

UT- Dallas Police Department

The Police Department utilizes the computer aided dispatch/records management system and UT System inspections in determining needs of the department. Depending on the need, it is either addressed immediately with the Vice President for Business Affairs, or it is addressed in the annual budget process.

The University of Texas System, Office of the Director of Police, conducted an investigation of the University of Texas at Dallas Police Department in February 2004.

The findings of that inspection included the following recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended that the administration make provisions for expanding the square footage available for the department as soon as practical.*
- 2. It is recommended that administration consider increasing the number of authorized police officers in order to keep up with student growth and student housing.*
- 3. It is recommended that administration strongly consider the good business practice of establishing a scheduled fleet replacement program and routinely budget for same.*
- 4. It is recommended that administration provide additional space for secure evidence storage as soon as possible.*

After speaking with the UTD administration, the following action has been taken:

1. The police department will be moving from the 4,000 sq ft police building to the 12,000 sq ft Facilities Management building in the Spring/Summer of 2007—once it is vacated by Facilities Management.
2. The administration has increased the authorized police strength from 19 commissioned officers to 26 commissioned officers. The police department is in the process of recruiting for those positions.
3. Through the FY07 budget process, the UTD administration committed to funding an annual fleet-replacement program.
4. The police department was able to renovate space in the current police building in order to accommodate more evidence. The new police building has ample space for evidence.