

# 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.

First, I would like to give a big shout out to our Lady Lions Basketball team who is 8-0 in conference! Keep up the great work! To all reading this, let's show up in the UC on February 24th at 5:30pm for the next home game against UNO and support our Lady Lions.

Another big shout out to our Athletic Program... Congrats to Southeastern Alum Cole Kelley, as he was one of 324 players invited to the NFL combine. Athletics is really showing out! Great job to Jay and his staff!

This month, I would like to speak about what we can do to keep ourselves safe on and off campus. As you pick up any newspaper or turn on any television, you see that criminal acts are on the rise. What we see happening in a big city can happen in a small city just as well; this is not to say it happens on the same scale or frequency. If you are aware of your surroundings and take a few simple steps, you substantially lessen the chances of becoming a target.

Be situationally aware. Know what is going on around you and pay attention to others that are close to you. When out of your car getting gas, don't leave your keys laying out. Put them in your pocket. As you pump gas, have your back against your car. This lets you see anyone approaching from either side. In large crowds, if you are carrying a purse, put it in front of you. If you have your wallet or just an ID and credit cards, put them in your front pocket. When you park your car, whether it be at home or at an event, lock the doors and place valuables out of sight. Don't leave a garage door opener visible, put it away. If you are out with friends, watch out for each other, stay together, and always walk in pairs.

When parking on campus, lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. In the residence halls, don't let someone piggyback on your card swipe when entering your hall and don't prop doors open. As you walk around on campus, look where you are going. Walking around looking at your cell phone does not allow you to see who is around you or a car that may be coming down the road.

These are all simple steps that each of us can take to make ourselves safer as we enjoy our campus and community.

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 right away.



### Upcoming UPD Events:

University Police will be at Garrett Hall on February 16th from 7-9am for another Coffee with a Cop event. Come say hello and get a free cup of coffee.

University Police will be a part of the Krewe of Omega Mardi Gras Parade on February 18th. The parade rolls at 6:30pm.

University Police will be standing in solidarity with the members of our Black Student Union speaking out against police brutality on February 22nd from 7-8pm near the Memorial Fountain.

University Police will also be tabling in the Student Union Breezeway at the event sponsored by SGA and CARE "King Cake, Not Baked: Drug and Alcohol Prevention" discussing Mardi Gras Safety on February 23rd from 11am-2pm.

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](mailto:police@southeastern.edu).

### Safety Tips:

During Mardi Gras or anytime you are out at a bar or club, never leave your drink unattended. If you do, just order a new one. You don't know if someone has put something in it while you were gone in an attempt to take advantage of you.

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.

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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