

# 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 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 welcome all our returning students, and for the first time students, welcome to Southeastern! It will be nice to have students back on campus. We are looking forward to many activities during the spring semester.

I would like to congratulate Officer Madison Morse who has been selected as our Officer of the Year for 2020. Officer Morse works with community outreach through social media. UPD's social media accounts are a testament to her willingness to connect with our community. UPD currently has over 150 thousand followers on TikTok! So, if you see Officer Morse around campus, give her a thumbs up and tune in to our TikTok page for her next safety or good-natured video. Find us at @SoutheasternUPD.

What I would like to talk about this month is a couple of very important resources available to our students here at Southeastern. We have some of the most dedicated staff members to serve your needs, not only today but throughout your college career. I am proud to partner with these departments who play a tremendous role in our students' success.

I would like to start with the dedicated staff at our University Counseling Center. The staff are on-call 24 hours a day to assist our students in need. College can be a very stressful time in one's life. Dealing with COVID, having some of your classes being taught online, the stress of deadlines, achieving high grades, and overall social pressures can be overpowering. If one starts feeling weighed down with their responsibilities, there is no shame in reaching out for help. If you are feeling overwhelmed, University Counseling Center counselors will be more than happy to meet with you and listen to your concerns. If you have a need to talk to a counselor after normal business hours, call or come to the University Police Department, and we will get you in touch with a counselor that can assist you.



The second resource I want to talk about is our Student Accessibility Services office. They are located in Tinsley Hall, Room 102. The Office of Student Accessibility Services facilitates the process of academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Their staff works with students to get accommodations necessary for you to become a successful student and achieve greatness. You must register with Student Accessibility Services to receive these accommodations. If you have a question or believe you need an accommodation, you can contact this office, and they will be more than happy to assist you.

#### **Upcoming UPD Events:**

Through a partnership with Student Engagement, University Police will be doing a Zoom training, Active Assailant, on February 3, 2021, at 4pm. Contact their office to register for this event.

University Police will be participating in a Click It or Ticket Seatbelt Campaign throughout the month of January. Please remember to wear your seatbelts and when traveling with children, please utilize child safety seats.

If you or your organization would like UPD to present on a topic, please contact us and we will make it happen.

#### **Safety Tips:**

As the semester begins and you return to campus, we would like to offer a few safety tips. Secure your belongings, lock your vehicle, and make a list of important and valuable items along with their serial numbers. This will help in the recovery of your property if your items are stolen.

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.

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!

*Chief Beckner*

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