Goal 1: A safe and secure environment for students, faculty and staff

UTPD creates a safe, secure environment on campus through a variety of efforts, including crime prevention, criminal investigation, and community outreach.

Even Hungrier For Justice?

“Are you hungry for justice?” This is a question UTPD began asking campus in 2006 as part of the Hungry for Justice crime prevention campaign, which delivers a free pizza to anyone who reports suspicious activity and leads to the apprehension of a bicycle thief on campus. The campaign won multiple awards and achieved great success around the university, so the department decided to expand it in 2008 to encourage the reporting of all kinds of theft.

Officer Vivian Benavides took the lead in figuring out how to best market the campaign for the year and he notes, “Chief said it was time to broaden our horizons and offer a pizza to anyone who reports any type of theft.” It was also time to get the message out about the new aspects of Hungry for Justice, so Benavides researched shuttle-bus advertising and realized it would be a perfect way to reach the 7.5 million people who ride Capital Metro every year. He worked with the university’s design team to create overhead posters for the inside of shuttle buses, and UTPD put up posters in 93 shuttle buses before the start of the academic year in August 2008.

“The program has really encouraged campus to call in reports of suspicious activity and theft,” says Benavides, “and lately we’ve been getting people to stay on the phone with us until we arrive at the scene, giving us a play by play.” In fact, the campaign has been such a success that UTPD has given out about 30 pizzas since 2006; this means 30 people and counting have made calls that directly led to the apprehension of someone for stealing bicycles or other property on campus.

UTPD plans to continue promoting Hungry for Justice through shuttle posters and handouts in an effort to remind all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to report suspicious activities or theft. A UTPD officer will deliver a free pizza to anyone who reports a theft and leads to the apprehension of someone breaking the law on campus.
Benavides concludes, “Any time we can apprehend someone for stealing a community member’s property, it’s a success. We’re going down the right path with this program.”

Survey Says…Satisfaction Survey Results Are In!
UTPD did their first campus-wide satisfaction survey in March 2008, and plans to do the survey every three years from here on out as part of an accreditation requirement. The survey was administered online with 2,440 individuals responding, which is a statistically significant representation of the campus’ 21,000 faculty and staff and 50,000 students.

“The survey showed that overall our community has a positive attitude about UTPD and that they feel the campus is safe,” says Captain Julie Gillespie. “It’s our hope that we can use this survey as a tool to determine what we’re doing well and what areas we can better serve our community.”

These tables are just a few examples of the outstanding feedback UTPD received.

Chief Meets with Deans
Chief Dahlstrom meets with the university’s 17 deans every spring, a tradition he began upon joining the department in 2006. During these meetings he checks in with the deans about concerns in their buildings and reviews emergency plans with them. “It’s a status-check meeting,” says Dahlstrom, “and this year I also used it as
an opportunity to let them know about the Shots Fired video.”

**Shots Fired Video: Preparing Campus for the Unthinkable**

In the spring of 2008, the university purchased rights to two versions of the informational video “Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes.” These videos detail what to do in the event that there is an active shooter in a classroom or office setting, and UTPD’s hope is that the campus will gain a sense of security from the practical tips offered.

Anyone with a university EID can watch the videos online, but UTPD decided to be really proactive and developed two programs to promote the videos. One asks people to watch the video online before attending a presentation and lecture. The other shows the video at the presentation then includes a 30-45 minute discussion about what to do in an active shooter situation. UTPD encourages people on campus to request these presentations, and the program has already been very popular with student and faculty/staff organizations; in fact, the Crime Prevention Unit presented the video 23 times in 2008.

“I really enjoy it and it’s an excellent program,” says Officer Bill Pieper, who led many of the demonstrations in 2008. In the presentation, officers teach people about the three “outs” they have when faced with an active shooter situation. These include:

- Get out of the building that the active shooter is in, if it is safe to do so.
- If you can’t get out, find a secure room and block yourself in, thereby keeping the shooter out. (Officers remind people to always turn off their cell phones, pagers, and other devices that may make noise and alert the shooter to their location.)
- The final out is to take the shooter out by throwing things at him/her. Officers also encourage people to take self-defense courses so they’ll know what to do.

The most popular part of these presentations is an interactive demonstration with two audience volunteers. One volunteer acts as the shooter and is given a foam-dart gun, while the other volunteer acts as the victim. Unbeknownst to the “shooter,” officers give the “victim” a foam ball and the “victim” throws the ball at the “shooter”
when he/she approaches with the foam-dart gun. Nine times out of 10, the “shooter” ducks, illustrating how effective it is to throw things at an active shooter. Pieper affirms, “People really like this interactive part of the presentation because it puts what they’ve learned into practice. I think the videos and the presentation help people feel secure and prepared to deal with the unthinkable.”

Joint Terrorism Task Force
Officer Layne Brewster-Smith was assigned to the Central Texas Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) in February 2008, becoming a liaison between UTPD and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In her new role, Brewster-Smith is part of the country’s front line against terrorism and serves alongside 3,723 other JTTF members nationwide.

“It is an honor to serve on the Central Texas Joint Terrorism Task Force,” says Brewster-Smith. “We investigate terrorism, collect and share intelligence, and respond to threats and incidents at a moment’s notice, but the most important thing we do is diligently communicate with the FBI in order to protect our community.”

Brewster-Smith is UTPD’s third-ever JTTF officer, and she also serves in the FBI’s Campus Liaison Initiative (CLI). Through the CLI, she works as a liaison between the FBI and all the colleges and universities in the Austin area. Her efforts with the CLI help increase cooperation and information sharing among campuses and JTTFs, in an effort to thwart soft-target vulnerabilities and detect, deter and disrupt extremist activity on campuses.

There are currently 102 JTTF organizations in cities around the country. These local branches are coordinated through the National Joint Terrorism Task Force, an interagency group that ensures smooth communication between the JTTFs nationwide. The National Joint Terrorism Task Force was established in July 2002 to combine the resources of federal, state, and local law enforcement. It is led by the Justice Department and FBI, and about 40 other agencies are now represented in the National Joint Terrorism Task Force. Brewster-Smith says, “I am proud to represent UTPD on the task force, and it is my hope that the work I do will create a heightened sense of security for the university and the greater Austin area.”
Setting Realistic Crime-Reduction Goals
Chief Dahlstrom challenged everyone in UTPD to reduce campus crime by 5% in 2008. Although some might say this initiative fell short because crime went up by 24%, Dahlstrom asserts that setting a specific, attainable goal to work toward was a positive thing for the department. “Having a concrete, realistic goal meant officers were doing specific things to achieve that goal,” says Dahlstrom. “There are a lot of factors that play into our numbers, such as how many home football games we have in a year, so the best thing we can do is put in our full effort. Now we can try to meet that number next year.”

Campus Crime by the Numbers
In spite of the overall rise in crime during 2008, there are the following positive statistics to report for the year:

• Reported arsons were the lowest in 2008 than in any of the three previous years.
• Criminal mischief and graffiti reports were at a low. These reports declined 26% during 2005 and have steadily dropped every year since.
• Clearance rates increased, which means a high number of cases were resolved due to an arrest being made, charges being dropped by a victim, or the case being closed for any other reason. These rates have increased steadily since 2005 thanks to exceptional work from the Criminal Investigation Unit and everyone else in UTPD.

Making a Difference with Make Your Mark
A great way to prevent theft is to engrave your property with your state-issued ID or drivers’ license number, because this makes your belongings less appealing to thieves and raises the chances of having your property returned to you if stolen. People don’t always know where to find engravers or how to use them, though, so UTPD took great strides to make engravers accessible to the university community this year.

In August of 2008, UTPD teamed up with the Division of Housing and Food Service to provide engravers at all residence halls, which was a great innovation because it made engraving property as simple as going to a dorm check-in desk. Although this initiative made it very convenient for students to use engravers to mark property with their state-issued ID numbers, UTPD quickly
realized students weren’t taking advantage of this new service. “We needed to step up awareness of the engravers and teach students how to use them,” says Officer Bill Pieper, “and that’s why we created the Make Your Mark program.”

Make Your Mark is a campaign through which UTPD hosts engraving parties in campus dorms. At the parties, people learn about the engravers and practice on scrap metal and plastic so they become comfortable engraving things. Students can even engrave their property at the parties while UTPD officers are there to help them. Pieper notes, “We had a couple engraving parties in the fall of 08 and hope to have lots more in Fall 09.”

Encouraging members of the university community to engrave their property has been a goal of UTPD for many years, and it’s clear that they’ve come a long way. People used to only be able to check out engravers from the UTPD building, but the department eventually realized nobody wanted to come all the way to UTPD just to engrave their property. This sparked the Resident Assistants’ Association from the Division of Housing and Food Service to purchase 40 engravers for the residence halls, and now engravers are even available in university apartments. With the new education programs, the rest is history: students can now borrow an engraver from their dorms’ check-in desks to engrave their property at any time, and dorm residents can also request UTPD host a Make Your Mark party in their residence hall.

“There are lots of options now, and the important thing is just for people to use engravers to mark property,” concludes Pieper.

Goal 2: A professionally accredited organization

Over the course of 2008, UTPD worked hard to maintain CALEA accreditation and achieve additional accreditation with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Keeping Current: Moving from CALEA 4th to 5th Edition

UTPD has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since July 28, 2007. The department earned this
accreditation by meeting 446 standards from the fourth edition of CALEA’s manual, so, when CALEA came out with a fifth edition in 2008, this meant UTPD had to do some legwork to make sure they were in compliance with the new edition’s standards.

Lieutenant Amber Calvert went through standard by standard, and converted documentation to match CALEA’s fifth edition. The fifth edition added new standards that required new policies and some of the changes necessitated gathering different proofs of UTPD’s compliance with certain standards. Calvert notes, “In some instances, a simple word change in CALEA’s fifth edition required a lot of work to meet the edited standard. Some standards also stopped being optional, so I had to make sure we met them and stayed in compliance.”

UTPD is now up to date with CALEA’s fifth edition, and Calvert is confident that they’re in good standing for reaccreditation in 2010. “We’ve been really diligent about updating our documentation, so proving that we meet and even exceed CALEA’s standards should be no problem,” concludes Calvert.

**Meeting Other-Than-Mandatory Standards**

CALEA has many other-than-mandatory standards, and CALEA-accredited police departments are allowed to not meet 20% of those standards. “These are called twenty-percenters,” explains Lieutenant Amber Calvert, “and we tried to reduce our twenty-percenters in 2008.”

One other-than-mandatory CALEA standard UTPD began meeting in 2008 is the standard of consulting with media on policies. UTPD met this standard by sending out their media policy to get input from the media.

An additional other-than-mandatory standard UTPD met in 2008 is the standard of having a checklist to aid officers in investigations at crime scenes. UTPD put together a “Crime Scene Processing Manual” that tells officers how to deal with information they gather. “This is a checklist that really helps officers out on the street, and it was far and above our biggest accomplishment in meeting an other-than-mandatory standard this year,” says Calvert.
International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators

UTPD was accredited by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) on May 12, 2008. IACLEA uses standards from CALEA and adds standards of their own that they think are important to universities. Examples of university-specific standards include: call boxes, updating crime reports according to the Clery Act, and providing timely warnings of crimes on campus.

The department was ahead of the game when it came to meeting the timely-notification standard thanks to Mobile Campus and the university’s sirens, and UTPD wrote a policy on timely notifications. UTPD’s quest for IACLEA accreditation also went hand-in-hand with the effort to reduce their CALEA twenty-percenters, because many of IACLEA’s mandatory standards are other-than-mandatory for CALEA. “We were definitely in good shape when we went into the IACLEA accreditation process,” agrees Lieutenant Amber Calvert, who anticipates that the department’s CALEA and IACLEA accreditations will bolster each other in the years to come.

What’s the difference between IACLEA and CALEA?

IACLEA differs from CALEA in that it is college focused, whereas CALEA applies to all law enforcement agencies.

IACLEA is an association that advances public safety for educational institutions by providing educational resources, advocacy, and professional development services. Today, IACLEA membership represents more than 1,200 colleges and universities in 20 countries. In addition to these colleges and universities, IACLEA has 2,200 individual memberships held by campus law enforcement staff members, criminal justice faculty members, and municipal chiefs of police.

CALEA is the internationally recognized authority on law enforcement standards, and UTPD is proud to be among the more than 700 elite law enforcement agencies in the United States that are CALEA accredited. CALEA accreditation represents UTPD’s professionalism and the ways in which the department’s vigilant prevention, enforcement and community presence measure up to CALEA’s 446 standards.

UTPD will seek reaccreditation with both IACLEA and
CALEA every three years, and will demonstrate their continued compliance with required standards when they reapply for accreditation in 2010.

Chief Appointed to IACLEA Commission
Chief Dahlstrom was appointed to the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) Accreditation Commission in 2008. It is an eight-person committee that meets twice a year and is responsible for approving police organizations that apply for accreditation. They also make changes to accreditation standards according to the Clery Act. Dahlstrom’s duties involve numerous conference calls and two in-person meetings a year, which take place in various international locations.

Goal 3: Manage and build a professional policing organization

UTPD gets their strength from recruiting, training, and retaining exceptional staff members. As the following stories show, UTPD’s improvements in 2008 involved not only the professional development of employees but also the renovation of the department’s physical facilities.

Building Renovations Bring UTPD to Cutting Edge of Technology
The UTPD station underwent some major renovations that began in December 2007 and ended in July 2008. The entire station essentially got an overhaul, but the most notable renovations were made to the emergency operations center (EOC), training room, and dispatch center. Prior to this there were several years of planning and coming up with the funding for the renovation project, which Chief Dahlstrom says, “Has been a great improvement that supports our efforts to make the UT campus the safest in America.”

Thanks to the renovations, UTPD is now on the forefront of technology, and Dahlstrom notes, “We were incredibly lucky throughout this process to have the tireless help of Dr. Kurt Bartelmehs, assistant vice president for the ACES
IT Group.” Although Bartelmehs works in a different part of the university from UTPD, he volunteered his time after work to help plan and execute the renovations, and Assistant Chief of Police Terry McMahan concurs, “He put in countless hours of his own time and we’ve become so modern because of his expertise.”

Bartelmehs put together plans for the station’s electronic equipment configuration and wiring, transforming the dispatch center from a cramped, overheated room of tangled wires into an efficient space with a separate equipment room and locked equipment racks at each station. He also created last-minute architectural designs to add a hallway attaching the two sides of the building. UTPD initially did not think it was possible to do this without cutting through classrooms or the EOC, so the hallway was not included in the original renovation plans; however, Bartelmehs found a way to add the hallway and give UTPD staff members more direct access to each other’s offices.

“Due in large part to Dr. Bartelmehs, UTPD has come from almost everything being on paper to everything being computerized over the past few years. The renovation really gave us enhancements and efficiency,” McMahan continues. An example of this efficiency is that officers no longer have to come back to the UTPD headquarters to write a report because the building’s new technology allows them to do it on the computers in their cars.

New and Improved Training Room
Before the renovations, UTPD had one big training room and a smaller conference room that was also used for training. This caused conflicts for large training sessions happening on the same day, but the new training room accommodates about 60 people and includes portable walls that allow the department to section off rooms to create multiple spaces. Thanks to this versatile innovation, the space is now perfect for several medium-sized training sessions or one large training event. “Our ability to utilize this building for training and other functions is now off the charts,” says McMahan.

Dispatch Before and After
The dispatch center allows UTPD to give campus weather warnings, activate the outdoor-warning sirens and respond to reported incidents on campus quickly. In
fact, Dahlstrom remarks, “Dispatchers are the behind-the-scenes heroes, because if we ever have an emergency they’re the ones who handle it and coordinate the services.” Before the renovations, however, dispatchers did not have an optimum environment to operate out of, because the dispatch center was housed in a 10x10 room of outdated equipment that easily overheated. Now, color-coded wires run neatly under the floor, allowing for easy equipment additions and other ITS adjustments, and many people speculate that the space is one of the nation’s top dispatch centers.

EOC and Conference Room
The renovated conference room now has the latest and greatest capabilities for Webinars and conference calling, and this technology allows UTPD to easily convert the space into the campus EOC. “Football games, commencement, Explore UT, and Texas Relays—these are all times when we set up a full-blown EOC—and the new space has worked really well for us so far,” remarks Dahlstrom. The conference room also has portable walls like those of the training room that can divide the room into two separate conference spaces or be opened up when housing the EOC and big meetings.

Big Year for Hiring
2008 was a big year for hiring, considering there were 39 new hires for UTPD’s 140-person department. This means UTPD recruited and trained enough new hires to fill about 28% of their workforce in this year alone.

These new hires included 22 guards, two communication operators, one communication supervisor, 12 Officers, and two sergeants. Although it may seem unusual to hire two new sergeants in one year, these sergeants were promoted from within UTPD to replace one sergeant who retired and one who transferred to UT System. The sergeants and all other new hires underwent specialized training for their positions, and UTPD is proud that their newest employees come from diverse backgrounds that reflect the unique fabric of the campus they serve.

Taking the Lead…UTPD Takes Active Role in Leadership Development
Over the years, UTPD has played a major role in creating the university’s Aspire Leadership Development Program, so it was a proud moment when they had their first graduate of the program in 2008. The graduate was Officer
Darrell Halstead, who successfully completed an intensive six months of development training through Aspire.

“We structured the program as half a year long with just six people going through at a time so it would be very personalized,” says Captain Julie Gillespie, a key member of the University Operations portfolio’s Leadership Council. “Officer Halstead got a lot out of the program, and I think that’s a testament to what we’ve done to create a really effective, valuable leadership development experience.”

Gillespie was asked to become a founding member of the Leadership Council in 2006 when Pat Clubb, vice president for University Operations, decided to research starting a leadership program for her portfolio. The council soon turned to Lominger, a company that specializes in leadership and talent consulting, and, together with Elida Lee of Human Resource Services, they came up with the idea for Aspire.

Aspire has breakthrough workshops and reading groups to meet the needs of a variety of employees wishing to advance their careers, and Gillespie says, “We’ve had several UTPD members participate in the workshops and reading groups, and they’ve all given the program positive feedback.”

The Leadership Growth Program, from which Halstead graduated, is the most intense branch of Aspire and attracts a select group of high-performing employees from across the University Operations portfolio. Participants have a chance to work closely with a director from somewhere else in the portfolio, who mentors them while they complete a special project that helps them hone a leadership skill set. Three groups have gone through the program thus far, and Gillespie hopes to celebrate the graduation of more UTPD employees in the future. “It’s our goal to improve leadership within the department, and me being on the council gives us that extra push to put people through the program,” says Gillespie.
“It’s all about identifying key individuals with potential to put in the leadership pipeline,” Gillespie concludes. “I think the Aspire program can mean great things for the future of UTPD, because it gives employees a chance to challenge themselves and grow into the kinds of leaders our organization needs.”

**Chief Serves on TCLEOSE Advisory Board**

Chief Robert Dahlstrom was appointed to the TCLEOSE Advisory Board for the UT System Police Academy in 2008. TCLEOSE is the state licensing board for Texas and is made up of mostly civilians and just a few police officers. The board gives oversight to training at the UT System Academy. They review the results of the academy, as well as admissions requests, the academy’s curriculum, and service training requests for people who are already officers.

**Assistant Chief Attends FBI National Academy**

Assistant Chief of Police Terry McMahan trained at the prestigious FBI National Academy in January-March 2008. While at the program in Quantico, VA, McMahan studied executive leadership, interpersonal communications, forensic science, legal issues, ethical dilemmas and physical conditioning.

“I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to do the three-month program at the FBI Academy,” says McMahan. “You get a chance to talk with people from all over the United States and internationally, and this gave me a sense of what other police organizations are doing.”

McMahan waited four years to get into the program, but many people have to wait five. The academy holds four sessions a year and the program is geared toward officers who are at a command-staff level. McMahan’s class consisted of 300 people from all 50 states (eight of them Texans) and about 20 countries.

“Although we learned a lot about ongoing issues in our field, this program was even more helpful in terms of networking with law enforcement from other cities,” notes McMahan. “Seeing what other police organizations do really gave me an appreciation for The University of Texas Police Department.”
What’s up in 2008?
Happenings, memberships and awards

Crime Prevention Programs
The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) implemented the following new or ongoing programs on campus in 2008.

Campus Watch – This is an award-winning program that has been highlighted in the Austin-American Statesman, Chronicle of Higher Education, and ESPN radio. Campus Watch is an e-mail that presents selected information about recent crimes reported to or observed by UTPD in the campus area on a daily basis. Anyone can subscribe to receive the e-mail, and people can also read the Campus Watch archives on the UTPD Web site. The e-mail has garnered a large following thanks to its humor and useful safety tips, and there were 9,504 Campus Watch subscribers at the end of 2008.

Safety Week – Student Government teams up with UTPD and other departments across campus to host this event at the beginning of each March. CPU participates in various ways, including information tables, RAD demonstrations, Fatal Vision, Star Cart activities, and Special Response Team demonstrations. This year, they even held a dinner where community members had a chance to meet and talk with Chief Dahlstrom.

Get Street Smart – This presentation offers basic crime prevention tips about how to protect one’s self and property, and includes tips on how to prevent theft and auto burglaries. It also gives information about recommended locks for bikes and gym lockers, and gives insight into personal safety and personal weapons. UTPD averages about 75-80 presentations of this type per year.

Before and After – This is a video that illustrates the real-life consequences of drinking and driving. The Texas Department of Transportation developed the powerful video using the true story of Jacqui Saburido, a young woman badly burned in a drunk-driving crash, and Reggie Stephy, the teen driver who caused the crash. Any university organization can check out the video, and it is
generally checked out an average of three or four times a year.

*Fatal Vision* – This presentation centers on the extreme danger of binge drinking, and it is named after the technology that makes it possible—fatal vision goggles. When a participant wears the goggles, they get a chance to experience the dangers of impairment from drugs and alcohol without suffering the all-too-real consequences. Thanks to the fatal vision goggles, participants come away with a first-hand account of the ways alcohol impairs driving skills, coordination, and personal judgment. This is a popular program and CPU officers present it about 30-35 times per year.

*Star Cart* – This presentation is similar to the “Fatal Vision” presentation, but bigger. Individuals view the “Before and After” video, don the fatal vision goggles and attempt to maneuver a golf cart through a driving course. This gives participants the opportunity to see how alcohol impacts them in real-life driving scenarios. CPU offers this presentation four to five times a year at large events.

*Drug Program for Resident Assistants* – This educational presentation provides the university’s resident assistants (RAs) with information to help them identify and recognize illegal/illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia. The presentation includes a controlled marijuana burn, and it is presented to all new RA staff each year.

*Office Safety* – This presentation for office employees gives tips about protecting departmental or personal property, and preventing theft and office burglaries. In addition, officers present safe cash handling techniques and offer tips on addressing suspicious people. CPU averages about 15 of these presentations per year.

*Workplace Violence* – This program includes office safety tips, such as handling suspicious or disruptive people, personal safety, and personal weapons. Participants are instructed on how to recognize, report, and defuse anger before it turns violent, and they also learn verbal judo skills, mitigation techniques and reporting practices. The program can run from one hour to four hours depending on the needs of the audience, and CPU presented this program three times in 2008.
VIN Etching – The Crime Prevention Unit works with Austin Police Department to arrange for VIN etching on or near campus. This gives students a chance to etch their vehicle identification number on the window of their vehicles for theft prevention and recovery purposes. It is a free service and is well received.

Behavior Concerns Advice Line – CPU works with the Dean of Students Office, Counseling and Mental Health Services, and the Employee Assistance Program to educate the university about recognizing the warning signs that individuals may be capable of violence. CPU officers and their campus partners provide presentations introducing the community to the Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL), the telephone line that students, faculty and staff can call to discuss concerns about an individual’s behavior. Trained staff members are available to assist callers in exploring available options and strategies 24/7, and people can reach the advice line anytime at 512-232-BCAL (5050).

Rape Aggression Defense – UTPD has trained women in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) since 2001, and the number of RAD-certified women on the university campus has multiplied every year since. The training program is free, and it teaches women simple self-defense skills that are empowering and have proved effective against various types of assault. Female students, faculty and staff can learn more or enroll in a RAD course on the UTPD Web site.

Community Involvement

UTPD reached out to make the community safer, happier, and healthier with the following programs this year.

National Night Out – National Night Out (NNO) is a large event on campus and at University Apartments that focuses attention on Neighborhood Crime Watch and other anti-crime programs. UTPD assists with all NNO events in partnership with Student Government, Recreational Sports, University Apartments, and several other campus groups. The Crime Prevention Unit, Patrol Officers and Command Staff attend both on-campus and off-campus events to meet students, staff and faculty and show unity against crime. UTPD also manages games, door prizes, and information tables for the events.

Orange Santa – UTPD has been donating bicycles to the university’s Orange Santa program since 2002, and they have progressed from donating 19 bikes their first
year to donating 200 in 2008. They raised money for the bikes through a variety of fundraising efforts, including departmental donations, sausage wrap sales, and—the biggest funding contributor—departmental staff, family and friends volunteering to clean the football stadium after home games. Their goal is to eventually be able to donate 500 bikes a year to children in the university community via Orange Santa.

**Committee Memberships and Associations**

UTPD held the following memberships and was affiliated with the following associations in 2008.

*Central Texas Crime Prevention Association*
*Texas Crime Prevention Association*
*Education Council (UT Elementary School)*
*Sexual Violence Primary Planning Prevention Task Force of Travis County*
*University of Texas Apartment Advisory Board*
*Voices Against Violence*
*UT Shuttle Bus Committee*
*UT Bicycle Committee*
*University Area Partners*
*West Campus Apartment Coalition*
*Travis County Underage Drinking Task Force*

**Awards**

UTPD was honored with the following awards and distinctions in 2008.

*National Night Out All Star Award*
*Central Texas Crime Prevention Association Awards*

Chief Dahlstrom – *Administrator of the Year*
Layne Brewster-Smith – *Willie Tisdale Award*
UTPD – *Best Overall Department*
Campus Watch – *Best Overall Crime Prevention Program*
Campus Watch – *Best Overall Media*
Hungry For Justice – *Outstanding Program Award*
UTPD – *Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency*