

# UAB Campus Watcher

Knowledge that will change your world

An update of the UAB Police and Public Safety Department | Editor: Tonya Webb | 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 prevention of crime.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### RAD gives women tools to defend themselves

UAB's free self-defense and awareness training teaches women the essentials of fighting back and fighting back effectively. **See for yourself** in this video. Upcoming class dates are September 17-19. Call Tonya Webb, 934-2409, or Deputy Chief Zandral Washington, 996-2247, to register.

### Campus Watch Meetings 2018

UABPD Room 208, 9 a.m.

- Aug. 7
- Oct. 9

### Police Advisory Meetings 2018

UABPD Room 208, 1 p.m.

- Aug. 14
- Oct. 16



*Blazer Eyes Are Watching You*



## Safety is more than a word — it is our mission

Effective April 5, 2018, Vice President Allen Bolton made several organizational changes in Financial Affairs and Administration to enhance campus security and increase efficiency and effectiveness across our department.

As part of the reorganizations, Bolton dissolved the Division of Business and Auxiliary Services and moved Emergency Management and Physical Security, which includes Radio Paging and the OneCard office, to the Police Department to enhance coordination among public safety professionals. As a result, the department has been renamed UAB Police and Public Safety.

Also in the reorganization, Parking and Transportation and Real Estate merged into the Facilities Division, UAB Educational Foundation and Shipping and Receiving were moved into Financial Affairs, the operation of Bartow Arena was transferred to UAB Athletics and UAB Barnes & Noble Bookstore and the UAB Print Shop were aligned with the Office of the Vice President.

The reorganization includes the addition of a Communications Specialist, who reports directly to the Assoc. VP & Chief, Anthony B. Purcell. This specialist will be responsible for executing communications strategies and programs to influence employee engagement, increase employee knowledge and share key departmental/division messages; to draft, edit and deliver employee messaging through available media, including print media advertisements, e-publications, websites, intranet content, social media, database-driven web content, change-management communications, presentations, other employee messaging and materials and ongoing internal communications; to make best use of available technologies and ensure integrated internal presentations of UAB brand; and to gather and analyze data on communications effectiveness and recommend improvements to external reach and readership.

**STOP! THINK! ACT!**

**For assistance, please call UAB Police Communications:**

**Emergency: 934-3535 Non-Emergency: 934-4434**

## CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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

For information, call 934-2409 or go to [www.uab.edu/police](http://www.uab.edu/police)

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# 6 ways to prepare for fire emergencies



As summer approaches and Alabama's normally lush green grass gets drier, it can be normal to see a **burn restriction** from the Alabama Forestry Commission. But UAB's location in the concrete jungle of Birmingham's Southside doesn't mean there is no risk for fire. Fire preparedness is key when working in high-rise buildings filled with electrical items, and UAB has several resources that, when coupled with personal initiatives, can help keep employees safe during a fire emergency.

### Keep an eye on your appliances.

Keep any flammable item at least three feet from anything that gets hot, and avoid overloading outlets and extension cords, Tell **UAB Facilities** if you see frayed cords, exposed wires, loose plugs or electric outlets without cover plates.

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If you are in a large building. UAB Occupational Health and Safety post signs to help locate the extinguishers. The U.S. Department of Labor recommends using the PASS technique when operating a fire extinguisher: Pull the pin, aim low, squeeze the handle and sweep side to side.

### Know the fire emergency action plan for your building.

UAB also has its own basic emergency response plan for building evacuations. Always keep hallways or stairwells free of bicycles or other equipment to make evacuation easier, and do not attach them to fire equipment.

### Keep gear in your office in case of an emergency.

Store a pair of heavy-duty footwear in your office in case of a difficult evacuation. Bottled water, a first-aid kit and a whistle to signal for help are also recommended items in **ready.gov's build a Kit checklist**.

### Know where UAB's 490-plus Help Phones are located.

**Help Phones** are a direct link to UAB Police and are monitored 24 hours a day. To operate Help Phones in metal boxes, open the door and pick up the handset. To use the smaller, yellow Help Phones, press the red button once and wait for a dispatcher to answer. Elevator Help Phones are located behind a metal panel; to use, lift the handset and wait for the dispatcher.

### Sign up for B-ALERT.

Stay alert even if a fire isn't happening in your unit's building. UAB's Emergency Management Team uses its emergency notification system to communicate through voice calls, SMS text messages and emails to the entire campus. You should routinely check your B-alert settings to make sure the contact information is correct.

Learn more at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter).

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The UAB Campus Watcher newsletter is available at several locations around the UAB campus, including the UABPD web site. 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 & Public Safety Department, you may visit us at [www.uab.edu/police](http://www.uab.edu/police).