

THE CHIEF'S *Brief*

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

First, let me say as the new Chief of Police, I am very excited to be here at Southeastern and look forward to working with all our community to make Southeastern a safe and welcoming campus.

As we are now well into the semester, UPD has had to adjust the way we do things and how we reach out to the campus. Truly being part of the community is what I strive for and with the talents of Officer Morse, we jumped into the world of TikTok and what a job Officer Morse has done!

Officer Morse has uploaded short safety videos, had a scavenger hunt, and just uploaded some fun videos with her famous traffic cones. The support has been great and we have over 150 thousand followers and yes, I am in some of the videos.

We just completed our first Q&A over Instagram and I want to thank everyone who sent in questions. We hope to do more in the future. All our other Officers have also been doing community presentations on campus, from talking with our student athletes to bowling with our students who are Veterans. Officers are telling our story, answering your questions, and listening to your suggestions on how we can improve as your Police Department to better serve you.

UPD has also just recently added a Clery Compliance Officer to better serve our future and current students with reporting Clery related crimes on campus in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. This will allow current students to better understand crimes on campus and let future students make informed decisions on the safety of our campus before they arrive.

Tiffany Chavers-Edwards, a Southeastern Graduate and a dedicated member of the University Police Department, has been appointed to the position. I can say this would not have been possible without the support of both Dr. Summers and President Crain who both support having a safe and welcoming campus.

Upcoming UPD Events:

November 3, 2020 at 4 pm Student Engagement, along with UPD, will be conducting a virtual Active Assailant training. Contact Student Engagement to register.

Watch our Social Media for future events and programming

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:

In today's society, online safety is paramount. If you get an email request referencing a job you did not apply for, asking you to cash a check, asking you to purchase gift cards for them, or asking for personal information, BLOCK it, DELETE it, and REPORT it!

Be careful with online dating. Never meet or give your address to someone you just met online. Only meet in a public place. Let a friend know your plans regarding where and what time, and make sure to let your friend know you are safe when the date is over. If something doesn't seem right, then it probably isn't. Trust your instincts!

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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