Dear Members of the OU Faculty and Staff,

Periodically, we review our emergency response plans to ensure that our system is current and effective. Knowing about potentially dangerous behavior is critical to our being able to assess if a threat may be present.

As faculty and staff working directly with members of the University community, and those visiting our University, you are in the best position to notice any unusual or concerning behavior that may pose a threat. Certainly, if you observe any behavior that may constitute a current or imminent threat, immediately contact the University of Oklahoma Police Department by calling 405-271-4911 or by calling 911.

If you observe unusual behavior that concerns you, but does not rise to the level of contacting the police, you should bring your concerns at the earliest possible time to the University’s Behavior Intervention Team (BIT). This team is designed to provide available University resources to members of the University community who may be struggling academically, professionally, socially or emotionally. Any member of the University community may contact BIT at 271-9BIT (9248). BIT also receives reports through its online reporting tool, or via email at bit@ouhsc.edu. Any information provided will be appropriately reviewed and addressed. Please be assured that all information will be handled with the utmost sensitivity and discretion and with all due regard for constitutional and legal safeguards.

I also want to remind you that in the event of an emergency, OU’s emergency communication system allows the University to contact students, faculty and staff within minutes by telephone, e-mail and text messaging. For the system to function fully, it is important for the University to have your updated contact information. Please update your emergency contact information online at https://gohsc.ouhsc.edu

As part of the University’s emergency preparedness services, OU will cover the ICEdot (formerly invisibleBracelet) emergency health registration fee that allows you to store vital health information and In Case of Emergency contacts for access by participating medical service providers during emergencies. OU students, faculty, and staff at all three campuses can sign up for ICEdot at http://icedot.org/ou.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

David Boren
President