

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.

Campus is full of life as shown this past weekend during the Homecoming events. A huge shout out to the Student Government Association and the Homecoming committee for a great experience. Everyone did a great job! Our Lions took care of business on the field and our students showed up in force. Athletics had to open up several extra sections for students in Strawberry Stadium. That's some real school spirit!

We had a very safe and enjoyable Homecoming experience with only minor violations. As Chief, I thank everyone for cooperating and keeping the tailgating and football game a safe event so all could enjoy. Southeastern, students, staff, faculty, and alumni truly displayed what it means to be a Lion.

Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD had a successful month reaching out and engaging our community. Coffee with a Cop was a great success in Fayard Hall where we served almost five gallons of coffee. Hotdog! It's Homecoming! was equally as great, as officers handed out over 400 hotdogs to our students and took lots of pictures with our student organizations.

Rape Aggression Defense classes are back in full swing! We just finished one class and have another class scheduled for November 6-7. UPD will be offering several more classes in the near future. If you are interested in learning about self-defense, visit our social media platforms (@SoutheasternUPD) for the registration link.

From now until the Thanksgiving break, UPD is sponsoring a food drive to restock Southeastern's food pantry. Food insecurity is a real thing and we have students that struggle with being able to access food. So, I issue a challenge to all of our faculty and staff to stop by UPD and donate some non-perishable food items so our students never have to face food insecurities while attending Southeastern. We are also accepting toiletry and hygiene products for the pantry. Our UPD lobby is open 24 hours a day so donations can be dropped off at any time.

Safety Tips:

As the daylight hours dwindle, remember to be aware of your surroundings. UPD offers safety escorts 24 hours a day. You can contact UPD by visiting us in Pride Hall, by calling us at 985-549-2222, or by activating the blue phone closest to your location. A Police Officer or a member of our student Lion Guard Patrol will walk with you to your destination.

As you are out at night, wear clothing that is reflective so motorists are able to see you. For the motorists, remember to turn on your headlights at dusk. Let's all make the effort to be seen.

If you visit our social media platforms, we recently posted a video featuring Roomie and Dr. Willis, everyone's favorite Dean, addressing crosswalk safety. Both drivers and pedestrians should pay attention to each other. We want everyone to arrive to their destinations safely.

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.

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

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