THE CHIEF'S SEPTEMBER 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.

We will start with a big shout out to the Southeastern Volleyball team for schooling that other Louisiana University... what a great victory!

Our first home football game is coming up on September 23rd at 6pm against Houston Christian University. Let's pack Strawberry Stadium!

September 13th was Southeastern Giving Day. I want to thank everyone you gave to the University Police Department as we work towards adding a K-9 to our team. We have also applied for several grants that will assist with this endeavor. This K-9 will not be an aggressive dog, but a highly trained K-9 that can sniff out explosives, guns, and ammunition. The K-9 will be one that can go to engagement events and our students can interact with.

UPD's Tiffany Edwards, Dean of Students' Dawn Starkey, Career Services' Craig Marinello, Student Engagement's Kalynne Honore, and Southeastern's own First Lady Misty Wainwright have been working overtime to get the Lion Food Pantry stocked. Your work in ensuring our Lion family is taken care of is incredibly appreciated. If you would like to donate items to the Pantry, please visit www.southeastern.edu/admin/misa/pantry.

Upcoming UPD Events:

September 26th at 5:30 PM: Free Speech Forum. Learn about free speech and ask questions with the Chief.

September 28th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Pops with Cops in the Student Union Breezeway. Stop by and grab a popsicle and ask the officers questions.

October 12th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Get your Space Dogs and Moon Pies with UPD as we celebrate Homecoming week Student Union Fountain October 12th 11-1pm

November 6, 8, 13, and 15: UPD's next Rape Aggression Defense Class. Visit https://linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD to sign up.

Safety Tips:

Online crimes come in many forms, from identity theft to extortion. In today's society, everything we do is done over the internet. from social media to banking. When you mee someone new through apps such as Snapchat, Facebook, or other popular sites, you really don't know who you are talking with. They could be posing as the opposite sex or misrepresenting their age or location. Once they gain your trust or play to your emotions, they ask for either your personal information or pictures that they can use against you. Once you put pictures or your information out there. it is available for all to see and use. You control what you send or add to social media. Be responsible about what you put online.

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!

Chief Beckner

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