

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 (UPD), and to offer a monthly safety tip.

As we close out the busy month of October, I would like to take opportunity to say thank you to those that have made Homecoming 2022 possible. From Gumbo Ya Ya and Lip Sync, to the Alumni Awards and the football festivities, all the events had great participation from the Lion Nation! The members of our community who planned, setup, and worked these events did a great job. I would also like to thank our campus community and our alumni for your support keeping our tailgating events safe, especially in keeping Friendship Circle clear for the parade and after the start of the game.

I would be remiss if I didn't salute our royalty! Congratulations to our 2022 Homecoming King and Queen, KeRon Jackson and Jayla Ruffin, as well as the rest of the homecoming court on your well-deserved recognition.

Upcoming UPD Events:

The men and women of UPD have worked hard to keep you safe during the month of October. However, it is their community engagement efforts that make me proud to serve as their Chief. This month alone, we served up some jambalaya, attended several community panels, and released our awesome podcast called "Lions on the Beat" (available on [YouTube](#)). Still, there's more to come:

- Through December 16th, UPD is sponsoring a toy drive called "Leos and Lions for Little Ones" with all donations going to Children's Hospital of New Orleans. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at the University Police Department Lobby or ordered via our [Amazon Wishlist Page](#) and have items shipped directly to UPD.
- You can join us on October 26th at the Rec for Office of Student Engagement's Boo Bash beginning at 7:00 PM.
- At 9:30 AM on October 29th, you can find us at the annual LAA's Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat in Friendship Circle.
- Also, on October 29th, we will be participating in the 5K Purple Run in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, starting and ending at Cate Square Park. The event starts at 7:00 AM.

- UPD, along with the Office of Student Engagement (OSE), just graduated 4 instructors from a recent Rape Aggression Defense instructor certification class. Be on the lookout for new RAD classes coming soon being taught along with OSE. This collaboration within the Division for Student Affairs shows we put student's safety first

Stop by at one of these events and say hello!

Safety Tips:

As the daylight hours dwindle, remember to be aware of your surroundings. UPD offers safety escorts 24 hours a day either with an officer, or you can use the [LION SAFE APP](#) to have a friend or UPD dispatcher monitor your walk to the parking lot or your residence hall. As you are out at night, wear clothing that is reflective so motorists are able to see you and for the motorists, remember to turn on your headlights at dusk, let's all be seen.

Don't forget to activate your Spidey sense as you go out to celebrate Halloween. That person behind the mask may not be who you think it is. Have fun, but be aware of our surroundings and make good choices.

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.

Send any questions or comments to police@southeastern.edu.

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

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