

# THE CHIEF'S *Brief*

FEBRUARY 2023



## Safety Tips:

I want to share a safety tip that I have put out in the past, but want to remind our community about – being aware of your surrounding when you are out. Whether you're at a bar/restaurant, a friend's house, or any gathering of people, be aware and know your surroundings. Always let someone know where you are and who you are with.

Never accept a drink from a stranger, whether it is alcohol or not. Don't leave your drink unattended, and have a safe way home.

If you think someone's spiked your drink or attempted to, file a police report so we have a record. If you hear of a friend that this happens to, let our agency know so we have a record and can act.

Download the Lion Safe App from the Apple or Google store. Use the "report a tip" feature, but also use the friend walk, mobile blue light, and all the other resources provided to you for your safety. Southeastern is here to keep the Lion Nation safe.

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](mailto:police@southeastern.edu).

We will see you around campus! LION UP!

*Chief Beckner*

Southeastern Louisiana University Police Department



**POLICE**

## 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.

I would like to start this month's Brief by highlighting career advancements made by a couple of our officers. I am proud to announce the promotion of Officer Michelle Blanchard to Sergeant (SGT). SGT Blanchard is a Southeastern Alumni and our 2022 Officer of the Year. As all officers at Southeastern do, SGT Blanchard engages our students and community in a positive role, along with keeping the community safe. SGT Blanchard will be taking the place of SGT Ryan Young who recently took the leap and become a Louisiana State Trooper. Congrats to SGT Young on his new venture and to SGT Blanchard for taking the next step here at Southeastern.

After last month's Chief Brief, I received a request to speak about the lost and found process on campus. If you lose an item on campus first check in the building you were in as several buildings have lost and found locations. The lost and found is usually located in the Dean's office.

If the item has not been turned in to the Dean's office, stop by the University Police Department, located in Pride Hall - the main collection point for lost and found items. Typically, UPD dispatch will attempt to contact you either by phone or your listed Southeastern email if you lose something that identifies you.

If you need to turn in lost items that you may have found, please keep in mind that UPD will not take food, food containers, clothing, or items that may be unsanitary or pose a risk to our Communication or Police Officers. Credit cards/Bank cards will be destroyed after 7 days; Southeastern ID's will be turned back over to Campus Card after 48 hours; and Louisiana Drivers Licenses will be sent to the State Office of Motor Vehicles after 7 days.

If you have any questions about Lost and Found items, call UPD at 985-549-2222 or email us at [police@southeastern.edu](mailto:police@southeastern.edu).

If you witness a crime or something you feel is out of place or suspicious, report it.

## Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be participating in several upcoming events, along with staffing the Louisiana Girls High School Athletic Association Basketball Tournament at the University Center and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Soccer Tournament at Strawberry Stadium.

- February 28 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.: Active Assailant Response with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the Student Union 2203
- March 15 from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.: Red Flag Campaign partnering with CARE and SAFE in the Student Union Breezeway
- March 16 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.: Coffee with a Cop in the Student Union Breezeway
- March 21 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.: Housing's Backyard Bash in the Student Union