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UHPD CAN HELP UH COMMUNITY BE SAFE BY BEING PREPARED

Houston, March 8, 2013 – Although it is unlikely to occur, the University of Houston wants everyone to be prepared should an active shooter incident occur on campus.

The National Tactical Officers Association defines an active shooter as one or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating their intent to continuously harm others. An active shooter’s overriding objective appears to be that of mass murder, rather than criminal conduct such as robbery, kidnapping, etc. The definition of an active shooter can include any assault with a deadly weapon causing a mass homicide.

The University of Houston Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit is available for presentations regarding active shooter situations and other topics. UHPD can present the Shots Fired video to groups upon request, as well as the Flashpoint video dealing with recognizing and preventing violence in the workplace.

Contact Lt. Richard Brenner at 713-743-0592 or the UHPD Crime Prevention Unit at preventcrime@uh.edu. View these videos online at the links below from an on-campus computer, or if off campus, logged in via VPN:

- Shots Fired: http://www.uh.edu/police/shots-fired/
- Flashpoint: http://www.uh.edu/police/flashpoint/

These safety tips and guidelines are not all inclusive, but if understood and followed up with periodic reminders and trainings when feasible, it can increase your chances of surviving an active shooter incident. http://www.uh.edu/police/active_shooter.html

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