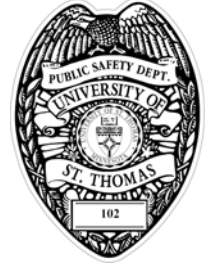


UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT – MAY 21, 2009

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to ask for the University of St. Thomas community's assistance in solving a series of fire related incidents that have occurred in residence halls.

On 05/16/2009 at 09:30 AM, a UST employee reported finding several pieces of burnt toilet paper in the Ireland Residence Hall (IRE) third floor south men's room. The employee reported several similar incidents occurred over the previous few weeks.

On 05/16/2009 at 10:47 PM, a UST employee reported finding a charred milk jug filled with a liquid smelling of gasoline in the freezer of the lower level Cretin Residence Hall (CRE) kitchen.

On 05/19/2009 at 01:37 PM, a UST employee reported finding several pieces of burnt toilet paper in the IRE second floor north men's restroom.

On 05/21/2009 at 02:46 PM, Public Safety and the St. Paul Fire Department (SPFD) responded to a fire alarm in IRE. The cause of the alarm was a roll of paper towels set on fire and dropped in a second floor south garbage bin. The bin was removed by an unidentified individual and placed outside the building where water was poured on it.

All of the incidents are being investigated by SPFD as arson.

Public Safety asks anyone with information about these incidents or the individual(s) responsible, please come forward and share the information with school authorities.

**Report crime confidentially or anonymously:
by e-mailing PSTIPS@stthomas.edu,
or calling 96(2-TIPS).**

UST crime prevention tips:

- Report crimes or suspicious activity to Public Safety immediately.
- Be alert to any people in buildings or residence halls who appear suspicious. You know the areas that you live and work in best.
- Remember suspect information, including approximate age, height, weight and details on hair, clothing, jewelry, scars, tattoos - anything noticeable.
- Exit buildings immediately during fire alarms.
- Know all of your possible escape routes from buildings for emergency purposes.
- Fire and smoke can spread quickly, always keep low to the ground when either is present.
- Per Residence Life policy, all open flame devices, such as candles, incense burners, hookah pipes, etc., are prohibited from residence halls.

Public Safety urges you to be proactive 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

Removal Date: 06/04/2009