

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.

I would like to say congratulations to our Men's and Women's Basketball teams! Both reached the Southland Conference Finals! Men's Basketball Coach Kiefer was also Southland Conference Coach of the Year. Congratulations and great season!

This past weekend, Southeastern hosted the annual Rock 'n Roar Literary Rally, an event that has been going strong at Southeastern for 24 years. This year's event welcomed over 2800 students from south and north shore high school districts across the state. A big shout out to Student Affairs and Admissions for working together to have such a successful event. True team work equals Southeastern success.

Some UPD news: Several new officers have been hired recently. We currently have two officers in the Police Academy, Officers Michelle Blum and Allissa Cox. Officer Tyrone Garrison is currently going through some field training and will be going to the next Police Academy in May. We welcome them to the Southeastern Community.

In November of 2021, Lt. Patrick Gipson was named Southeastern's Officer of the Year. He was formally recognized by the Hammond City Club recently for this achievement. Lt. Gipson, who handles our community engagement and event planning, has done an outstanding job and continues to get UPD out into the community.

UPD Investigations, along with Patrol, recently took three reports of vehicles having the catalytic converters stolen. With some creative thinking and the use of existing technology that we have, we were able to identify the suspects and issued warrants for their arrest. This would not have been possible without access to the technology, as the suspects are from the Houston, Texas area and targeted Southeastern as a stop on their travels.

Remember, UPD is here for you. If you have a question or a need, please call or come by the office and speak with us. If you witness a crime or something you feel is out of place or suspicious, report it.

Upcoming UPD Events:

University Police will be out working extra hours on grant-funded seatbelt enforcement. This initiative is about education and gaining compliance for safety belts, making our community safer and lessen the risk of injury in a vehicle crash.

University Police will be having a Real Talk with our LGBTQ+ community on March 23, 2022 at 5pm in the Student Union 2203. During this session, we will hear concerns and how we can do a better job in serving our community.

University Police will also be at the Southeastern vs. Troy Baseball game April 6th from 3-6pm to help support Special Olympics. Come out and watch the Lions play and show your support for Special Olympics.

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

Safety Tips:

As gas prices rise, theft of fuel will also rise. Park your vehicle in a well-traveled area. During the evening, try to park under a street light. Walk around your vehicle each time before getting in it. Look for any fuel on the ground. Many gas thefts involve drilling and draining the fuel out of the tank.

If you see suspicious persons or activity, call your University Police Department immediately.

Remember, your University Police Department is located in Pride Hall and is open 24/7. You can reach us from any campus phone by dialing 2222 and from any cell phone or off-campus line by dialing 985-549-2222.

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

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

Chief Beckner

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