## UT Dallas Police Department

### Department Mission:
The University of Texas at Dallas Police are committed to creating an environment in which teaching, research, community life and public service may flourish. All personnel are dedicated to excellence in upholding and enforcing the law and managing risks to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and guests at UT Dallas. All personnel strive to maintain excellence and integrity in respecting the rights and dignity of all persons with whom they make contact.

### Department Areas of Responsibilities:
In addition to enforcing state and traffic laws, the UT Dallas Police Department provides safety, crime prevention, emergency response and educational services to campus. Its reporting authority and jurisdiction includes the main UT Dallas campus and contiguous streets and roads, as well as The Callier Center Dallas; Center for BrainHealth, Dallas; and Center for Vital Longevity, Dallas.

Departments within the Police Department include the Command Staff, Patrol Officers, Criminal Investigators, Senior Public Safety Officers, Public Safety Officers, Communications (dispatch) and Administrative staff.

### Department Head:
**Chief Larry Zacharias** started his career in policing in 1977 with the Richardson Texas Police Department. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University, where he also completed two years of graduate studies, and of the NCTCOG Regional Police Academy. During his time with the Richardson Police Department, he worked his way up the ranks of the department, and worked or supervised every division and/or section of the police department comprised of sworn officers. In 2002, he was appointed to the position of chief of police.

During his administrative tenure, he served as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Texas Police Chiefs Association for 8 years, and represented the Texas Police Chiefs Association working with legislative committees since 1997. He graduated from the FBI National Academy and served on the International Association of Chiefs of Police Environmental Crimes Committee. He has taught ethics and internal controls with the FBI in Brazil and Barbados. In 2009 he was named Richardson Citizen of the Year and was awarded the Career Achievement Award by the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

He retired from the Richardson Police Department December 31, 2008, relaxed for a few months before being selected as the Chief of Police for the University of Texas at Dallas in September 2009. In 2011, he was named The University of Texas Police Chief of the Year.

Chief Zacharias has served on the Board of Directors for the Richardson Symphony and currently serves on the Board of the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association and the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation Board. He and his wife, Donna, have lived in Richardson more than 30 years.

### Additional Department Notes:
The Police Department provides several service programs to campus, such as lost and found, self-defense courses for women and men, campus safety escorts, National Night Out Against Crime, and VIN etching to name a few.