

Harding University Threat Assessment and Behavior Intervention Team

Harding University is committed to providing an environment that both supports students and challenges them to realize their full potential. Ensuring the physical and emotional safety for all students, faculty and staff is of utmost importance in promoting an atmosphere that encourages learning and productive employment. Behavior or the threat of behavior that presents a danger to self or others in the campus community will be addressed by the appropriate university personnel.

The Threat Assessment and Behavior Intervention Team is an advisory group of administrators who may assist one another in the identifying, assessing and monitoring of high risk behaviors exhibited by members of the campus community and individuals from outside the university who could pose a threat to the campus community. The team may assist in determining whether an individual is a threat to self or others and make recommendations to the appropriate university personnel for action that may be taken. The Threat Assessment and Behavior Intervention Team has six regularly scheduled meetings per year to review or discuss policies and procedures related to threatening behavior, make recommendations to the appropriate university personnel, discuss past, present or potential future threats to the Harding community and discuss legal developments regarding university threat assessment and management. The team also meets as needed to address specific concerns to the University as those concerns arise. Team members are:

Zach Neal (Co-chair) – Assistant Vice President Student Life
Craig Russell (Co-Chair) – Director Public Safety
David Collins – Executive Vice President
Mary Darden – Director Student Health Services
Lew Moore – Director Counseling Center
David Ross – Assistant Vice President Human Resources
Marty Spears – Provost

All members of the university community are encouraged to be alert to the possibility of violent acts on the part of students, employees, visitors or others. Information regarding violence, the threat of violence or other behavior of concern should be immediately reported to campus officials. Reports will be handled in a confidential manner to the extent possible. Concerns may be reported to any member of the team. For an immediate threat or emergency call Public Safety at (501) 279-5000.