

## Timely Warning Crime Bulletin

## - Suspicious Fires-

This Timely Warning Bulletin is being issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act.

The purpose is to provide preventative information to the campus community to aid members from becoming the victim of a crime.

**Incident**: Series of Suspicious Dumpster Fires on Campus

**Location**: Multiple Locations on Campus

**Date/Time**: 11/26/22 at 12:30 a.m., 11/24/22 at 5:30 a.m., and 11/15/22 at 10:18 p.m.

**Warning issued:** 11/26/22 at 4 p.m.

**Summary:** The San Diego State University Police Department (UPD) and San Diego Fire Department's Metro Arson Strike Team (MAST) are investigating three suspicious dumpster fire incidents reported on campus within the past 11 days. The fires are somewhat proximate to each other, and all three dumpster fires were quickly extinguished. There were no injuries or structural damage reported during these fires.

You are receiving this message out of an abundance of caution.

## **Suspect and Information:**

**No suspect description is available at this time.** UPD detectives are reviewing video footage that may provide evidence of the crime of arson. If you have any information about these fires, please contact UPD by calling 619-594-1991 and selecting 1 to speak with a police dispatcher or by emailing <a href="mailto:police@sdsu.edu">police@sdsu.edu</a>. Report a tip or concerning behavior to the University Police Department through your mobile device via the <a href="mailto:SDSU Safe">SDSU Safe</a> app. You may choose to remain anonymous. Please note that tip-reporting features should only be used during non-urgent situations.

The San Diego Police Department is investigating the incident from Nov. 26 as Incident #35323.

The University Police Department is investigating the other two incidents, on Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, as Case # 22-1397 and Case # 22-1433, respectively.

## **Prevention Tips:**

UPD offers the following basic safety precautions to all members of the community:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid distractions.
- Immediately call 9-1-1 to report a crime. If you are unable to call, text to 9-1-1 is available in San Diego and Imperial counties. Report suspicious activity (including the use of open flame) on and around the open lands, hillsides, canyons and trails to the police by dialing 9-1-1.
- Download and use the <u>SDSU Safe app</u> (Apple and Android), which provides information about university support resources.
- Be fire safe. Do not use open flame in areas with dry brush. Smoking is prohibited on all SDSU property.
- Learn more about UPD's free safety training programs by visiting the <u>UPD website</u>.
- Sign up for a <u>personal safety and awareness workshop</u>. This comprehensive workshop includes the basics of hands-on self-defense training to reduce risk. For more information, please email cro.pd@sdsu.edu

**Information & Questions:** Anyone with information or questions should contact UPD by calling 619-594-1991 and selecting 1 to connect with a police dispatcher or emailing <a href="mailto:police@sdsu.edu">police@sdsu.edu</a>.