



MavWatch Frequently Asked Questions

What is MavWatch?

The purpose of MavWatch is to help enhance safety and security for The University of Texas at Arlington campus by reporting criminal acts and providing a visible deterrence for crime.

How will I patrol the campus?

MavWatch Patrol Officers (MPOs) will serve as a two person patrol team at all times. Should an odd number of members be present, there will be a three person team. No MPOs will ever patrol by themselves.

Will MavWatch be working during semester breaks or holidays?

We typically will not be offering MavWatch services during the fall break, winter break, or spring break.

Do I have to be a Criminology and Criminal Justice major?

No. All majors are welcome. Preference is given to Criminology and Criminal Justice majors. Undergraduate and graduate students who are academically responsible are considered. There is a strong emphasis on professionalism and accountability.

Are MavWatch Patrol Officers employees of the police department?

Yes, the MPOs work closely with and under the supervision of the police department and hold a part-time, paid position.

What hours will MavWatch Patrol Officers work?

The hours may vary, but will be designed to augment Field Operations activity and coordinated with the student's class schedule. There is an obligation to work 15 hours a week and one night every other weekend, with an opportunity for additional work, if desired.

How will MavWatch report crimes?

MPOs will be assigned a radio with direct contact to the UTA Police Department.

Will MavWatch have bicycles or vehicles to use?

Yes. MavWatch will have vehicles to use for daily tasks, as long as the MPO is an approved driver.

Who is the MavWatch supervisor?

The MavWatch supervisor is a student led program under the direction of the Assistant Chief of Operations. The supervisor is responsible for the selection of applicants, creation of policies and procedures, training, and overall supervision of the MavWatch program.