

MEMORANDUM

TO: All WTAMU Students, Faculty and Staff

FROM: J. Patrick O'Brien, President/CEO
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DATE: March 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Mexico Travel and Spring Break

As we move through March, Spring Break is fast approaching. I want to emphasize the importance of the situation in Mexico.

I strongly encourage each of you to review your travel plans in light of the recent State Department Travel Alert with emphasis on trips to South Padre Island and the city of Matamoros, Mexico. South Padre Island is a favorite destination of those participating in Spring Break and crossing the border into Matamoros, Mexico is a likely destination.

The State Department Travel Alert specifically speaks of large firefights and the fact U.S. citizens have been trapped and temporarily prevented from leaving the area, **mentioning Matamoros by name**. As is always the case with international travel, precautions for medical and security safety are critical. In light of the ongoing violence in Mexico combined with the atmosphere created during Spring Break, I want you to be aware of the situation in Mexico, particularly Matamoros, Mexico and to take appropriate precautions.

The State Department has provided a Mexico Spring Break **"Know Before You Go!"** website with helpful information regarding Spring Break and Mexico.

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