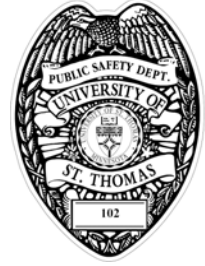


UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN – MARCH 5, 2009

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

As the mid-term break approaches and students prepare to travel, Public Safety would like to inform the University of St. Thomas community of a travel alert issued by the U.S. Department of State on 02/20/2009. The alert specifically references a recent increase in violence in Mexico, a common spring break destination for college students.

More information about the travel alert and spring break travel can be found at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_3028.html

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/spring_break_mexico/spring_break_mexico_2812.html

Travel safety tips:

- Do not bring an excessive amount of valuables or cash.
- Ideally bring travelers checks and/or credit cards in lieu of cash.
- Try to travel as lightly as possible. This will allow you move better and quicker, and you will have fewer items to set down or monitor.
- Avoid carrying handbags, fanny packs, or other loose bags that can make for easy targets for thieves.
- Use special pouches or money belts for carrying items on your person.
- If available, store valuables in hotel safes.
- Keep any medications stored in their original labeled containers. Bring prescriptions. Keep items you could need access to in carry-on bags.
- Make sure all luggage has proper ID tags.
- Keep a photocopy of your passport and all travel documents with yourself and with friends or family in case you lose originals while traveling.
- When you are traveling abroad, you are subject to the laws of the country you are visiting. Learn about local laws and customs prior to traveling internationally.
- The Department of State's Overseas Citizens Services can be reached at 1-888-407-4747 and can answer general inquiries on safety and security overseas. This number is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

Report crime confidentially or anonymously:

by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu,

or calling 96(2-TIPS).

Public Safety urges you to be pro-active and alert. You can help prevent crime!

If you have information regarding crimes on campus you are urged to contact
Public Safety at (651) 962-5100 and the police (651) 291-1111

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