

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN – MARCH 11, 2008

ALERT:

Critical / Major Incident

ADVISORY:

Important Incident

BULLETIN:

General Information

Public Safety would like to inform the University of St. Thomas community that during the month of April, speeding will be the focus of the Minnesota Safe and Sober Campaign. During the month, law enforcement agencies throughout the state will be partnering to increase efforts to enforce speed laws, as well as educate the public.

The St. Paul Police Department is participating and will have additional officers on patrol on April 11, 18, 19, 25, and 26. According to SPPD, last year speed related traffic fatalities cost residents of Ramsey County 21.5 million dollars in related costs and expenses.

According to the MN Office of Traffic Safety, there were 559 traffic fatalities in MN in 2005, 494 fatalities in 2006, and a preliminary total of 507 fatalities in 2007.

UST community members are encouraged to take this opportunity to pay greater attention to their own driving habits and to always make safe driving choices.

Driver safety tips:

- Have your keys in your hand and ready when walking to your car.
- Lock your car as soon as you get in.
- Air bags are not substitutes for seat belts, so buckle up every time you get in your car. It's also the law.
- If you park far from your residence and are concerned about walking alone, call Public Safety for an escort. Escorts are provided within 6 blocks of campus.
- Maintain equal tire pressure in all of your tires. This supports better and safer vehicle performance. Know how to change your tires too.
- Distractions lead to accidents. Maintain your focus on operating your vehicle. Limit use of cell phones, Ipods, etc.
- Posted speed limits are the speed limit. Obeying posted speed limits also promotes better vehicle mileage.
- MN state law requires vehicles to move over one lane when emergency vehicles are pulled over on the side over the road, or to slow down when passing them.
- Do not drive if you are impaired in any way, whether from drinking, medication, or sleep deprivation.

**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