From the President

Rice is a great research university. While smaller than most, Rice competes with the best institutions nationally and internationally. Its competitive advantage stems from its emphasis on undergraduate education, in continued success in research and teaching excellence, and its ability to foster interdisciplinary study. Rice also enjoys an extraordinarily beautiful, tree-lined campus that is just three miles from downtown Houston, our nation's fourth largest city, and is adjacent to Houston's cultural district and the renowned medical center. Students, staff, and faculty have easy access to stimulating exhibits as well as leading-edge research and first-rate medical professionals and facilities. But perhaps its greatest comparative advantage is Rice's people: its faculty, students, and staff. One such group I wish to recognize is the Rice University Police Department. I want to thank our dedicated officers, Chief Bill Taylor, and all the staff and students who help maintain Rice's superior safety record.

Rice takes seriously not only crimes involving physical injury and property loss but also offenses directed at individuals that interfere with a tolerant and diverse living and learning environment. These violations must be reported, along with other needs or requests for assistance, including facilities issues, parking questions, escort requests, bus service, and any problems arising from the use of alcohol or drugs.

This publication is a guide to both the services the university provides and the ways in which students can help keep Rice safe. Keep it near at hand, do not hesitate to call the numbers given for information or help when you need it, and enjoy the Rice campus.

Chief's comments

It is a pleasure to work with the talented faculty and students who teach, learn, and conduct research at this wonderful institution. There also is an impressive and dedicated staff supporting the academic and research efforts that are central to the mission of Rice. The Rice community is committed to increasing diversity and understanding, and it is a great place to be!

I am very proud of the men and women who are members of the Rice University Police Department. They work very hard to do everything they can to make the campus safer and more welcoming. They continually strive to maintain the delicate balance necessary to protect, without intrusion, the members of the community. Many of the personnel in the police department have come to work here because they want to be involved with talented, young people in an environment that encourages interaction and mutual respect. Members of the Rice University Police Department are encouraged to be creative in their approach to "Community Policing," the backbone and philosophy of our operation. I know you will find our staff receptive to your ideas and ready to participate with you in keeping Rice a safe and wonderful community in which to live and work.

As we have done each year for a number of years, the Rice University Police Department will offer Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training. There will be morning classes each semester for credit through the Department of Kinesiology and evening classes as the demand dictates. You may register for RAD classes by going to the Rice University Police Department webpage (http://rupd.rice.edu) and selecting online registration. On this page, the current list of RAD classes is available, as is an online registration form. If you would like to discuss RAD training opportunities, please contact Lieutenant Dianna Marshall at dmharal@rice.edu.

Rice University continuously strives to improve the security and safety measures on campuses for members of the university community. This year, the blue-light emergency telephones in the south colleges and athletics complex south of College Way will be upgraded. This means new push button phones will replace the old call box style phones, and some phones will be relocated to improve their accessibility. This is the first of a three-year project to upgrade all of the emergency telephones on campus.

As Rice University moves to realize its Vision for the Second Century, there will be new facilities constructed on campus. Rice is committed to incorporating the latest security and safety technologies in these facilities. In addition, the university will re-key 13 academic and administrative buildings this year with a new patented lock system. Keys for these new locks will not be available anywhere except through the university.

The police officers assigned to the colleges are looking to find watch captains for the Campus Watch Program. If you have an interest in providing a service to the members of your college by becoming the person who alerts them to potential security concerns and by being the liaison who provides information to the police department, please contact your college police officers. Campus Watch meetings take very little of your time and provide a means for your college to be on top of things. We also use the meetings to solicit your ideas and concerns regarding the security of your campus.

Remember, you are the most important aspect of Rice's safety efforts. Your safety consciousness, continued vigilance, and partnership with the Rice University Police Department are essential in making the campus a safer environment in which to study, work, play, and live.

Who we are

Rice University is authorized by the state of Texas to operate its own police department. Twenty-eight licensed and commissioned police officers and four security guards staff the Rice University Police Department (RUPD). Officers are on duty on campus every day and night. Rice police officers have the authority to enforce the laws of the state of Texas. In addition to state-required training, basic crime prevention, conflict resolution, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) are essential tools for all Rice officers.

The university recruits officers with a variety of police experience and training to provide a diversified, professional department that can meet the particular needs of a university campus. Each complaint to the campus police is investigated and, if the complainant requests, is referred to the Harris County District Attorney's Office for review. The district attorney's office is responsible for filing the proper charge when necessary.

To enhance the effectiveness of its police work and its investigative work in particular, the campus police department has developed a rapport with local, state, and federal agencies. Rice University police officers also may issue Class C misdemeanor citations and traffic citations for dangerous operation of vehicles on campus.

The department parlors university property 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Officers and security guards wear easily identifiable uniforms, whether on regular patrol, bike patrol, or when working in the colleges. The police department marshals patrol vehicles and responds to all campus emergencies. For further information about the RUPD, visit its website at http://rupd.rice.edu.

The people we serve

Rice University enrolls approximately 2,983 undergraduate students and 1,983 graduate students and employs 984 faculty and 1,818 staff. About 2,070 students live on Rice's 245-acre campus.

The university has a substantial library, a continuing studies program, frequent public concerts and theater productions, many athletic events, and an ongoing program of public lectures, symposia, and scholarly gatherings. These activities bring more than one million visitors to campus annually. During a year's time, Rice's police department answers approximately 10,497 calls for service and police response, with about 375 calls resulting in police action.

What we do

The Rice University Police Department takes the lead in providing a safer environment for the university community by protecting persons and property. To achieve this protection, RUPD maintains patrols to deter and detect crime, to report fires and safety hazards, and to control traffic flow on campus. The department coordinates emergency response to the campus by outside agencies, such as ambulance and fire service.

The police department also is responsible for investigating crimes on campus. To ensure the security of the campus, it is important that members of the community promptly report all crimes and emergencies—including personal injuries, fire, and traffic accidents—on RUPD. If requested by the complainant, RUPD will either assist in filing charges with the district attorney or describe other options for handling the matter.

When RUPD is informed of a serious crime on campus or in the campus vicinity, a crime-alert bulletin is distributed throughout the community. Also, weekly crime reports are printed in the student newspaper, the Thresher, and on the RUPD webpage.

RUPD also handles requests for service, such as escorting, assisting with starting cars, and unlocking building and room doors. These requests will be handled as promptly as possible but will be prioritized.

In all functions, members of the police department have a public relations role in rendering information and assistance to faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Where to find us

The Rice University Police Department (RUPD) is as near as any of the blue-light emergency phones. Emergency phones are located throughout the campus, in the elevators of campus buildings, at the entrances of residential colleges, and at the south entrance of the Graduate Apartments.

The campus police office is just inside Entrance 8, where Stockton Street meets University Boulevard. The dispatch/reception office is open and a supervisor is available 24 hours a day. Most administrative services are available during normal business hours. Other supervisory and administrative staff are on 24-hour response. The RUPD phone number is ext. 6000 or 713-527-6690 from off campus.

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Your responsibility

The cooperation and involvement of students, staff, and faculty in campus security is absolutely necessary. All members of the community must assume a part of the responsibility for their own personal safety and the security of their personal belongings. Student, faculty, and staff responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- taking reasonable precautions to ensure their own personal safety
- protecting the security of buildings and offices by not letting strangers in or propping open doors
- locking offices and room doors
- marking valuable items and recording serial numbers
- locking bicycles
- locking vehicles
- reporting suspicious persons or activities to the police
- reporting crimes promptly to the police
- participating in campus and college crime prevention programs
- reporting all security-related maintenance problems
- staying aware of campus crime trends (reading bulletins and statistics)

Goal

The goal of the Rice University Police Department is to promote a safe environment and thereby protect the lives and property of the university's faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Toward this goal, departmental services are organized and implemented in a way that maintains the dignity of those served. The police department is charged with the following responsibilities:

- protecting the constitutional rights of members of the community
- reducing local and state laws
- identifying and eliminating safety hazards and opportunities for crime
- establishing effective crime prevention programs to educate the institutional community on protecting lives and property
- maintaining protective patrols to deter and detect crime, to detect fire and safety hazards, and to prevent traffic congestion and accidents

How to report a crime

Any crime occurring on the Rice University campus, including the Graduate Apartments, should be reported immediately to the Rice University Police Department, ext. 6000 or 713-348-6000. If you are a victim of a crime at an off-campus location, notify the police agency with responsibility for the area or call 911. If you are unsure of the correct agency or want assistance in reporting, please call the Rice University Police Department for assistance.

How you can call for service

You may request routine nonemergency services (escort, key service, and car assistance) by picking up any blue-light emergency or elevate telephone or by using a campus phone and dialing ext. 6000. From the telephone signal, the dispatcher can determine your location. An officer or security guard will be dispatched to you as soon as possible.

Calls for service are taken in order of the call. Emergency calls are given precedence over service calls.

Building access

Each member of the community has an obligation to protect the security of campus buildings and offices by not letting strangers enter and by not propping doors open.

Security in colleges

The locking of individual rooms within the colleges is the responsibility of the occupant. Common-use areas are monitored by a card-reader access system when the architecture of the building allows it. Any crime occurring in the colleges should be reported immediately to the police. In addition, college masters and resident associates, college courts, the Office of Student Judicial Programs, the Rice Counseling Center, and the Rice Wellness Center are encouraged to assist if the complainant is unsure whether the police should be involved.

Building access

A student may request a door or monitoring device in need of repair to the student maintenance representative of the college. Students also may request lock changes when circumstances or conditions warrant a change. Further building security information is printed in the housing agreement, and the Housing and Dining office distributes the Guide to On-Campus Housing, which includes security and building access information. A copy of the guide is available at http://www-fh.rice.edu.

Security in academic areas

As a major research institution, most of Rice's academic buildings are open to authorized faculty, staff, and students on a 24-hour basis. Most major campus buildings are monitored after normal working hours by a security system. Authorized personnel are admitted with an appropriately coded photo identification card. To preserve the security of buildings, access cards can be made inoperative from the campus police office. Faculty, staff, and students must participate in keeping buildings secure by locking doors and windows, denying access to persons who try to enter without a card, and reporting suspicious persons or activities to BPD.

Security of physical facilities

Facilities, Engineering, and Planning (FE&P) provides maintenance and repair of lighting, locks, buildings, and grounds. Although FE&P staff routinely evaluate the physical security of buildings and make improvements, it is important that staff, faculty, and students report any unsafe conditions to that department or to the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at ext. 4444. These efforts are a basis for ensuring a more secure environment.

Emergency numbers

In an emergency:
- pick up a blue-light emergency telephone—the dispatcher will know your location (see map for phone locations)
- go to the nearest elevator for an emergency phone—the dispatcher will know your location
- go to any phone on the university system and dial ext. 6000—the dispatcher will know your location
- dial 713-348-6001 from the Graduate Apartments

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Policies/Telemarketing—ext 6000 or 713-348-6000
Rice University Emergency Medical Services—ext 6000 or 713-348-6000

Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO)

A full selection of METRO schedules and routes is available on the information rack outside the cashier's office on the ground floor of Allen Center. For more information visit the website www.metrorail.org or www.ridemetro.org.

University shuttle bus

For your convenience, Rice's comfortable, air-conditioned busses circle Rice's inner loop and connect the Graduate Apartments, Texas Medical Center, Media Center, Rice Stadium, Annex Building (which houses the student health center, the office of admissions, the academic department offices, the transportation department, and Naval ROTC), and the Greenbriar facility to the rest of campus.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, there is shuttle service every 15 minutes between 5:30 and 12:30 a.m. for access to the Student Village District; shuttle service is provided from the Graduate Apartments on Bissonnet Street and from the inner loop between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. every 30 minutes to the Bissta Shopping Center and Target store on South Main Street.

For more information, call the transportation office at 713-348-3223 or 713-348-9996 or visit our website at www.parktrans.rice.edu.

Personal safety escorts

Rice University provides an escort service seven days a week during the school year. The Transportation Department uses a 10-person van to provide escort service Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 to 6:00. The Rice University Police Department provides service on Friday and Saturday nights. You may request a safety escort by picking up a blue-light emergency telephone or by calling ext. 6000 or 713-348-6000.

Weapons

While the state of Texas has passed a law giving the right to licensed persons to carry a concealed handgun, the law also prohibits the possession of a firearm on the campus of an educational institution. The Code of Student Conduct and university policy specifically prohibit possessing weapons on campus. Any person in violation of the law and/or university policy will be subject to arrest, prosecution, and/or university sanctions.

Rice University emergency medical service

The Rice University Emergency Medical Services is a student organization that responses to all medical assistance calls received by the police department. All members are licensed with the state of Texas as technicians or paramedics. Members of the organization represent most of the residential colleges. Response time has been excellent, and it has proven to be a valuable asset in improving personal safety and crime prevention. Rice University emergency medical services are organized and implemented in a way that maintains the dignity of those served. Rice University police department.

Crime prevention and victim assistance

All officers of the Rice University Police Department are trained crime prevention practitioners. The department is convinced that it is easier and safer for all concerned to prevent a crime than it is to apprehend a criminal committing a crime. More importantly, when a crime is prevented, there is no victim. Policing by prevention is a proactive approach that requires an informed public. The police department believes that an informed public can better protect itself and help in the prevention of crime. Campus police invite discussion of potential security problems on campus and are available for open forums on security issues.

Throughout the year, the university police take every opportunity to speak on personal safety, crime prevention, and crime reporting. Officers speak at the residential colleges during freshman orientation week, at informal meetings concerned with women's issues, and at the staff fair. The university police also have sponsored special awareness events such as the National Night Out. College officers recruit volunteers in the various colleges to form a Campus Watch Program. Volunteer foot captains have been instrumental in reporting suspicious persons and emergency situations such as water and electrical outings.

In addition, staff and student programs are presented by such diverse groups as the Wellness Center, student groups such as Students Organized Against Rape, and the Houston Area Women's Center. Such programs are intended to encourage students and employees to be responsible for their own safety, to prevent crimes such as sexual assault and gang-related violations, and to inform members of the campus community how to report such incidents. As a part of the Crime Prevention Program, the police department offers Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training sessions for all women of the Rice community. A schedule of programs may be obtained from the police department. In addition, the RAD training is offered as a

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Any student who is a victim of sexual assault should report the incident in order to deter further assaults.

Rice's policy prohibiting sexual harassment is distributed annually to all students, faculty, and staff and for students, with the assistant dean of Student Judicial Programs at ext. 4786 or 713-348-4786. A copy of the policy is also available from the Human Resources office, which is located in 330 Allen Center, ext. 2514 or 713-348-2514. The policy also is available on Rice's website.

Faculty, staff, and students should report sexual harassment. The policy provides for resolving problems of sexual assault, you have the right to:

- report the incident to the police department and pursue criminal charges.
- seek medical treatment as soon as possible, including the collection and preservation of evidence crucial to pursuing criminal action—an important step even if you are not immediately certain you want to pursue a criminal complaint.
- access the wide range of support services provided by the university and off-campus organizations.

Support services are independent from the police and filing a complaint. Any student who is a victim of sexual assault should report the incident in order to deter further assaults. Those who are aware of sexual assaults should report them to ensure that victims receive the services they need. Incidents may be reported to the Rice University police or the Houston Police Department. In addition, a report should be made as soon as possible to the assistant dean of Student Judicial Programs. Medical assistance should be sought to ensure preservation of physical evidence (rape kit). Psychological counseling is available on campus from the Rice Counseling Center, a member of which is on call 24 hours a day for emergency assistance. The Houston Area Women's Center rape crisis program also provides counseling is available on campus from the Rice Counseling Center, a member of which is on call 24 hours a day for emergency assistance. The Houston Area Women's Center rape crisis program also provides immediate advice and assistance to sexual assault victims. In addition to criminal sanctions for forcible and nonforcible rape, acquaintance rape, and other sexual offenses, the university's disciplinary procedures allow for a range of sanctions up to and including expulsion from residential living areas, expulsion from the institution, and termination of employment status.

A member of the Office of the Dean of Undergraduates can assist a victim in notifying the police, changing academic and living accommodations if changes are reasonably available, and filing a complaint against the perpetrator within the university's disciplinary system. The complainant and the accused have an equal opportunity to have others present at a disciplinary hearing and to know the outcome of the proceeding. Sanctions can include suspension or even expulsion from Rice. For further information, refer to the Code of Student Conduct or contact the assistant dean of Student Judicial Programs.

Drug and alcohol issues
As commissioned police officers, Rice University police enforce federal and state laws regarding the possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs. RUPD also enforces the laws of the state of Texas regarding possession and use, including underage drinking laws. Information on alcohol or drug abuse education programs is available from the Wellness Center at ext. 5194 or 713-348-5194.

Crime reporting
The Rice University Police Department complies with all federal requirements for disclosures of crime statistics. RUPD also maintains procedures through which victims or witnesses may report crimes on a confidential basis for inclusion in the annual report of crime statistics. Pastoral and professional counselors are encouraged, as they deem appropriate, to inform persons they are counseling of these procedures for confidential reporting.

Information on registered sex offenders
Information regarding registered sex offenders provided by the state of Texas may be obtained through the Rice University Police Department website at http://rupd.rice.edu or directly from the Texas Department of Public Safety registered sex offenders website at http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/default.cfm.

Statistical information
A federal law, titled the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, establishes the requirements for collecting and reporting campus crime statistics. The classifications of crimes used in these reports are defined in the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports or, in rape classifications, the National Incident Based Reporting System. Following is the report of statistics for years 2003 through 2005.

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Safety tips

General safety
• Be aware of your surroundings and alert to any signs that something may be wrong or out of place. Pay attention to your instincts.
• Stay in well-lighted areas and walk midpath between curb and building. Stay away from alleys and bushes where someone could hide.
• If you work or study in unoccupied buildings at night, be sure to lock the door to your space. Call for an escort if you feel uneasy.
• Don’t carry extra credit cards or money.
• Walk with someone whenever possible.
• Take the shuttle bus or request an escort when traveling alone at night.
• Don’t fight back if someone demands or forcibly takes your wallet, book bag, or purse. Turn it over rather than risk personal injury.
• Keep an inventory of valuable possessions. Mark all items that do not have a unique serial number. Call the police department for assistance in marking possessions at ext. 6600 or 713-548-6600.

Office safety
• When using an automated teller machine (ATM) after banking hours, use a well-lighted, visible location. ATMs located inside a store or a mall give more visibility.
• Call the police department to report a crime or suspicious activity or to discuss any other concerns.
• When jogging, do not wear headphones and be sure to pay attention to others around you and to vehicles approaching jogging paths.
• If you feel threatened, go to the nearest place you feel secure and call the police.
• If you feel you are being followed, go to a safe location and call the police. If you are driving, do not go to your residence or attempt to outrun the other person. Drive to the nearest police station if possible.

Car safety
• When working late, make sure doors to your work space are locked. Let someone know your location and the time you expect to leave.
• Never prop doors open, even for a short time.
• Do not loan your office keys or allow them to be copied.
• Do not hold the door open for anyone. Even if you recognize them, it doesn’t mean they have after-hours access to your building or work area.
• Use main stairwells or elevators whenever possible.
• Keep your purse, wallet, or other valuables in a locked cabinet or drawer. Never leave them on or underneath a desk.

Hate crimes
The university is required to report hate crimes by category of prejudice, geographic location, year the incident was reported, and category of victim (including any crime perpetrated on the basis of prejudice that results in bodily injury). However, for the years covered by this report (2005, 2004, 2005), Rice University has received no reports of crimes committed on the basis of prejudice.

Definitions of geographical categories:
A. On campus means
1) any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes, including residential halls, and
2) property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution, but controlled by another person, is used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor)

B. Noncampus (building or property) means
1) any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution, and
2) any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution’s educational purposes, is used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution

C. Public property means all property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution’s educational purposes.

Help us help you
We take great pride in the many police and service functions offered to the university community. Your advice can help us improve our performance. If you have a question about police services or a complaint about a specific incident, you are welcome to:
• visit the website at http://rupd.rice.edu
• call police dispatch and ask to speak with a shift supervisor
• visit our office at Entrance 8 and University Boulevard
• send a written inquiry or complaint to:

Rice University
William F. Taylor, Chief of Police
RUPD−MS 551
P.O. Box 1982
Houston, TX 77251-1982

• contact us by email at wtaylor@rice.edu or telephone at 713-548-6555

1. This includes offenses that were reported to the Houston Police Department on the streets and sidewalks immediately adjacent to the Rice University campus and includes Greenstreet Boulevard, University Boulevard, Rice Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, Dryden, Travis, and Main Street.
2. Residential facilities statistics also are included in the “on-campus” statistics.
3. Three numbers reflect regulatory clarifications requiring any thefts from offices or student rooms to be categorized as burglaries if the identity of the perpetrator is unknown.
4. Referrals are to university adjudical processes. Figures reflect regulatory clarifications.