

Welcome to Texas A&M University – Commerce. We are pleased that you have chosen our institution for your higher education needs. Here at A&M-Commerce, service is one of our top priorities. The University Police Department is responsible for law enforcement on the campus of A&M-Commerce. The Department is structured with several different divisions including patrol, criminal investigations, dispatch, administration, & security. The department is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We have a fully functional 911 system, and are capable of dispatching police, fire, and medical services.

The University Police Department maintains a close working relationship with all local law enforcement agencies in order to be aware of all potential threats to A&M-Commerce or its students, faculty, and staff. The department also monitors other law enforcement agencies in order to better detect criminal activities that occur at off-campus locations owned by officially recognized organizations of the university. All criminal activity that occurs on campus should be reported directly to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868, or in person. If the criminal activity is in progress, or is an emergency, please dial 911.

The patrol division consists of 12 Police Officers certified by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education. Our officers conduct preventative patrol on foot, vehicle and bicycle. These officers are the core of the department, and are the first line of defense for crime. These officers are often the first on a scene when other emergencies occur such as a fire, or a medical emergency. Because of this, each marked patrol car carries first aid equipment, an Automated External Defibrillator, and a fire extinguisher. Each officer must pass a rigorous background check, and meet our high standards prior to interview. Each officer has full law enforcement authority with powers of arrest.

The department's security division is responsible for overseeing the security of the universities facilities. These officers must also meet the department's high standards for its employees. Each security officer must pass an extensive background check, and receive 8 weeks of intensive training upon hiring. The Security Officers have no arrest authority, but do have authority to issue citations.

The department's dispatch division, are many people's first contact with the department when they are in need of assistance. Our dispatchers must also pass an intensive background check, and receive 4 weeks of on the job training. The Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Standards and Education certifies each dispatcher as a Telecommunicator. These dedicated individuals work around the clock to monitor the department's 911-system and police radio.

The department has a criminal investigations division, responsible for investigating all crimes reported to the University Police Department. The Criminal Investigation Division, or CID, also serves as crime victim assistance officers.

The remaining division, administration, serves in a support and leadership capacity to the rest of the department. The division consists of an Office Manager, an Administrative Assistant, a Public Relations Officer, an Assistant Chief, and the Chief of Police.

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- Keep a record of all your valuable property - especially serial numbers and model numbers. Keep these in a safe place away from your property. An engraver is available from the UPD and from the Department of Housing.

- In your car, keep all valuables out of sight; lock them in your trunk. Keep your car locked, and never leave your car running unattended.
- Bicycles should be securely locked in assigned areas.
- Report all suspicious persons or activity to the police immediately.
- For more information visit our web site at: [www7.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/](http://www7.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/)

### **University Safety Office**

The University has three full time Safety Officers. The Safety Officer for the university is responsible for all different aspects of safety on campus. The safety officer conducts inspections, investigations & safety programs, and maintains all records on accident injuries and worker's compensation reports.

The safety manager is responsible for the maintenance of all university fire extinguishers, fire drills, and hazard chemical right to know laws.

He assists the State Fire Marshall's Office on its periodic inspections and brings any infractions into compliance with National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code 101, and the State of Texas' Right to Know Law. [The University Safety Office may be reached at 903-886-5862.](tel:903-886-5862)

### **Reporting an Emergency, or Crime:**

911 should be used for all medical emergencies, crimes in progress, or fires. If you are on foot walking through the campus, look for one of the emergency phones. Emergency phones are quickly recognized by a distinctive blue light on top of each phone.

**Dialing 911 from a cellular phone:** It is important to note that when dialing 911 from a cellular phone, you may reach the Commerce Police, the Hunt County Sheriff's Department or other police department. Any of these agencies can give you assistance, but not calling UPD directly could result in a delayed response. To avoid any delays during an emergency, it is recommended that the UPD's off-campus emergency number be programmed into your phone. The number to call UPD in an emergency from a cellular phone is 903-886-5111.

To report a crime that has already occurred and that presents no immediate danger, call the University Police Department at 903-886-5868

All crimes that occur on campus should be reported to the University Police Department. Crimes that occur off campus should be reported to the local agency having jurisdiction. Persons wishing to report an off campus crime within the City of Commerce need to dial 903-886-1139 in order to receive prompt attention. Remember: dial 911 in any emergency.

Those persons wishing to report a crime anonymously or for statistical purposes only may contact the University Police Department during normal business hours at 903-886-5868.

### **Severe Weather:**

#### **Lightening:**

The university has a system in place called ThorGuard. ThorGuard is a lightening detection system that will sound through a series of air horns in the event that a weather conditions are conducive to a lightning strike. If such conditions exist, the system will sound a "red alert" consisting of one 15 second blast of airhorns located throughout campus. If ThorGuard goes into red alert, you should proceed immediately to an indoor location until an "all clear" is sounded. The all clear signal consists of 3 short 5 second blasts from the air horns.

#### **Tornado:**

The university also has an outdoor warning system that has sirens placed throughout the city. In the event of a tornado close to Commerce, this system will sound. The warning will consist of a siren that sounds for up to three minutes. There is no all clear.

For more information on these systems, visit [www.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/severeweather.html](http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/severeweather.html)

**Pride Alert Warning System (P.A.W.S.)**

Should a situation arise presenting an immediate danger to students, faculty and staff of Texas A&M-Commerce, immediate notification is done through direct phone calls. This system is called PAWS. Each employee and student are encouraged to sign up for this free service. For students, signup is done through MyLeo. Log into MyLeo and click 'options' then select PAWS. For employees, make sure your contact information is complete and accurate in HRConnect.

**Campus Facilities:**

The facilities at A&M-Commerce are well maintained. Security and safety are given constant attention. Students, faculty, and staff at A&M-Commerce have access to academic, recreational and administrative facilities on campus. Visitors have access to facilities officially opened for study, work or related functions. The general public can attend cultural and recreational events on campus with access limited to the facilities in which these events are held.

The Physical Plant Department maintains the university buildings and grounds while keeping safety and security in mind. The Physical Plant and the University Police monitor hazardous conditions, and repairs are promptly made when needed. Landscaping and out-door lighting are designed with security in mind. The landscape personnel trim shrubs from sidewalks, walkways and building entrances to provide well-lighted routes to buildings and parking lots. Emergency phones are also located throughout the main campus.

**Residence Halls:**

Texas A&M University-Commerce has many different residence halls including apartment units for upperclassmen. These residence halls accommodate three different life styles: Single-sex halls for women or men, coeducational halls, and family apartments. All freshmen are required to live in university housing, unless special permission is granted. All students have the opportunity to apply for university housing. Many students prefer to live in off-campus housing; however, the university does not provide supervision for off-campus housing. All crimes that occur at off campus housing should be referred to a law enforcement agency having jurisdiction.

Each residence hall is supervised by a professional Hall Director assisted by trained undergraduate resident assistants, all of whom live in the residence hall. A staff member is on call 24 hours a day in each large hall and apartment complex. These staff members undergo thorough training in enforcing housing rules, regulations and security policies. A night security student worker is on duty at night in large halls and apartment complexes. These student workers are not associated with the University Police Department, but are in phone contact with them. As a part of their responsibility for residence hall security, Resident Assistants and Hall Directors participate in lectures and seminars associated with safety and security. University administrators, police and safety officers provide instruction.

Only residents and their invited guests are permitted in the living areas of the residence halls. It is the responsibility of the residents to ensure that their guests are aware of the university and residence hall policies. It is the responsibility of every resident to inform their visitors that they need a special parking permit in order to park anywhere on the A & M Commerce campus. It is the responsibility of every resident to report individuals who cannot be identified as a resident or guest of a resident. When the UPD receives a report of an unescorted person in a residence hall, an officer is dispatched to identify that person.

Prairie Crossing offers unique apartment style living arrangements for honor students. Texas A&M-Commerce has leased floors three and four of this privately owned apartment complex. The department of Residence Life has a Hall Director assigned to this area and residence assistants are available around the clock. Law enforcement services for this apartment complex are offered by the Commerce Police Department, with routine safety checks performed by UPD. The Commerce Police Department can be reached at 903-886-1139.

## **Working to Prevent Crime:**

The University Police Department conducts many different crime prevention programs. These programs are done upon request. Some of the programs conducted include:

- Personal safety awareness
- Rape prevention
- Date rape
- Crime prevention of Burglary, Theft, and criminal mischief
- Bicycle Safety
- Almost any other topic by request.

In addition to these programs, crime prevention tips are available around the clock on the University Police Department's website at: [www.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/crime\\_prevention.htm](http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/crime_prevention.htm)

## **State Law and University Policies**

### **Substance Abuse Programs**

There are many different substance abuse education programs on campus. The Department of Housing, the Synergy Lab, and the Counseling Center conduct many of these programs. For more information on these programs, contact any of the previously mentioned departments.

### **Alcohol**

The use, possession and distribution of alcoholic beverages on university property must comply with Texas state law, local ordinances, and university policies and regulations. Misconduct may result in arrest, and or university disciplinary action and penalties. Among the violations that could result in penalties are:

- The purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of alcoholic beverages by anyone under the age of 21. (State Law)
- The furnishing of alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21. (State Law)
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to student rooms or apartments of individual students who are of legal age, and shall be subject to all requirements of state law, local laws and pertinent university regulations.

The complete policy on alcohol is located in the Student Guidebook, or on file with the Assistant Dean of Student's Office.

### **Drugs:**

The use, possession, consumption, sale, manufacture, or furnishing of illicit drugs and narcotics, including marijuana and drug paraphernalia, is prohibited by state law and university regulations. Violations may result in arrest and or suspension from the university for a definite period of time. In addition to possible school sanctions, and criminal penalties, those students convicted of a drug offense could become in eligible to receive federal aid money.

### **Weapons:**

The use, possession, or carrying of any kind of un-licensed firearm on any public school or institution of higher education property is a violation of state laws and university regulations. Violations may result in arrest, and or suspension from the university. The only exceptions are for authorized law enforcement officers, and in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Law.

**Note for concealed handgun carriers:** You may *NOT* possess your handgun within any building on the A&M-Commerce Campus.

### **Sexual Assault:**

Definitions:

Sexual Assault- generally defined as attempted or actual unwanted sexual activity.

### Forcible and Non Forcible Sex Offenses –

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Non Forcible sex offenses are acts of unlawful, non-forcible sexual intercourse such as incest and statutory rape.

Pursuant to the Sexual Assault Victim's bill of Rights, it becomes important to promote the reporting of all sex crime violations as well as to outline the procedures to facilitate the reporting of all alleged violations. Therefore, students are hereby informed of the following programs and options.

Educational Programs - Various programs addressing sexual assault, date rape, and related issues are presented throughout each academic year. Primarily the Counseling Center, the Student Activities Board, The Housing Dept., UPD, and other departments and agencies campus wide conduct these programs.

Procedures for Reporting Offenses - In those instances where sexual assault is alleged, the victim is strongly encouraged to report the incident to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868. The victim will be given information as to how to go about bringing formal charges against the accused. The victim will also be informed of the University Disciplinary Action that may be taken against the accused.

The importance of preserving physical evidence – If you, or someone you know, are a victim of a sexual assault, it is imperative that the victim be aware of methods to preserve physical evidence, even if they think they don't want to file charges.

- Don't destroy evidence by bathing, douching, washing hands, brushing teeth, changing clothes or linens, eating or drinking.
- DO notify someone immediately. It may help you if a friend or neighbor goes with you to the hospital and police.
- DO seek medical attention in the ER of a local hospital. You need to have a rape exam even if you decide not to press charges. The exam is used to collect evidence (which will be needed if you later decide to prosecute) as well as assure you that you did not sustain injuries, which may not be visible yet (i.e., internal injuries, bruises).
- DO call police as soon as possible. Even if you don't want to file any charges, you can file an informational report that may help police locate your attacker and protect others. Most rapists are repeat offenders!
- DO take a change of clothes with you to the hospital.
- DO write down the details about the rapist and the circumstances of the rape as soon as possible.
- DO call the Counseling Center in the Student Service Building if you need someone to talk to or answer questions or if you want someone from the center to accompany you to the hospital, police station, or courthouse. They can be reached at 886-5145. A counselor is automatically called 24 hours a day, 7 days a week if a sexual assaulted is reported to the UPD.

Changing Academic and or Living Arrangements - When appropriate, academic, and or on campus living arrangements may be modified as the direct result of a sexual assault. This action may be taken when requested by the victim and if such modifications are reasonable and available. These arrangements should be coordinated through the Dean of Students office.

Counseling Services - Those students who have become victims of a sex crime are eligible for and encouraged to take advantage of the counseling services offered by the Counseling Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Building. Counseling Center staff encourages victims of sexual assault to report the incident to the police department, even if it's anonymous, and merely for statistical purposes. Those wishing to report a crime for statistical purposes only should contact the Crime Information Officer at 903-886-5868. Counseling services are also extended to those accused of a sex crime.

Campus Disciplinary Procedures – When a student or groups of students stand in violation of the university code of conduct or State or Federal civil or criminal law, they may be subject to

university disciplinary action. Violations of law and of the standards of student conduct may be reported to the Dean of Students for consideration or referral. This does not preclude direct referral of such matters to appropriate disciplinary or judicial agencies by faculty, staff or students. The Dean of Students shall insure that the best interests of any offending students are served by making use of appropriate university counseling, professional services, and judicial agencies. In cases of alleged sex offenses;

The accuser and the accused are entitled to the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding;

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For more information on disciplinary procedures, consult the Student Guidebook, or the Dean of Students Office.

Possible Sanctions - Depending on the severity of the crime, those found guilty of a sex crime may face criminal charges, suspension or expulsion from the university, and or disciplinary probation.

### **Sex Offender Information**

In accordance with the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, sex offender information for the State of Texas may be found at:

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### **Crime Information and Statistics:**

The University Police Department publishes a press log to the Internet frequently. This log is available to members of the press and public on the Internet. This log identifies the type, location and time of each criminal incident reported. Any information deemed newsworthy is published by the *East Texan, Commerce Journal*, and released to *KETR radio station*. If a series of incidents occur that may be considered a threat to other members of the university community, timely reports will be made by notices on bulletin boards, memos, newspaper articles, radio news, TAMU-Commerce's website and through P.A.W.S. If you feel a timely warning must be issued to the university community, contact the Crime Information Officer at 903-886-5866.

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Obtaining a Police Report – Requests for police reports may be made online at <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/university/open-records.asp>.

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### **Further Information:**

For additional information, questions, or suggestions on campus safety, contact the University Police Department in Henderson Hall or visit [www7.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/](http://www7.tamu-commerce.edu/upd/)

# MetroPlex Campus

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## Campus Facilities:

The facilities at A&M-Commerce Metroplex campus are well maintained by Mesquite I.S.D. Security and safety are given constant attention. Mesquite I.S.D. and A&M-Commerce maintain the Metroplex Campus and grounds while keeping safety and security in mind. The metroplex campus has public safety officer on duty during classes and on Saturdays to help ensure safety.

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2007 Crime Statistics

Offense Type	A&M-Commerce Campus						Non Campus Building			Off Campus (Public Property)			Totals All Years and Locations
	2005		2006		2007		2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	
	Campus	Housing	Campus	Housing	Campus	Housing							
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses													
Forcible	3	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	14
Non-Forcible	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Aggravated Assault	0	0	1	1	5	5	0	2	1	1	0	0	16
Burglary	31	21	16	14	23	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Hate Crimes													
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Gender	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Orientation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Crimes By Year</b>	39	26	22	20	31	22	0	3	1	2	0	0	92
	39		22		31								92

MetroPlex Campus  
No reported crimes

MetroPlex Campus

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2005	2006	2007
No Reportable Offenses	No Reportable Offenses	No Reportable Offenses

Alcohol, Drugs & Weapons

Offense Type	A&M-Commerce Campus						Non Campus Building			Off Campus (Public Property)			Totals All Years and Locations
	2005		2006		2007		2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	
	Campus	Housing	Campus	Housing	Campus	Housing							
Arrests													
Liquor Laws	19	14	15	13	31	19	5	9	2	0	0	8	135
Drug Laws	15	13	20	16	9	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	82
Weapons Laws	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8
Referrals													
Liquor Laws	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
Drug Laws	2	2	13	12	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Weapons Laws	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Crimes</b>	37	30	50	42	65	48	5	11	2	0	0	12	
<b>By Year</b>	37		50		65								152