UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ARLINGTON | POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Distinguished Faculty,

We need your help. We pride ourselves on having a safe campus community, but each of us has a responsibility to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor, a tornado or even a train derailment. The women and men of the UTA Police Department work diligently to protect our campus and prepare for situations that could confront our community, but we simply cannot do it alone. Your role and assistance is a critical component in reaching and informing each student attending courses on campus.

We are seeking your assistance in delivering critical safety information to our students on effective options and actions they could employ if faced with an active aggressor or other threat. The following link includes information to be included in your syllabi and a lesson plan to help you facilitate in-depth conversations about safety with your students. https://www.uta.edu/campus-ops/police/crime-prevention/active-shooter-threat-resources The information being provided will also equip you with information to make the best decisions regarding your safety and the safety of your colleagues. You can help improve the safety preparedness of your students by:

- Including the attached material into your syllabus each semester
- Thoughtfully discussing this information with your students during the first days of class

Your commitment to help educate our students on this vital safety information will provide the foundation for an effective response in the event we are ever faced with an emergency. Please emphasize to them that taking a test, attending class, or getting permission from a professor to leave does not take priority over their safety during an active threat on campus. They should commit to their safety, and follow instructions or until the “all clear” is given. Thank you for your contribution to ensuring the safety and security of our campus community.

If you are interested in additional information related to this initiative, you can reach us via email at policedepartment@uta.edu. We are also available for in-person presentations about this or other safety topics.

Sincerely,

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