THE CHIEF'S Building OCTOBER 2023



What we've been up to:

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.

Campus was very active the first two weeks of October with Homecoming events all week, the parade, and finally the football game. It was great to see all our current and former students on campus. Speaking of former students, a big shout out to the Alumnus of the Year, the Honorable Robby Miller and Young Alumnus of the Year, Jason Latiolais. True Lions for Life!

I also want to give a shout out to our Southeastern Alumni employees for hosting and putting together some great homecoming events all across campus. Let's not forget our Student Government Association, the Office of Student Engagement, and Athletics for all the homecoming week activities, like the Lip Sync competition, the parade, and our Homecoming Royalty. Congrats to all!

UPD has also been busy. Our officers have been going non-stop making sure all these great events are safe. Officers have put in a lot of hours over this homecoming week, along with their normal work hours. As the Chief, I can say we have the best group of Officers around. I would also like to announce a couple promotions within the department. Ronnie Plaisance has been promoted to Patrol Lieutenant and Officer Allissa Hauck has been promoted to Investigator. Congratulations to both!

Upcoming UPD Events:

October 30th from 5-7 PM: Spooktacular Housing Hunt – find us at Greek Village.

October 31st from 5:30-7 PM: UPD will be at the REC for Trick or Treating.

November 4th: Tailgating in Friendship Circle and then Southeastern Football vs. McNeese in Strawberry Stadium.

November 6th: UPD starts a new RAD class series. To register: linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD

November 8th from 7-9 AM: Join us for Coffee and Coco with the Cops in the Garrett Hall lobby.

Safety Tips:

This month I want to remind everyone that the days are getting shorter. When you are out walking in the morning or evening, it's harder for drivers to see you. Be aware and wear clothing that is light and bright.

Southeastern is a safe vibrant campus, but we always recommend you follow the following tips:

Walk in groups.

- If you think something doesn't feel right then it probably isn't.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Make eye contact with people as they approach.
- Download the Lion Safe App for the virtual walk, friend walk, mobile blue light, and all University resources in the palm of your hand: <u>linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD</u>

If you have any questions, please reach out to UPD and an officer will be there to help.

As always, 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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