

# 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.

As students, staff, and faculty return from a much needed Thanksgiving break and prepare to make that final push toward the end of the semester, I can say that our Lion Community is resilient. We have had plenty to deal with this semester and all should be praised for making it a success.

I watched several weeks ago as our Admissions and Enrollment departments held the latest Lion Pride Preview and saw a lot of future students walking our campus. We look forward to the next scheduled event on February 11, 2022.

We can't forget about our Lion football team's big win on November 27th over a tough FAMU team. Up next, we're headed to Virginia to beat JMU. A big shout out to our UPD team as they spent their holidays on regular patrol duties along with all the extra duties of working a home football game. Many of our officers who worked on Saturday for the game had also worked on Thursday, giving up their whole Thanksgiving break. I can't ask for a better team.

## Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be in Hammond Hall on December 7th from 6-8pm for Housing's "Painting with a Twist" event, stop by and paint and speak with officers.

The following week, UPD will be hosting "Coffee and Hot Chocolate with a Cop" on December 15th from 7-9am in the Student Union Breezeway. Stop by and grab a hot cup of coffee or hot chocolate before that big final, or just come by and chat with a UPD Officer.

The Hammond Christmas Parade is Friday, December 17th. The parade will roll at 6pm. UPD is partnering with TRACC for the "In the Zone" program prior to the parade. Bring the kids and stop by for a safe zone with fun activities for the kids.

## Continued Upcoming UPD Events:

December 18th... the big day for our graduates! Southeastern Commencement will be returning to the University Center. All UPD staff will be working to ensure the event is safe and enjoyable for all.

## Safety Tips:

As we enter the last couple of weeks of the semester, the stress levels may rise. Remember, Southeastern is here for you. The University has many resources, including the University Counseling Center. The Counseling staff can be reached during business hours at 985-549-3894; after-hours for residential students or students still on campus by calling UPD at 985-549-2222; and off-campus students with an emergency should dial 911.

As we are in the holiday shopping season, remember to keep track of your valuables. Don't leave gifts or other items in plain sight in your vehicle. If you must leave them in your vehicle, secure items away and out of site, such as in the vehicle trunk. While shopping, keep your hands as free as possible. Don't overload yourself so much that you cannot see your surroundings. And finally, park in well-lit areas and have your keys in your hands before leaving the store.

For our students who will be heading home for the holidays and semester break, drive safely and pay attention to the road as there will be lots of others on the roadways. Remember to drive hands free by keeping that cell phone in the cradle. Don't text and drive, and most of all, don't drink and drive.

We look forward to seeing you in January when you return to campus. UPD will remain on duty during the break and the holidays for all of your emergency needs as we continue serving the Southeastern Community.

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.

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

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

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

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