

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 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.

As we move fully into the spring semester, many exciting things are happening on campus! Can you say an abundance of sports?! Not only are our normal spring sports happening, but all the fall sports from Lion Football to the other Football (Women's Soccer). There will be many days with multiple events for you to go show your support for the Green and Gold. Our Lions have already claimed one Southland title this spring! The Men's Cross Country team are Southland Conference champs, a big congratulations from UPD!

UPD will be busy supporting and keeping our athletic events enjoyable and safe this semester by having officers assigned to these events. I want to pass on that as we have these events we want all to enjoy themselves but things must be a little different this year. Along with reduced capacity, the big one is that there will be no tailgating. UPD encourages all to respect this policy. We look forward to when we will welcome the smell of the ribs on the smoker and groups playing corn hole before a Southeastern victory. These fun times will return, just not this spring season. With all the Southeastern events happening, Southeastern is also hosting the LHSAA Soccer and Basketball Tournaments. Please be on the lookout for traffic announcements.

Some exciting UPD News: Officer Logan Pierson has been promoted to Police Officer 3, taking on a little more responsibility and using his experience to move the Department forward to better serve our community. Congrats Officer Pierson!

Over the next month or so we will be announcing further changes in our structure and announcing some further promotions. These are all part of a Department reorganization to further our community policing philosophy.

Upcoming UPD Events:

Through a partnership with the Black Student Union, we will be presenting on situational awareness and self-defense. Details are still being worked out, but this will be an awesome event working with the BSU to make our campus safer. Stay tuned for more info!

As always, UPD Officers will be on foot and on bike conducting patrols of campus. Stop us and say hi or ask that question you always wanted the answer.

If you or your organization would like UPD to present on a topic, please reach out to us and we will make it happen.

Safety Tips:

For our residential students, remember when you enter the residence halls, don't let persons piggy back on your swipe. They may not live in your hall or may not be a student at all. Don't prop your residence hall doors open. The residence hall is your house. When you leave, lock your doors.

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.

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

Send any questions or comments to police@southeastern.edu.

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

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