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Dear Chief or Campus Safety Official,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I announce that the University of North Texas has developed a new all online Graduate Academic Certificate in Campus Safety and Security Administration that will launch in the spring of 2015. This advanced credential will be offered by the Department of Criminal Justice and has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education. This new certificate addresses the most critical and pressing issues that campus public safety officials face on a daily basis along with providing students with a solid understanding of both the theoretical and practical foundations of campus public safety and the unique and critical role campus public safety professionals play in the delivery of higher education. This certificate is designed to enhance the competency and knowledge base of campus police and security officials along with those who interface with and support campus police and security professionals on a daily basis, such as student and academic affairs representatives. In addition, this certificate provides a firm degree of competency for those who on a daily basis have direct governance and oversight responsibilities of campus public safety operations in higher education.

I have included a brochure outlining the curriculum and admission requirements for the certificate that I think you will find helpful as you consider this advanced credential. In addition, I have included a flyer outlining the optional study abroad component that is uniquely offered as a part of this certificate which is designed to enhance our participants' knowledge and understanding of comparative campus safety issues here and abroad.

The Graduate Academic Certificate in Campus Safety and Security Administration may be completed in two semesters depending on the range of courses selected. To accompany the curriculum, UNT faculty members Dr. J. Eric Coleman and Dr. Peter Johnstone, who have extensive experience in higher education administration, policing and campus public safety have invited a number of nationally recognized experts from university administration and campus police and security areas to contribute to what is believed to be a "first ever" textbook on managing campus public safety in higher education. The text book is entitled, *Managing Campus Safety and Security in Higher Education*, and will be available in November 2014.

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of North Texas is proud to pioneer the nation's first online Graduate Academic Certificate in Campus Safety and Security Administration. Our goal is to provide course participants with access to contemporary dialog and informed discussion from experts so that together we can expand the knowledge and competence of those charged with providing a safe and secure environment on the nations' university and college campuses. We hope you will join us.

For further details about the graduate certificate please contact Program Director Dr. J. Eric Coleman at eric.coleman@unt.edu or 940-565-4593.

For further information about the study abroad option with Dr. Peter Johnstone, please see the attached information sheet.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Fritsch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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