

UAB Campus Watcher

Knowledge that will change your world

An update of the UAB Police Department | Editor: Bethany Nixon | Campus Watch Coordinator: Tonya Webb



WHAT IS CAMPUS WATCH?

Campus Watch is a program sponsored by the UAB Police Department that applies the Neighborhood Watch concept to the campus and medical center environment. The program encourages UAB students, faculty and staff to take an active role in the fight against crime.

Did you know?

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Campus Watch Meetings 2015 PHB Room 204 9:00 a.m.

- Feb. 10
- May 12
- Aug. 11
- Oct. 13

2014-15 Police Advisory Meetings PHB Room 204, 1:00 p.m.

- Nov. 11
- Feb. 17
- May 19
- Aug. 18

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey



*Blazer Eyes Are
Watching You*



The unsung heroes of public safety

The UAB Police Department Communications Unit provides services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the UAB community, averaging about 150,000 calls a year.

The unit is led by supervisor Tommie Lovell Reese Jr. and staffed by 12 dispatchers: Aloysius M. Colin, Amber D. Webb, Ashley M. Johnson, Demetrius L. Walton, Joshua I. Moore, Natalie P. Cooper, Rhonda R. Batey, Savannah Tucker, Sheila F. Henry, Teneka Alston, Valeire D. Henderson and D'Yauna Wells.

When we think of first responders, most people think firefighters, paramedics and police officers. In actuality dispatchers are the first responders. They are the first person the public comes in contact with when requesting emergency assistance. Without dispatchers, help may never arrive. The communications unit can be viewed as the eyes and ears of the public. They paint a picture of the scene for the firefighters, paramedics, police officers and other emergency responders.

A dispatcher has to connect the anxious conversations of terrified victims, angry informants, suicidal citizens or upset officers while being a calming influence to them all. They are expected to do multiple things at once and do them as best as they can. For example: While questioning a frantic caller, they must type the information into a computer, signal another dispatcher, put another caller on hold and listen to an officer run a plate for traffic or parking violations. To miss the plate numbers is to raise the officer's ire and to miss the caller's information may be to endanger the same officer's life.

To sum it all up, dispatchers have two constant companions — other dispatchers and stress. They depend on one and try to ignore the other. They are chastened by upset callers, taken for granted by the public and criticized by the officers. One of the only rewards is knowing you did what you had to do and you did it well.

If you should ever find yourself needing fire, medical, or police assistance, remember the unsung hero of public safety.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- UAB Campus Watch
- UAB Police Advisory Board
- Rape Aggression Defense
- Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- Get Mugged Campaign
- Workplace & Domestic Violence
- Personal Safety Awareness Seminar

For information, call 934-2409 or go to www.uab.edu/police

POLICE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

UAB Police Department
1117 14th Street South
Birmingham, AL 35205-2130

Emergency 934-3535

Non-Emergency: 934-4434

Chief: 934-2297

Lost & Found: 934-4649

Records & Reports Information
Fax: 975-6472
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Special Lock & Unlock Requests
934-5315

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Holiday Safety Tips:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — pot-holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains — away from your stove top and oven or any other appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.
- Keep your money, keys, ID, etc., in separate pockets if possible.
- Don't buy more than you can carry.
- Carry your purse or bag close to your body.
- Plan a designated meet up time and place; not all stores have good cell reception.
- Put your purchases in the trunk.
- If traveling, make sure your car is well equipped for travel. Check the tire tread, battery, antifreeze, windows, and brakes. Also make sure you have a jack and lug wrench and that your spare is properly inflated.
- Always have your cellphone on you.
- Keep a safety kit in your vehicle. The kit should include a flashlight with extra batteries, jumper cables, first aid kit, water, non-perishable food items, matches, blankets, and flares or other warning devices. You should also include an ice scraper.
- While you are away make it look like someone is home. Leave a car parked in the driveway, if possible or have someone pick up your mail.

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TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

The UAB Campus Watcher newsletter is available at several locations around the UAB campus. If you would like to obtain a copy or have questions or comments, please contact **Tonya Webb** at 934-2409. If you would like more information about Campus Watch or about the UAB Police Department, you may visit us at www.uab.edu/police.