

# 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 (UPD), and to offer a monthly safety tip.

As students, staff, and faculty return from a much-needed Thanksgiving break, we are now looking forward to December 10th when our graduates walk across the stage and transition from students to Alumni.

Speaking of Alumni, I would like to congratulate Kati Morse LeBreton on being named the Interim Director of Alumni Relations. As many of you know, Kati played softball for Southeastern and received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Southeastern. She's truly apart of the Lion Nation. We look forward to working with Kati and seeing all our graduates at the many events sponsored by Alumni Relations.

We can't forget about our Lion Athletics. Our Lion football team took home the Southland Conference title and Coach Scelfo took the Coach of the Year honors! The team won their first-round playoff game against Idaho and are now headed to Birmingham to bring home a second-round victory against Samford on Saturday.

Lady Lions Volleyball also took home their first Southland Conference trophy in school history and will be headed to Minnesota for first round of the NCAA tournament. Congratulations, ladies!

UPD has also had some Officers shine. Recently, Officers Garrison and Schnyder graduated the St. Charles Regional Police Academy. Officer Schnyder took the academic award and was named Valedictorian of their class. Your Southeastern officers have received this award for the last three academy classes. You are fortunate to have such capable officers serving the Southeastern Community.

## Upcoming UPD Events:

November 30, 2022: Lt. Gipson and officers will be taking your questions for "Question Authority" from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm on the westside of the Student Union. Stop by for a chat.

December 10, 2022: The big day for our graduates! Southeastern Commencement will be held at the University Center. UPD will be working to ensure the event is safe and enjoyable for all.

December 16, 2022: The Hammond Christmas Parade will roll at 5:30 pm. Look for Officer Blanchard driving our patrol unit as she always has some good throws.

December 17-January 2: Christmas Break – Even though University offices are closed and classes will be over, UPD will be around 24 hours a day during the Christmas break and will be planning for next semesters community engagement events.

#### Safety Tips:

As we enter the final weeks of the semester, stress levels may rise. Remember, Southeastern is here for you. The University has many resources available, including the University Counseling Center, which can be reached during business hours at 985-549-3894.

In the event of an emergency, residential students and students on campus after hours should call UPD at 985-549-2222. Students off campus should call 911.

As the holiday season is in full swing I wanted to pass on a few reminders to keep you safe.

- Pay attention to your surroundings, park in well-lit areas.
- Don't leave valuable items visible, lock your doors.
- Don't drink and drive.
- Distracted driving can be deadly. Use your Bluetooth or hands-free device.

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.

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

Good luck on finals and have a great holiday break! LION UP!

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