group date with friends.
- If you feel uncomfortable during a date, but no transportation, call a taxicab.
- Avoid becoming intoxicated in public and at parties
- Do not give personal information, such as your location, mobile number, or address to new acquaintances.
- Communicate your sexual and relationship boundaries clearly.
- Never be alone with people who ignore your personal boundaries.
- A person should never make you feel obligated to engage in a sexual act simply because they paid for drinks, dinner, or entertainment.
- Always let someone know who you are going with and your itinerary.

Residence Halls:

- Always lock (including deadbolt) doors and windows, even when you are home. This will aid in preventing uninvited access to your residence. Most thefts occur as a result of unlocked doors.
- Never prop your door open, even if you will be gone for only a few minutes.
- Do not go inside your residence if you return and find that the door is ajar. Immediately notify the police.
- Do not give anyone a key to your room. If you lose your room key, report it immediately to your Residence Assistant or Residence Hall Office.
- Keep blinds closed, do not leave valuables in plain sight. Register, engrave, mark, and/or photograph all your valuables, including bicycles, stereos, jewelry, vehicles, computers, etc. Keep a list of serial numbers for valuable items.
- Never let strangers or acquaintances into your residence hall or apartment. This puts you and others at risk.
- Do not allow strangers to follow behind you when going into the residence hall.
- Know your neighbors. Be aware of suspicious persons and activities.
- Never leave a note on your door, or on social media sites sharing that you are out of town.

If you observe someone or something suspicious, notify the residence hall staff and the University Police Department at (956) 882-8232 or 9-1-1.



ANNUAL STUDENT HOUSING FIRE SAFETY REPORT 2015

The Higher Education and Opportunity Act (HEOA) was signed into law in August 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The HEOA contains campus safety provisions, including the Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act. This provision calls for any institution of higher learning that maintains on-campus student housing facilities to publish an annual fire safety report that outlines fire safety systems and controls, policies, practices, and fire statistics. The report contained in this document follows and complies with HEOA requirements as it pertains to The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

It is the resident's responsibility to be familiar with the policies and procedures designated to ensure safety in the Residential Life at Casa Bella, which is located on 2651 FJRM Ave. Brownsville, TX 78520. Tampering with any life safety equipment, including but not limited to:

AED devices, smoke detectors, audio/visual aid devices, fire extinguishers, fire exit signs and wheel chair ramps/lifts; additionally, blocking room doors, exit doors, hallways, or elevators is punishable through the Student Affairs or University Police and may be prosecuted to the full extent that it violates the law.

This is an ever-changing document and can be viewed as follows:

- By visiting The University of Texas at Brownsville Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) website at www.utb.edu/ba/safety/
- Contacting EH&S at (956) 882-5930

FIRE REPORTING STATISTICS

University Owned Housing Property - Casa Bella Residential Life Apartment Complex Located on 2651 FJRM Ave, Brownsville, Texas 78520			
	2012	2013	2014
Number of Fires	0	0	0
Cause of Fires	N/A	N/A	N/A
Value of Property Damages Caused by a Fire	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Injuries	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Deaths Related to a Fire	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Injuries Requiring Treatment at Hospital Facility	N/A	N/A	N/A
Date of Fire	N/A	N/A	N/A
Address of the Fire	N/A	N/A	N/A
Time of Fire	N/A	N/A	N/A
Partial Sprinkler System	X	X	X
Full Sprinkler System	X	X	X
Smoke Detection	X	X	X
Fire Extinguisher Devices	X	X	X
Evacuation Plan	X	X	X
Number of Evacuation (Fire) Drills each calendar year	2	2	2

Partial Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in the common areas only.

Full Sprinkler System is defined as having sprinklers in both the common areas and individual rooms

CASA BELLA - FIRE EQUIPMENT

Casa Bella has several different fire protection measures in place: fire alarms, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms and sprinkler system in the rooms, pull stations, and fire extinguishers; which are located throughout the halls for safety. Any individual who misuses or tampers with any fire safety equipment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If you use fire extinguishers in your room, you must report it to the Residential Life Staff to replace it. In the event of a fire, activate the alarm, and call University Police Emergency at (956) 882- 8222 or extension 2222, and leave the building.

Remember: Fire equipment is there for the safety of all residents. Tampering with this equipment needlessly endangers everyone!

CASA BELLA - SMOKE DETECTORS

Each room is equipped with a hardwired smoke detector with battery backup. Smoke detectors will not trigger building alarm when activated.

Notice: Tenants shall not disconnect or intentionally damage a smoke detector or remove the battery without notifying a Resident Assistant for prompt action.

CASA BELLA - HEAT DETECTORS

Heat detectors are located in common areas such as kitchens, hallways and lounges. Note: The detection of heat will trigger a full building alarm.

CASA BELLA - FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Each room is equipped with a sprinkler system in the case of heat detection. The heat will activate the sprinkler heads which will deliver water to the affected areas.

The sprinklers are very sensitive and will go off causing major damage. An individual will be held responsible and financially accountable for the misuse of the sprinkler system. Any malfunction of fire safety equipment, including room smoke detectors or fire sprinkler equipment, should be immediately reported to the front office or resident assistant on duty. Fire sprinkler systems should not be covered or to be used to hang items on the fire sprinkler heads or pipes.

CASA BELLA - FIRE PREVENTION

It is mandatory that students and employees to evacuate the building when the fire alarm is activated. All fire alarms are to be considered real. NEVER hesitate to evacuate the building when the alarm sounds. Residents who do not evacuate will be referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. Every semester residential staff will complete a safety inspection of each resident's room. Violations of the inspection may include warnings and fines. Also, every semester there will be a fire drill in each Hall for the purpose of familiarizing residents with emergency evacuation procedures.

CASA BELLA - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

For your safety, fire extinguishers may be found in various places throughout the apartment. Residents should make themselves aware of their locations. Fire extinguishers are A, B, and C rated.

- Class A extinguishers are for ordinary combustible materials such as paper, wood, cardboard, and most plastics. The numerical rating on these types of extinguishers indicates the amount of water it holds and the amount of fire it can extinguish. Geometric symbol (green triangle).
- Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil. The numerical rating for class B extinguishers indicates the approximate number of square feet of fire it can extinguish. Geometric symbol (red square).

- Class C fires involve electrical equipment, such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. Never use water to extinguish class C fires - the risk of electrical shock is far too great! Class C extinguishers do not have a numerical rating. The C classification means the extinguishing agent is non-conductive. Geometric symbol (blue circle).

CASA BELLA - BUILDING ALARM

The building alarm system will provide an audio message through the residential hall speakers and a visual red blinking light will be activated to warn the resident.

CASA BELLA - FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION DRILLS

Fire Drills occur at least once during each semester. Procedures for the fire drills are discussed during floor and hall meetings.

Note: If residents' are in the shower when the fire alarm rings, they will need to evacuate the building. Do not take the time to rinse off, etc. Simply get out of the shower carefully, get dressed and exit the building.

CASA BELLA- SAFETY CHECKS

At least twice each semester, staff members will enter all rooms to check fire safety equipment, clear door paths in the room and verify that there are no prohibited appliances or electrical devices present. Environmental Health and Safety Department will also conduct semi-annual inspections.

CASA BELLA - MANDATORY FIRE DRILLS

There will be at least one unannounced fire drill per semester. Additional drills may be conducted if the evacuation was considered unsatisfactory. Residents and employees must know their closest exit to the room and/or building.

CASA BELLA - FIRE SAFETY - WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE

The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College considers fire safety extremely important and students have an obligation to follow university regulations as well as city and state statutes.

The following steps should be taken in the event of a fire:

- If you are the one to discover a fire, you should first sound the alarm. Call out as loudly as possible "Fire, Fire" and pull a general alarm station.
- Residents should always evacuate to a place of safety when the alarm sounds off even if they do not see any flames or smoke.
- Escape from fire and smoke.
- As you leave a burning building, close room doors to limit the spread of fire and smoke.
- Do not be too hasty in jumping from upper levels.
- If you are unable to open the window, use a shoe or book to break small openings at the top and bottom. Getting fresh air to breathe is essential.

CASA BELLA - FIRE ALARM EVACUATION

All alarms are to be considered to be real. NEVER hesitate to evacuate the building when an alarm goes off. Whenever a fire alarm sounds, evacuation procedures must be followed. Residents and employees should make sure they are aware of all exits that are closer to their room. Students and employees must leave the building and may not return unless instructed to do so by University Police, fire officials, or university officials, even though the alarm stops sounding. A complete floor-by-floor and room-by-room check of the building is conducted by University Police and/or fire officials. Students and employees must remain outside the building during these checks failure to comply with the evacuation procedures will result in disciplinary action.

Evacuation of the building should take no longer than four minutes.

- When leaving your room, be sure to feel the door for heat before exiting into the hallway.
- Upon exiting your room, be sure that your door and windows are shut and the lights are left on.
- When leaving the residence hall, be sure to knock on doors as you go, to alert others in the residence hall of the alarm.
- Alert the Residential Life staff if you know of anyone who is unaccounted for.
- Failure to evacuate a building after a fire alarm has sounded will result in appropriate disciplinary action.
- All students must report to the volleyball court and away from the buildings.
- Fire Safety Evacuation Drills will be conducted throughout the semester.

CASA BELLA - APPLIANCES (SEE THE RESIDENTIAL LIFE HANDBOOK FOR ALL POLICIES AS THEY RELATE TO FIRE SAFETY)

For further information regarding the Residential Life Handbook visit the web page at:

<http://www.utb.edu/sa/residential/Documents/Handbook/HOUSING%20HANDBOOK%202013-14%20Fixed%20v2.pdf>

Electrical appliances which are not in excellent working condition or UL listed are not permitted in the residence halls. The housing staff reserves the right to inspect all electrical items at any time to decide safety. For further requirements check with the housing office before you bring an unlisted item into Casa Bella.

Electrical cords with surge protectors must be free of all flaws and motors must be in excellent working condition. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all permitted electrical items are in safe and operable condition. All electrical cords must be disconnected (unplugged) during school breaks and/or when Casa Bella is officially closed.

Due to the fire/safety hazard they present, the following electrical items are examples of what ARE NOT permitted in University Housing:

- Broilers
- Rice Cookers
- Conventional Ovens
- Space Heaters
- "Foreman Grill" type personal grills
- Crock Pots
- Sun Lamps
- Deep Fryers
- Toaster Ovens
- Electric Skillets
- Toasters
- Hot Plate
- Full size Refrigerators, "torch" style lamps, and any other open element or large electrical appliance

Any of these appliances found during routine inspections will be placed in storage until the end of the semester and the resident(s) of the room/apartment will be subject to disciplinary action. Students should be aware items not included in the above list may also be prohibited. Please check with Casa Bella resident assistant before you bring an unlisted item into the room. NOTE:

The electrical systems in Casa Bella have definite limitations. Over loading these systems can present fire and safety hazards. Heavy-duty, single-outlet extension cords no more than six feet long and surge protectors are permissible.

Other types of extension cords (light duty; gang outlets, etc.) are not allowed. Any resident found to be exceeding the electrical capacity of their room may be adjudicated. The possession and/or detonation of any explosive device, including all forms of fireworks, are strictly prohibited. Possession/use of such items is considered to be a serious infraction of University policy and state law. Students who fail to uphold this policy are subject to disciplinary action which may include removal from Casa Bella as well as a referral to University Police for possible criminal prosecution. The lighting and burning of candles, incense, potpourri, cigarettes or anything requiring an open flame is prohibited.

CASA BELLA - EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The department of Environmental Health and Safety routinely provides members of the campus community with fire safety training. Also, Resident Assistants provide programs and activities revolving around fire safety and prevention.

- Building warden training - training post.
- Building warden trainings by departments.
- Fire extinguisher - training post.
- Fire extinguisher - hands on training.
- Fire drills at least one conducted per building every year.

CASA BELLA - ROOM DECORATION

Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms as long as it does not create any permanent damage to the room, fire or health hazard. Residents should decorate carefully; residents will be charged for any damage that occurs from nails, screws, double-stick tape, tacks or stickers on the walls, furniture, and fixtures. Please note that the university does take into consideration normal wear and tear on a room. Room decorations should be confined to inside a resident's room. Decorations on the outside of a resident's door (other than RA Door Decorations) are prohibited. Residents may have to make restitution to the university for any damages to their living area. If residents are unsure as to whether an item is acceptable, it is the student's responsibility to check with a housing staff member. The Residential Handbook is also available online at:

<http://www.utb.edu/sa/residential/Documents/Handbook/HOUSING%20HANDBOOK%202013-14%20Fixed%20v2.pdf>

CASA BELLA - SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

The University of Texas at Brownsville is in compliance with The University of Texas System Board of Regent's Resolution Tobacco-Related Health Concerns. The campus is tobacco free including all residence halls and grounds; therefore, smoking and the use of any tobacco product is prohibited. (Tobacco Free Campus Policy and Procedures, August 2011).

The use of tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and other tobacco products are prohibited at all times. There may be a fine applied in addition to any sanctions for each instance of failing to comply with this policy.

CASA BELLA - FLAMMABLE STORAGE

Flammable liquids may not be stored in university housing. Gasoline, petroleum based solvents, paint thinners and similar flammable materials should be kept in metal containers and stored well clear of living areas. Such containers should be stored in a secure area away from excessive heat or flames.

Flammables should never be stored in automobiles.

CASA BELLA - OUTDOOR BURNING

Residents are prohibited from having or creating a fire outdoors in the apartment community. This includes the use of fire pits. Fire use is limited to barbeque equipment provided by the university.

CASA BELLA - FIRE POLICY

If the alarm sounds, all occupants should immediately evacuate the building and proceed 150 feet across the street or to designated meeting locations as directed by the residence hall staff. Failure to evacuate the building or follow these procedures could result in fines and sanctions. The use of the elevators is prohibited. Residents are not to re-enter the building unless directed by the University Police Department, Environmental Health & Safety staff, or the Brownville Fire Department. If time permits, residents are recommended to take important items with them such as room and car keys, ID's, wallets, and medication.

ACCIDENT/FIRE REPORTING POLICY

Per federal law, the University of Texas at Brownsville is required to annually disclose statistical data on all fire that occur in on-campus student housing facilities. Listed below are the nonemergency numbers to call and report fire that have already been extinguished in on-campus student housing. If you are aware of or find evidence of any fire incidents that you do not think have been reported to EH&S, please notify one of the following:

Office of Residence Life	(956) 882-7191
Environmental Health and Safety Office	(956) 882-5930
Health Services	(956) 882-8951
University Police Department	(956) 882-8232 (non- emergency)

When calling, please provide as much information as possible about the location, date, time, and cause of fire.

The plans for future improvement in fire safety are to switch protectors to avoid the ability to disable the smoke detectors.

CRIME STATISTICS

The statistics in this report are published in accordance with the standards and guidelines used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and relevant federal law. The University Police Department submits the annual crime statistics published in this report to the Department of Education. In addition, a daily crime log is available for review at the Police Department Office or at the University Police Department website, at <http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/crime/logs/Pages/default.aspx>. The procedures for preparing the annual disclosure of crime statistics include reporting statistics to the university community are obtained from the following sources, the University Police Department, the City of Brownsville Police Department, Texas State Technical College, South Padre Island Police Department, and Texas Southmost College. For statistical purposes, crime statistics that are obtained from these sources are recorded in the calendar year that the crime was reported.

A written request for statistical information is made on an annual basis to all non-police officials who include Campus Security Authorities. A designated campus authority includes, but is not limited to university Deans, Directors, Department Heads, Resident Assistant, and Counselors. Statistical information is requested and provided to University Police Department.

DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

Aggravated Assault: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. It is not necessary that injury result from an aggravated assault when a gun, knife, or other weapon is used which could or probably would result in a serious potential injury if crime were successfully completed.

Arson: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property, etc.

Burglary (Breaking and Entering): The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. For reporting purposes this definition includes: unlawful entry with intent to commit a larceny or a felony; breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; house breaking; safecracking; and all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

Disciplinary Referrals: Include those individuals referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) for liquor law, drug law, and illegal weapon law violations by the Division of Student Affairs. The numbers include incidents that are reported via The University of Texas at Brownsville Police Department incident reports and reports provided directly to OSRR from other members of The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College community.

Drug Law Violations: Violations of the state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substance include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics (Demerol, methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates, Bensedrine).

Forcible Fondling: The touch of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or, not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Forcible Rape: is the carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity (or because of his/her youth). This offense includes the forcible rape of both males and females.

Forcible Sodomy: Oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Hate Crime: A hate crime is a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias. Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity/national origin. Any of the above-listed offenses and other crime involving bodily injury or threat made to any person who is intentionally selected is considered to be a hate crime motivated by bias.

- **Disability Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their physical or mental impairments/challenges, whether such disability is temporary or permanent, congenital or acquired by heredity, accident, injury, advanced age or illness
- **Ethnicity/National Origin Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons of the same race or national origin who share common or similar traits, languages, customs and traditions (e.g., Arabs, Hispanics).
- **Gender Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons because those persons are male or female.
- **Race Bias:** A preformed negative attitude toward a group of persons who possess common physical characteristics (e.g., color of skin, eyes, and/or hair; facial features, etc.) genetically transmitted by descent and heredity, which distinguish them as a distinct division of humankind (e.g., Asians, blacks, whites).
- **Religious Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons who share the same religious beliefs regarding the origin and purpose of the universe and the existence or nonexistence of a supreme being (e.g., Catholics, Jews, Protestants, atheists).
- **Sexual Orientation Bias:** A preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex or members of the opposite sex (e.g., gays, lesbians, heterosexuals).

Incest: Non-forcible sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

Liquor Law Violations: The violation of law or ordinances prohibiting: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing of intoxicating liquor; maintain unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to minor or intemperate person; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned. (Drunkenness and driving under the influence are not included in this definition).

Manslaughter by Negligent: The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Motor Vehicle Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. (Classify as motor vehicle theft all cases where automobile are taken by persons not having lawful access even though the vehicles are later abandoned-including joy riding).

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force, violence, and/or causing the victim fear.

Sex Offenses Forcible: Any sexual act directed against another person, forcibly and or against that person's will; or not forcible or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent.

Sex Offenses Non-Forcible: Unlawful and non-forcible sexual intercourse.

Sexual Assault with an Object: The use of an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will; or not forcibly or against that person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her youth or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

Statutory Rape: Non-forcible sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Weapon Law Violations: The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting dealing with weapon offenses, regulatory in nature, such as: manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; furnishing deadly weapons; all attempts to commit any of the aforementioned.

CRIMES ADDED TO THE CLERY ACT HATE CRIME REPORTING

- **Destruction/damage/vandalism of property:** To willfully or maliciously destroy, injure, disfigure, or deface any public or private property, real or personal, without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control by cutting, tearing, breaking, marking, painting, drawing, covering with filth, or any other such means as may be specified by local law.
- **Intimidation:** To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.
- **Larceny-theft:** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.
- **Simple Assault:** An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, sever laceration or loss of consciousness.

The University of Texas at Brownsville & Texas Southmost College Main Campus 2012, 2013, 2014

Offense (Reported By Hierarchy)	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities	Unfounded Crimes
Murder/Non Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2014	1	0	0	1	1	0
	2013	0	1	0	1	0	-
	2012	1	0	0	1	1	-
Sex Offenses, Non Forcible	2014	1	0	0	1	1	0
	2013	0	1	0	1	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Robbery	2014	0	0	1	1	0	0
	2013	0	1	0	1	0	-
	2012	0	0	2	2	0	-
Aggravated Assault	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	2	2	0	-
	2012	0	0	2	2	0	-
Burglary	2014	4	0	0	4	1	0
	2013	3	0	2	5	0	-
	2012	0	0	1	1	0	-
Motor Vehicle Theft	2014	1	1	0	2	0	0
	2013	1	0	1	2	0	-
	2012	2	0	5	7	0	-
Domestic Violence	2014	1	0	0	1	1	0
	2013	1	0	0	1	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Dating Violence	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	1	0	0	1	1	-
	2011	0	0	0	0	0	-
Stalking	2014	2	0	0	2	0	0
	2013	1	0	0	1	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Liquor Law Arrests	2014	20	0	0	20	18	0
	2013	21	0	0	21	17	-
	2012	30	0	0	30	25	-
Drug Law Arrests	2014	8	0	4	12	4	0
	2013	12	0	2	14	5	-
	2012	29	0	9	38	15	-
Weapons Law Arrests	2014	1	0	0	1	0	0
	2013	1	0	0	1	0	-
	2012	2	0	0	2	0	-
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	32	0	0	32	32	0
	2013	20	0	0	20	20	-
	2012	8	0	0	8	8	-
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	3	0	0	3	3	0
	2013	1	0	0	1	0	-
	2012	7	0	0	7	7	-
Weapons Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	1	0	0	1	1	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Arson	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-

HATE CRIME REPORTING: There were no hate crimes reported for 2012, 2013, or 2014

**Texas Southmost College
International, Technology and Commerce Center (ITECC) 2012, 2013, 2014**

Offense (Reported By Hierarchy)	Year	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Total	Residential Facilities	Unfounded Crimes
Murder/Non Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Sex Offenses, Forcible	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Sex Offenses, Non Forcible	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Robbery	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	1	1	0	-
Aggravated Assault	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	1	1	0	-
Burglary	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	1	1	0	-
Motor Vehicle Theft	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	3	0	1	4	0	-
Domestic Violence	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Dating Violence	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Stalking	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Liquor Law Arrests	2014	1	0	0	1	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Drug Law Arrests	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	5	5	0	-
Weapons Law Arrests	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Liquor Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Drug Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Weapons Law Violations Referred for Disciplinary Action	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-
Arson	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0	0	0	-
	2012	0	0	0	0	0	-

HATE CRIME REPORTING: There were no hate crimes reported for 2012, 2013, or 2014

DEFINITION OF GEOGRAPHY

On-Campus: Any building or property owned or controlled by the institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls, and any building or property within the same reasonably contiguous area that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is frequently used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as foods or other retail vendor).

Non-Campus Building or Property: Any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the institution; or any building or property owned or controlled by an institution that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is frequently used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution.

Public Property: All public property, including thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks, and parking facilities that is within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The University of Texas at Brownsville crime statistics do not include crimes that occur in privately owned homes or business within or adjacent to the campus boundaries.

JEANNE CLERY DISCLOSURE OF CAMPUS SECURITY AND CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS ACT

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act require that colleges and universities publicize campus crime statistics and interim reports of serious crime incidents. These publicized statistics are meant to warn students, employees, and applicants of the prevalence of campus crime. Students and employees must be given interim crime reports that include statistics on murder, forcible sex offenses, non-forcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny (theft), and motor vehicle theft. The annual report must also describe how to report crimes and emergencies on campus as well as the method used to collect data. The purpose of this Act is to educate the campus community about security.

The 2015 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available online at:

<http://www.utb.edu/ba/police/Documents/annual-report.pdf>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE AND TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE

Main Campus



- 1. MAIN (EDUCATION AND BUSINESS COMPLEX)**
- Academic Advising Center **EDBC 1.600**
 - Admissions and Recruitment **EDBC 1.102**
 - Cashiers **EDBC 1.104**
 - Center for Teaching, Learning and Innovation **EDBC 2.306**
 - College of Education, Counseling **EDBC 1.200**
 - College of Education Testing Center **EDBC 1.202**
 - College of Education **EDBC 2.300**
 - Dean of College of Education **EDBC 1.200**
 - Dean of College of Liberal Arts **EDBC 1.504**
 - Dean of School of Business **EDBC 2.504**
 - Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems **EDBC 2.500**
 - Department of Behavioral Sciences **EDBC 1.504**
 - Department of Communication **EDBC 1.200**
 - Department of Educational Psychology and Leadership Studies **EDBC 2.500**
 - Department of Finance and Economics **EDBC 2.500**
 - Department of Health and Human Performance **EDBC 2.500**
 - Department of Management and Marketing **EDBC 2.400**
 - Department of Modern Languages **EDBC 1.504**
 - Enrollment Services (Enrollment Center @ The Tower) **EDBC 1.100**
 - Financial Aid **EDBC 1.102**
 - Global Engagement **EDBC 1.100**
 - Language, Literacy, Intercultural Studies **EDBC 2.306**
 - Mathematics and Science Academy **EDBC 2.504**
 - Registrar **EDBC 1.102**
 - Teacher Certification Program **EDBC 2.200C**
 - Transfer Services **EDBC 1.102**
 - Veterans Services **EDBC 1.100**
 - Vice President for Enrollment Services **EDBC 1.100**

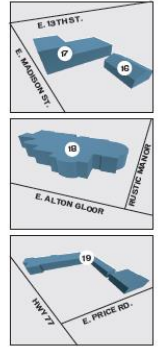
- 2. SHELBY HALL**
- Classrooms **EDBC 1.100C**
 - Department of English (second floor)
 - Graduate Studies **EDBC 2.500A**
- 3. UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**
- 1st Floor
 - Library and Research Services Desk
 - Library Instruction Classroom and Open Study Space 1.100
 - T5 Help Desk
 - Open Computer Lab (70 work stations)
 - Cafe
 - 2nd Floor
 - Accessibility Room 2.102
 - Study Rooms (6)
 - Open Study Space
 - Conference Room 3.102 (Reserved for Staff)
 - ITC Classroom Support, Video Conferencing & Printing Services 3.104
 - Writing Center 3.206
 - Office of the University Librarian 3.304
 - 3rd Floor
 - Study Rooms (6)
 - Open Study Space
 - Conference Room 3.102 (Reserved for Staff)
 - ITC Classroom Support, Video Conferencing & Printing Services 3.104
 - Writing Center 3.206
 - Office of the University Librarian 3.304

- 4. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING**
- A-Prize Time Program **BRBP 1.110**
 - Dean of College of Biomedical Science and Health Professions **BRBP 2.301**
 - Department of Biomedicine **BRBP 2.100**
 - Health Disparities Scholars Program **BRBP 2.101**
 - MERS Risk Program **BRBP 1.102**
 - Transfer Services **EDBC 1.102**
 - Veterans Services **EDBC 1.100**
 - Vice President for Enrollment Services **EDBC 1.100**
- 5. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH II**
- Brownell Research Labs
 - Freshman Research Initiatives

- 6. LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES BIOLOGY WING**
- 7. LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING**
- Center for Teaching and Learning
 - College of Nursing **LHB 1.700**
 - Dean of College of Science, Mathematics and Technology **LHB 1.300**
 - Department of Biological Sciences **LHB 2.200**
 - Department of Chemistry and Environmental Sciences **LHB 1.800**
 - Department of Mathematics **LHB 2.200**
 - Department of Physics and Astronomy **LHB 2.200**
 - School of Engineering and Computational Sciences **LHB 1.500**
 - U-TEACH **LHB 2.600A**
- 8. STUDENT UNION**
- Chas 500N 1.20A
 - Conferences Room 3.102 (Reserved for Staff)
 - Learning Experience **SBEC 2.10**
 - Student Government Association **SUM 1.20**
 - Student Life **SUM 1.20**
 - Student Media **SUM 1.10**
 - Student Organizations **SUM 1.20**
 - Veterans Upper Board **SUM 1.20**
- 9. CASA BELLA STUDENT HOUSING**
- 10. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING - MO**
- Department of Criminal Justice **MO 104**
 - Department of Government **MO 104**
 - Department of History **MO 104**
- 11. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING LECTURE HALL**
- 12. CORTÉZ HALL**
- GAWP **CRZ 100**
 - Career Services **CRZ 100**
 - Dean of Students **CRZ 100**

- Disability Services **CRZ 100**
 - Graduation **CRZ 200**
 - Students Rights and Responsibilities **CRZ 201**
 - SSSP/ASPE Program **CRZ 100**
 - Student Health Services **CRZ 200**
 - Student Leadership **CRZ 200**
 - Talent Search Program **CRZ 100**
 - Upward Bound **CRZ 100**
 - Upward Bound Math and Science Program **CRZ 101**
 - Vice President of Student Affairs **CRZ 200**
- 13. CAVALRY HALL**
- Center for Gravitational Wave Astronomy **CWV 104**
- 14. RUSTBERG HALL**
- Department of Visual Arts **RST 100**
 - Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness **RST 201**
 - ITS **RST 605**
 - ROTC **RST 140**
 - The Gallery at Rustberg Hall
- 15. BOOKSTORE**
- 16. LUCENA HOUSE**
- Center for Civic Engagement
 - Civitas Services
 - News and Information
 - University Relations
 - Vice President of Institutional Advancement
 - Web Communication and Data
- 17. CUETO BUILDING**
- Civitas Services
 - News and Information
 - University Relations
 - Vice President of Institutional Advancement
 - Web Communication and Data
- 18. THE WOODS**
- Accounting and Finance
 - Associate Vice President for Business Affairs
 - Associate Vice President for Facilities Services
 - Budget Office
 - Compliance Office
 - EDC
 - Employer Development Center

- Environmental Health and Safety
 - Human Resources
 - Internal Audits
 - PeopleSoft Project
 - Purchasing
 - Vice President for Business Affairs
- 19. RESACA VILLAGE**
- Business Incubator and Entrepreneurship
 - Testing
 - The Language Institute and Professional Education
- 20. TSC ARTS CENTER**
- 21. MUSIC BUILDING**
- 22. EIDMAN HALL**
- Department of Music **EMM 100A**
- 23. GARZA GYMNASIUM**
- Activities **GVN 102**
- 24. GYMNASIUM ANNEX**
- 25. RECREATION, EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY CENTER**
- 26. DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND CENTRAL RECEIVING**
- 27. FACILITIES SERVICES**
- 28. REGIONAL ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER**



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