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Campus Safety analyzes, prepares for, protects from, and responds to potential hazards and safety risks in order to promote the safety and continuity of the university environment and operations.
Thank you for taking the time to review the 2022 Office of Campus Safety Annual Report. Initiated in 2019, our organization compiles data annually as a comprehensive report on departmental activities, goals, and accomplishments. Designed to explore and impact mission-driven goals, our units are engaged throughout the year in activities to support the university’s research and educational mission. We support a constant evolving process targeting student life, academia, research, intercollegiate athletics, and day to day operations on the 40 acres and beyond. In partnership with many campus organizations, our focus is coupled with activities that assist the university community in remaining vigilant and resilient to ever-evolving challenges; from severe and inclement weather, to acts of violence, hazardous conditions, as well as a variety of other intrinsic challenges. Our organization is honored to serve in alignment with university values, mission goals and strategies that address both current and future thought of safety. We hope the data provided in this publication serves as a reminder of the strategies and opportunities Campus Safety undertakes on behalf of the University of Texas at Austin.

Be secure in knowing your safety is our priority one.
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The Office of Campus Safety fosters a secure environment for the university’s academic and research enterprise. Emergency planning and routine safety operations are at the forefront for the departments in this area of the Financial and Administrative Services (FAS) portfolio.

Our vision supports these key values in all three of our departments. The Office of Campus Safety provides a resilient framework and environment that enriches the university academic and research mission by establishing an innovative and adaptable safety culture.

Our Mission

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FAS VALUES

DIVERSITY
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INNOVATION
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INTEGRITY
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Values

“Why do these goals matter? They matter because they are grounded in our values, they connect our daily activities with the commitments we’ve made as an organization and allow us to measure the degree of our success in supporting this great institution.”

- Darrell Bazzell, Senior Vice President and CFO

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SERVICE

We are customer service oriented and offer responsive, reliable and seamless support.

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STEWARDSHIP

We are exceptional caretakers of the resources entrusted to the Financial & Administrative Services portfolio.

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TEAMWORK

We work collaboratively across our organizations on common objectives and develop efficient and cost-effective systems and processes for campus.
Our cover art provides you with a snapshot of what the interior of our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) looks like for one of our planned event activations. Home football game activations like this one for the Texas vs Alabama game are necessary for coordinated safety and security efforts across campus.
Director’s Statement

On behalf of the Office of Emergency Management, I am pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report. This report reflects the hard work and dedication the office provides to The University of Texas at Austin every day.

2022 was an exciting year that saw the development and enhancement of efforts particularly in preparedness and recovery.

Each day we strive to reinforce our mission goal to the university community to create a comprehensive emergency management program for the university in order to save lives, protect property, promote continuity of operations, and reduce the overall effects of large-scale disasters. In addition to planning for the entire campus, the office works with individual departments to develop unit-based emergency plans.

Increasing our outreach and training was a goal for 2022 that saw flourishment through the development of our TAKE10 training program. Providing compression-only CPR training to campus constituents will help prepare bystanders with the familiarity and comfortability to step in when a cardiac emergency potentially arises.

Last year also saw the support and resources to enhance our Business Continuity Program. Continuity of Operations is an area that we identified as a priority for enhancement. Ensuring the University’s resilience and ability to continue and recover from emergencies is crucial to the success of all aspects of the University’s mission.

Jonathan Robb

In closing, I hope that when you review this annual report you take pride that the Office of Emergency Management will continue to provide a strong and robust Emergency Management Program for The University of Texas at Austin.
We are StormReady

Emergency Management means being ready. It takes an effort by all of us to create and sustain an effective emergency management program. You are your own best first responder. Please use our annual report as a resource to better understand emergency management at the university, and how you can become part of and contribute to our efforts.

StormReady University

The Office of Emergency Management ensures that we are StormReady. We have our own incident meterologist monitoring the weather as well as teaching our community weather emergency terms and what they mean. Our emergency text notification system alerts our community directly with approaching incliment weather.

Severe Weather Terms

We urge our University of Texas at Austin community to familiarize themselves with these severe weather terms as they will be issued to the community if and when any severe weather is forecasted to impact our main and satellite campuses.

**Watch**

Conditions are favorable for specified weather. Simply keep a “watch” on the weather.

**Warning**

Specified weather is happening or is imminent and is LIFE THREATENING. Seek shelter immediately.

*The StormReady program certification is offered by the National Weather Service and we are proud to be a recognized university.*
WeatherSTEM

The Office of Campus Safety and the Office of Emergency Management have partnered with WeatherSTEM in order to bring life saving weather information to the University of Texas community.

In Austin, we see volatile weather patterns and conditions with the potential to negatively impact our community. This new weather monitoring tool paired with our Campus Safety Incident Meteorologist, Troy Kimmel, equips us with another valuable resource to prepare for any type of severe Texas weather.

“This milestone partnership with WeatherSTEM enhances our real-time capabilities of forecasting weather patterns that impact the university. This tool is one of many in our arsenal that supports our efforts to be recognized by the National Weather Service as a Storm Ready University. Your safety is our priority one.”

- Jimmy Johnson
Assistant Vice President for Campus Safety
Phases of Emergency Management

Emergency managers think of disasters as recurring events with four main phases: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery. At the Office of Emergency Management we strengthen these four phases year round to ensure that the University of Texas at Austin remains resilient.

The main significance of the emergency management cycle is that all communities are in at least one phase of emergency management at any given time.

**MITIGATION**

is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters and emergencies. This involves measures taken to limit the impact of disasters and emergencies.

**PREPAREDNESS**

Is a continuous cycle of planning, training, equipping, exercising, evaluating, and taking corrective action in an effort to ensure effective coordination when needed.

**RESPONSE**

Includes procedures and actions taken to save lives and prevent further property damage in an emergency situation. Response is putting your preparedness plans into action.

**RECOVERY**

Consists of activities that continue beyond the emergency period to restore critical community functions and begin to manage stabilization efforts after the threat has subsided.
The Office of Emergency Management’s mission is to create a comprehensive emergency management program for the university in order to save lives, protect property, promote continuity of operations, and reduce the overall effects of large-scale disasters.

Our office also works with individual departments to develop unit-based emergency plans and acts as the primary liaison between the university and outside government emergency management agencies.

**Quote from Deanne Criswell, Director of FEMA**

“The key to emergency management success lies in the relationships we have with our partners as well as those we serve. Our capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a crisis is exponentially increased when these relationships are strong. It takes all of us working together to meet the needs of our communities.”

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**Community Trainings**

Trainings ensure that our stakeholders are ready for any emergency

**Emergency Operations**

Our Emergency Operations Center is ready to activate if an emergency occurs

**Emergency Planning**

We are always planning for the threats and hazards most likely to affect our community

**Business Continuity**

Ensuring that operations effectively continue during an emergency remains a priority

**Special Event Support**

Providing operational support for large planned events on campus is our speciality

**Practical Exercises**

Hosting and participating in exercises allow us to put our skills to the test
As the foundation for continuity and resiliency planning, the institution’s COOP provides overarching guidance for all essential services and critical functions. All mission-critical and department-level plans will align – and work in tandem – with the institution’s plan.

Emergency plans focus on life-safety issues, continuity plans focus on how to recover and resume operations following an emergency.

The BCDR Council was created in order to support our Business Continuity Program through major programmatic initiatives. Specifically by influencing future developments or enhancements, adjudicating issues as they arise which may hinder resiliency, and reviewing major events to address needed actions.

The new Business Continuity Program strives to create simple, innovative, and value-added continuity solutions to partner organizations across campus. By supporting the university’s mission, we aim to foster a business continuity culture recognized as the new industry standard among peer institutions.
TAKE10 CPR is a compression-only CPR course that can be complete in 10-15 minutes. This quick course is designed to provide attendees the knowledge and confidence to recognize when someone is in cardiac arrest and how to respond until help arrives.

1. **CHECK**
   - Check for any signs of movement or breathing

2. **CALL**
   - Call 9-1-1 and/or send someone for an automated external defibrillator (AED)

3. **COMPRESS**
   - Compress strong and fast for around 100-200 beats per minute

Our goal is to train as many people in the TAKE10 CPR course as possible. The ease of access and this course allows for a small, hands on training session where we showcase the TAKE10 steps. We want to help our community become confident and comfortable if a cardiac arrest situation occurs encouraging them to act and not just stand by during an emergency situation.

**FOUR LOCATIONS ON CAMPUS**

**HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPANTS**
Waller Creek is named for Austin’s first mayor, Edwin Waller, who laid out the plans for the city and capitol starting in 1839. To this day, Environmental Health & Safety strives to preserve the natural state of this creek in a number of ways. In this photo we are traversing for outfall samples that provide valuable data when it comes to stormwater.
Director’s Statement

Hello from Environmental Health and Safety. I hope the information contained in this report is both educational and informing about the breadth of services provided by EHS. Our efforts are intended to help ensure a safe and environmentally responsible campus for the benefit of students, faculty, staff and visitors as we help support the educational, research and service missions of UT-Austin.

The services and programs we provide a framework for safety and regulatory compliance for main campus, Pickle Research Center, Marine Sciences Institute, McDonald Observatory, and other remote locations. From our services, I would like to highlight three areas for 2022.

First, is our new Green Labs program. Green Labs was re-established in 2022 as a resource to help UT Austin faculty, staff, and student researchers run more environmentally-friendly labs without sacrificing the integrity of their work. We strive to increase the sustainability of labs on campus by assisting researchers in minimizing waste, reducing water and energy use, and utilizing the concepts of Green Chemistry. Green Labs also focuses on student researcher education to help foster the next generation of sustainably-minded researchers and prepare students to enter a competitive workforce.

Next is our Animal Make Safe program. This program safely and humanely responds to live animal incidents in campus buildings by capture and removal or live trapping. Our staff is trained to respond to these incidents 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The most common animals we deal with are bats and raccoons. These animals and others are found on campus due to our proximity to Waller Creek.

Lastly our Incident Database was created from scratch as a means to catalog the various incidents (injuries, fires, floods, spills, explosions, etc.) that occur on our campus. This program was developed by TRecs in a collaborative effort with EHS staff. Hopefully you can see from the above information that EHS is innovative in our approach to supporting campus through new ideas and programs.

John Salsman

The University of Texas at Austin
Environmental Health & Safety
It has been a four-year undertaking for the EHS Environmental Specialists to survey hundreds of outfalls in Waller Creek. Every year during dry weather, Environmental Specialists wade through the creek to record the conditions of UT Austin’s utilities and sample dry weather flows to identify contaminants. Over the MS4 permit term (September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022), the team took over 100 samples to the lab and performed over 100 chemical analyses on samples to evaluate levels of heavy metals, detergents, and other urban contaminants in an effort to improve the water quality of our University’s watershed. These samples also helped identify sources of contamination in the creek due to leaks and illicit discharges.
ANIMAL MAKE SAFE PROGRAM

In October 2022, Environmental Health and Safety created a new multifaceted position, Animal Safety Specialist. The primary role of this position is to provide support for the Animal Make Safe (AMS) program and secondarily to assist with the Green Labs program, Environmental Programs, and Lab Safety.

As incidents and wildlife exclusion needs continue to occur and the number of requests for live animal events grows every year, it became apparent that there was a need to have a dedicated individual who would take primary responsibility for these incidents in order to best serve the community.

To the left, you can see a photo of our Animal Safety Specialist rescuing an injured Screech Owl on campus.

RADIATION SAFETY

Radiation Safety participated in a Nuclear Emergency Support Team (NEST) drill, Cobalt Magnet 22, interacting with city, state, and federal agencies. Radiation Safety approved one new authorized radioactive materials lab and three X-ray users. There are currently 70 authorized radioactive materials labs and 51 authorized X-ray users. RAM labs were surveyed for contamination and inspected for compliance. All X-ray labs were inspected as well.

LASER SAFETY

The Laser Research program continued to grow in 2022 with the addition of 9 new laser PI’s and 8 new laser registrations, bringing the current scope of the program to 881 total Class 3B and 4 lasers, 502 which are actively being used. Laser Safety completed a total of 63 laser PI inspections covering 131 lab spaces, and successfully decommissioned a few laser permits that were no longer active. 309 new laser users were trained in 2022.

FOOD SAFETY

With the completion of the Moody Center and other campus additions, the total number of brick and mortar food permits issued by the EHS Food Safety Program rose from 80 in 2021 to 130 in 2022. University Unions also partnered with EHS to increase the number of permanent food truck locations from 3 to 8. EHS continues working closely with campus partners to meet nutritional demands of our ever-expanding campus.
By the Numbers

The following statistics help us evaluate the work we do on a daily basis in a more quantitative form. By analyzing the data we see, we can determine what we spend time on, what needs more attention, and how our services impact the university community.

Follow along as we peel back the curtain and provide an insightful snapshot of some of the data we collected throughout 2022.

Lab Safety conducts safety evaluations of research and teaching laboratories at UT Austin and satellite facilities. With campus growth and the relocation of offices off campus, staff continues to look for ways to improve our processes and find ways to allocate resources where they are most needed, and maintain our high standards of laboratory safety. We continue to look for ways to streamline our operations and work more efficiently despite the challenges posed by the growth in lab counts.

Batteries continue to become more integral to everyday life and a key focus of research on campus. A Zero Waste initiative in partnership with EHS has helped divert alkaline battery waste from the landfills. This in combination with internal program improvements allowed EHS to capture and recycle 47,099 lbs. of batteries generated through university operations and research. This accounted for approximately 10% of the total regulated waste generated on campus in 2022.
LAB INCIDENTS OR NEAR MISSES
For the 2022 calendar year, 70 lab incidents/near misses were reported or entered into the incident database.

UAV FLIGHT REQUESTS
The UAV program helps to ensure that all drone flights on campus are reviewed and approved, in order to protect visitors, staff, employees, and property.

SAFETY TRAINING CLASSES
EHS offers over forty online and in-person safety classes. Over 8,275 users took over 28,265 EHS classes in UTLearn or through instructor-led learning.

MORE LAB, UAV, AND TRAINING INFORMATION
Lab Safety investigates laboratory incidents including fires, spills, laboratory injuries, sharps injuries, near misses, and any chemical or biological exposure. With the rollout of the incident database, it has allowed for the notification of all incidents including near misses that can then be followed up on by a safety specialist.

The UAV database notifies committee members of a submitted request and provides the ability to provide comments/requirements/concerns. The online process helps to improve the overall user experience and increases compliance.

Five new courses were created or updated in 2022. OH 202 Hazardous Waste Management, OH 519 Ventilation Systems, Asbestos General Information, OH 221 Controlled Substances in Research, OH 110 Waller Creek Cleanup Training. In addition, EHS created a training for our internal on-call personnel titled OH 700 AMS Training for EHS On-Call Staff.
Incident Database

By prioritizing teamwork, stewardship, and integrity in incident investigations and using the database to facilitate these values, we can ensure that incidents are thoroughly investigated and that preventive measures are implemented to reduce the risk of future incidents.

**Invalidated Notifications**

Sometimes when a report is sent to our incident notification database the report comes incompleteness and is unable to be validated. This occurred 23 times the past year.

**Near Miss**

Near miss situations can be defined as a potential hazard or incident where no property was damaged and no injuries were sustained, but a small change could have caused damage or injury.

**Injury & Illness**

These instances can be classified into four different categories: occupational, laboratory, radiation/laser, and foodborne. Of the 114 total, 67 were reported occupational and 47 laboratory.

**Spill**

When we recorded the spill data, we were able to determine that the majority of spills occurred in labs at 27 spills. Other data indicated that we had 9 indoor incidents and 15 outdoor incidents.

**Property Damage**

An incident that results in property damage where no one is injured. This means damage to tools and equipment due to an unwanted incident.
Green Labs Program

As of May 2022, there is once again a full-time Green Labs Coordinator! After setbacks with external funding in March 2021, EHS worked tirelessly to secure internal funding for the program.

Green Labs overhauled its webpages, worked with University Marketing and Communications to create a new logo, published a comprehensive Green Labs Manual, continued to grow its specialty recycling programs, and held two successful Lab Supply Swaps one of which you see below!

2022 Lab Supply Swaps

During the 2022 Lab Supply Swaps researchers donated lab consumables they no longer needed. Items were then made available to other campus researchers for free and leftover items were sent to Surplus Property. Over 70 lab groups participated and approximately 900 pounds of items were rehomed.

Additional Green Labs Info

Green Labs is a resource to help UT Austin faculty, staff, and student researchers run more environmentally-friendly labs without sacrificing the integrity of their work. We strive to increase the sustainability of labs on campus by assisting researchers in minimizing waste, reducing water and energy use, and utilizing the concepts of Green Chemistry.
Burn trailer demonstrations like the one shown above are a product of Fire Prevention Services partnership with Austin Fire Department. These demonstrations show how quickly fire spreads and conveys the urgency of having an escape/evacuation plan for your family should a fire emergency occur.
Director’s Statement

I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report and thank you for taking the time to review our ongoing activities and achievements in what proved to be a challenging year.

The mission of Fire Prevention Services is to make the University of Texas at Austin and its satellite campuses a safe place for students, faculty, staff and visitors to live, learn, work or visit by reducing the risk of fire and life safety hazards through building fire and life safety inspections, fire and life safety training, plan reviews and fire and life safety code enforcement.

In 2022 Fire Prevention Services was instrumental in commissioning several large projects on campus. The largest of these projects was the Moody Center, which is a 15,000-seat special events center. FPS staff spent the majority of February, March and April performing inspections and testing of the fire and life safety systems. In addition, to the opening of the Moody Center, FPS also performed commissioning activities on the Basketball and Rowing facility and the Gary L. Thomas Energy Engineering Building.

The online permitting was a big success in 2022, with 2022 being the first full year the program was operational. Fire Prevention Services (FPS) requires permits or special approval for certain activities associated with special events at The University of Texas at Austin's main campus and the Pickle Research Campus. Permits are required for special events that feature any of the following, temporary cooking equipment, tents, open flames, temporary decorative lighting, food trucks, and pyrotechnics (fireworks) or flame effects.

Waymon Jackson

The year 2022 was a very stressful and extraordinary due to the number of events our staff works in support of the Moody Center and the number of plan reviews performed in support of the Office of Campus Construction. However due to the diligent work of the FPS staff and their commitment to excellence, we were able to perform all tasks put before us.

The University of Texas at Austin
Fire Prevention Services
Main Services

Fire safety affects all of our lives. You can best prevent fire and prepare to deal with fire-related emergencies by learning about safety practices for your home, school, and work environments.

Here are just a few of the services that we provide to the University of Texas community to ensure that we are as prepared and equipped if a fire were to occur on campus.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**
Participants learn about extinguishers on campus and how to use them properly if a fire occurs. They also learn the common locations of fire extinguishers and the different classes of fires.

**EVACUATION TRAINING**
All residence halls have emergency evacuation plans and conduct periodic drills to ensure residents are familiar with evacuation procedures.

**INSPECTIONS**
FPS conducts inspections of all sorts of fire safety equipment on campus like fire alarm systems, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting systems and fire sprinkler systems.
Student Event Support

In support of the Fire Prevention Services mission, we always want to make the University of Texas at Austin and its satellite campuses a safe place for students, faculty, staff and visitors to live, learn, work or visit. This includes supporting student activities in a safe and timely manner. We believe it is our duty to ensure that students have the opportunity to enjoy extracurricular activities in a safe manner, which is why we provide the resources below.

Student Activities Event Planning Resources

If a student organization is planning to host a special event on campus, whether big or small, we encourage them to visit the Student Activities Event Planning Resources webpage. Student organizations may be required to complete an event consultation with Student Activities or with reservation staff in a managed venue on campus such as the Texas Union or WCP Student Activity Center.

- **Tent Permits**
  Tents can be requested to provide shade and shelter

- **Temporary Cooking**
  The use of propane and other temporary cooking items can be requested

- **Open Flames**
  We provide open flame permits for special events that may require this element

- **Temporary Decorative Lighting**
  Around the holiday season you can request to have decorative lighting as well

- **Food Trucks**
  Bring your favorite food truck to campus by requesting it through our portal

- **Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Effects**
  Permits can be requested for your biggest celebration
Outreach & Trainings

Our fire safety professionals partner with our campus community stakeholders to perform the inspections and drills necessary for risk reduction and the potential negative repercussions of fire on campus. We are also involved in outreach events to all members of the community to teach and spark interest in fire safety.

Fire Extinguisher Trainings

FPS spends time educating and training the UT community on fire extinguisher types and how to properly use an extinguisher in case of a fire emergency. Teaching the acronym P.A.S.S. (Pull, Aim, Spray, Sweep) helps students, faculty, and staff gain confidence in handling this equipment and prepares them to act during a fire.
October 30, 2022 Longhorn Halloween

**BURN TRAILER DEMO**

This burn trailer demo supplements our building evacuation trainings. By showing folks first hand the severity of a building fire. We offer evacuation training to resident assistants, faculty, and staff on evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency. Topics include planning and facilitating evacuation procedures, evacuation routes, exterior assembly areas, areas of refuge, and floor manager duties.

Sponsored by the Office of the President, Longhorn Halloween 2022 brings the UT community together to celebrate the spookiest of seasons! This event is a safe place for children of UT’s staff, faculty and students to join their parents on campus for an afternoon of ghoulish fun.

FPS’s role at Longhorn Halloween was to be a fire safety resource by way of our burn trailer demonstration in partnership with Austin Fire Department. These demonstrations (shown above) are intended to physically simulate the action time for fire to spread throughout a room and the time it takes to extinguish a fire as well.

Attendees of all ages that attend this demonstration get to see and learn, first hand, the serious danger of how fast fire spreads and how important it is to have an exit strategy.
2022 was the first full year that the FPS online permitting portal for special events was in use. This system, developed by TRECS for FPS, is a one stop shop for the university community to request permits for certain activities associated with special events such as tents and grilling. FPS has approved far more activities in 2022 than in years past, and the streamlined process for receiving and evaluating these requests has allowed us to do so without the need to devote additional time and resources.

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Cooking (70) and Tents (60) were the Top 2 requested permits.
Moody Center Opening

The opening of the Moody Center in April 2022 has had a great impact on FPS throughout the year. Each year the Moody Center hosts 150 events or more hosting 15,000 people for concerts and 10,000 people for basketball games. FPS plays a major role insuring that those people are safe when they are enjoying their experience.

For the first quarter of 2022 FPS expended considerable effort through the final stages of construction on testing and inspections of the facility to ensure that it was safe to occupy. The Moody Center is the one of the largest and most complex facilities to be built at the University. For parts of February and March it was an “all hands on deck” moment for FPS staff with multiple people per day spending several hours on site.

As the Moody Center transitioned out of the construction phase and into the operations phase, FPS staff developed new policies and procedures for monitoring the safety of events at the new arena. This effort was complicated by the public-private partnership for operating the facility, how FPS and the private partner collaborated for approvals and corrections of potential hazards to ensure the safety of attending guests.

2022 was one of the busiest years for Special Event monitoring for FPS in recent memory due to the incredibly busy schedule of events at the Moody Center. At times, it was a challenge for FPS staff and our contract fire marshals to keep up with the amount of after hours events that required staffing. For context, the Moody Center was rated the highest grossing venue of its size for all 2022, despite only being open from April 20, 2022.
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512-232-2114

Environmental Health & Safety
ehs.utexas.edu
512-471-3511

Fire Prevention Services
fireprevention.utexas.edu
512-495-3637