ACTS OR THREATS OF VIOLENCE

ACT OF VIOLENCE

If you are the victim or witness of an assault or other act of violence, call 911 immediately. If necessary, request immediate medical services; if you are unsure if medical services are needed, tell them you are unsure. When an act of violence occurs, the location of the act becomes a crime scene; do NOT disturb any evidence.

THREAT OF VIOLENCE

A threat of violence may be an implied or perceived threat. Call 911 immediately if a threat seems immediate.

In certain circumstances it may be more appropriate to call the UNT Police at their non-emergency number, 940-565-3000, as soon as safely possible. These instances include:

• If the threat is not immediate. Describe the individual and details of the threat to the dispatcher.
• If the threat was made electronically. Be sure to retain the record; do not destroy it.
• If the threat was made by phone, contact the UNT Police using a different phone line if possible; take note of the caller’s voice characteristics and background noises.
• If you are unsure but need police guidance for more information regarding a threat.

Ask an associate or other individual in the area to call for you if it is not safe for you to contact the police.

When dealing with a threatening individual:

• Let the individual know (if you are speaking with them) that you are there to help them
• Appear calm in your motions and voice
• Distance yourself if it is safely possible – get behind a closed, locked door if able