Congratulations to Mitch Wittneben, building proctor for the Engineering/Physics Lab Building, for being recognized in this quarter’s Safety Sound Off. After an inspection by Environmental Health & Safety (EHS), Mr. Wittneben quickly mitigated several safety hazards and eagerly called EHS for a re-inspection. It is obvious that Mr. Wittneben is serious about campus safety. Great job, Mitch, and thank you for making safety a priority!

WHAT’S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Can you spot the hazards in this office scene? Email your answers to safetydispatch@tamu.edu for a chance to win another prize! Congratulations to Dell Hamilton for winning the summer contest. He received a canvas tote bag and blanket.

Texas A&M Recycling Drop-Off is now open on Advance Lab Road. For a map to the drop off location and more information about recycling in the Texas A&M community, visit http://utlilities.tamu.edu/recycling.

ATTENTION PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Build your own safety库

Know someone who applies good health and safety practices at TAMU? Send their name, work department, and reason why you should feature them in our next Safety Sound Off to safetydispatch@tamu.edu.

ENTRANCE REGISTRATION AND DECOMMISSIONING

CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK is an annual event that promotes safety and provides emergency information from a variety of university departments and community emergency responders. This week provides the campus an opportunity to learn more about emergency preparedness in a fun, interactive setting. Campus Safety Awareness Week will be September 6-8 to coincide with National Preparedness Month, National Campus Fire Safety Month, and National Campus Safety Awareness Month. For a detailed schedule of events including locations and up-to-date information, follow Campus Safety Awareness Week on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/tamuSafetyWeek. Events include:

Emergency Responder Meet and Greet
When: September 6, 11 am – 1 pm
Target Audience: Students, Faculty, Staff
An opportunity to get to know emergency responders from the local community; includes fire departments, emergency medical services, and law enforcement. Resource tables will be set up to provide safety and emergency preparedness information.

12+ Man Emergency Playbook Training
When: September 7, 10 am – 11 am
Target Audience: Students, Faculty, Staff
This training is designed to provide tangible leadership skills and will be supported in exploring sensitive topics while reducing the number of power-based personal violence incidents wherever Aggies are. Registration for the program can be found online at http://green.dot.tamu.edu.

Annual Dorm Room Burn. Don’t miss this opportunity to see how quickly a dorm room can go up in flames and learn how you can stay safe during a fire. Videos of the previous dorm burns can be found on YouTube by searching “Texas A&M University Dorm Burn.” Resource tables will be set up to provide safety and emergency preparedness information.

Shots Fired/Personal Safety Presentations
Target Audience: Students, Faculty, Staff
“Shots Fired” videos will be shown by University Police’s Crime Prevention Unit from 4–5 pm on September 6. These videos provide instructions on how to respond when an active shooter is on campus. Also, from 1:30–2:30 pm on September 8, the Crime Prevention Unit will discuss aspects of personal safety and awareness, with an emphasis on mental and physical preparation.

Green Dot Program
When: September 7, 5 pm – 10 pm
Target Audience: Students, Faculty, Staff
Green Dot-trained students, faculty, and staff stand ready to intervene and help prevent acts of violence. Through this program, participants will gain tangible leadership skills and will be supported in exploring sensitive topics while reducing the number of power-based personal violence incidents wherever Aggies are. Registration for the program can be found online at http://green.dot.tamu.edu.
Fire safety is not always a priority on the university’s campus. While campus officials have the responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, and staff, they may not always prioritize safety measures. This can lead to potential fire hazards in labs and other areas of the university.

In the past ten years, alarming amounts of hazardous materials have been found on university campuses. These materials include flammable liquids, combustible gases, and toxic chemicals. These materials can pose a significant risk to the health and safety of those who work with them. For example, benzene, a known carcinogen, has been found in university labs.

In 2010, the Texas A&M University’s Firewise Program conducted an inspection of labs across campus. They found that many labs were not adhering to proper safety procedures. For instance, some labs were not properly labeling chemicals, which could lead to accidents if the wrong chemical is used.

The Firewise Program recommends that labs identify potential fire hazards and develop a plan to mitigate them. This includes identifying the types of materials used in the lab, determining their fire risk, and implementing measures to prevent fires from starting in the first place.

One such measure is to properly store chemicals. For example, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are highly flammable and should be stored in a cool, well-ventilated area. In addition, chemicals should be properly labeled and stored away from heat sources.

Another important step is to ensure that lab workers are trained in fire safety procedures. This includes knowing how to use fire extinguishers, how to evacuate the building in case of a fire, and how to identify potential hazards.

By taking these steps, university labs can reduce the risk of fires and protect the health and safety of those who work in them. It is important that all university employees take fire safety seriously and work together to create a safe and secure environment.

Explosives and other hazardous materials are also a concern on university campuses. These materials can be found in labs, as well as in student housing and other areas of campus. For example, in 2011, the Texas A&M University’s Firewise Program conducted an inspection of student housing and found that many rooms contained fireworks, gasoline, and other hazardous materials.

To address this issue, the Firewise Program recommends that universities develop a hazardous materials management system. This system should include procedures for identifying, storing, and disposing of hazardous materials, as well as procedures for training students and staff in safe handling practices.

By taking these steps, universities can reduce the risk of fires and other accidents associated with hazardous materials. It is important that all university employees work together to create a safe and secure environment for everyone.