

# THE CHIEF'S *Brief*

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Welcome to this month's Chief's Brief. This is a monthly feature to let you, the Lion community, know what has been happening on campus, where you can meet an officer, answer any questions you have about your University Police Department, and to offer a monthly safety tip.

Welcome back to our returning students and a big welcome to our first-year students. It is good to see the campus come back to life with our students, staff, and faculty. We look forward to a great fall semester!

As you are exploring campus, you will see new electronic speed signs located by the Southeastern Lab School, Dyson Hall, and by the University Center (going into the Oaks and the Village). These signs will display your speed to make you more aware of how fast you're traveling. This will make the campus safer for all. These signs came at no expense to the University thanks to a \$6000 community grant from our Hammond area State Farm Agents.

Another addition you will notice is the implementation of our University Police Department Student Patrol, also known as our "Lion Guard". They will be walking around campus being more visible and assisting with tasks such as lockouts, lockups, jump starts, and serving as yet another resource for our community.

## Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be conducting a Rape Aggression Defense class on August 28th and 29th. For further information, contact UPD at [police@southeastern.edu](mailto:police@southeastern.edu). You will also see your University Police Officers handing out water the first week of school.

A few other upcoming events are "Coffee with a Cop" throughout the semester at different locations as part of our "Blue and You" initiative. This is where you can just come by, say hi, meet your police officers, and get a free cup of coffee. Our first session is tentatively scheduled for August 24th. Follow us on social media (@SoutheasternUPD) for dates, times, and locations. Look for officers on car, bike, and foot. We are here to assist you.

We would love to speak with your group or organization and provide safety presentations or just have a chat. Email us to get something scheduled.

Safety Tips:

University Police Officers secure buildings and make walkthroughs during the day, after-hours, and on weekends, but Southeastern has a large number of buildings. For our staff and faculty working afterhours or weekends, we ask as you enter or leave a building, to please pull on that door to make sure the building is secure. This protects our property and prevents unauthorized persons from gaining access to our buildings.

For our residential students, be mindful not to allow anyone to piggyback on your swipe as you enter the residence halls. They may not live in your hall or may not be a student at all. Don't prop your residence hall doors either. This is your home so lock your door when you leave.

For all who have vehicles, remember to lock your doors and keep valuables out of plain sight. Let's keep Southeastern a safe campus for all to enjoy.

If you see something, say something! If you see suspicious persons or activity, call your University Police Department immediately at 985-549-2222. We are available 24/7/365. We are physically located on the 1st floor of Pride Hall.

Remember to mask up and practice social distancing to keep our Lion Nation strong.

Send any questions or comments to [police@southeastern.edu](mailto:police@southeastern.edu).

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

*Chief Beckner*

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