

THE CHIEF'S Brief

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Safety Tips:

The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault happen in every community and affect people of all genders and ages. A person may use force, threats, manipulation, or coercion to commit these acts. We can always work on ways to better protect ourselves and others. Always remember to be aware of your surroundings, let a friend know your plans, and walk in groups and well-lit areas.

Visit the UPD webpage to gain additional information:
https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/police/resources/victims_soc

Download the free Lion Safe app (<https://linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD>) and use the friend walk, mobile blue light, and all of the other resources provided to you for your safety. You can also report incidents using the report a tip feature. Southeastern is here to keep the Lion Nation safe.

Remember, you are never alone. Southeastern Louisiana University will stand by your side.

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

Southeastern Louisiana University Police Department



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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.

How about the Lady Lion Softball team?! they took LSU, the number 6 team in the country, to the limit at LSU! They currently have a 36-8 overall record and are 13-2 in the Southland Conference. As of April 8th, no-one in the ESPN/ESA Softball Top 25 has more wins than our Lady Lions. Great job!

I would like to remind everyone about ways you can make reports, such as concerns about a fellow student, suspicious activities or person(s), or other concerns you may have.

- Southeastern offers the Lion Intervention Network (LINK). LINK provides an online form with reporting options on Power Based Violence, Student Conduct, Title IX, and the Southeastern Threat Assessment and Response Team:
<https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/osaa/link>
- Additionally, within the Lion Safe app, UPD offers anonymous online reporting, incident reporting, and chat with UPD features:
<https://linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD>. **Always remember, for emergencies on campus, always call University Police at 985-549-2222.**

You're currently reading the April Chief's Brief, which means we have less than a month left until Spring Commencement. Before you know it, we'll be welcoming a new group of students to the Southeastern Alumni family. Hang in there, you got this!

Monthly Calls for Service - March 2024:

For the last calendar year, criminal activity on campus has continued to see a steady decline as calls for service have remained about the same. This means more people are reporting, which is a good thing. The more we are informed, the more proactive we can be in keeping campus safe.

- UPD had 1629 activities in January
- UPD took 88 reports, to include:
 - 6 auto accidents/crashes
 - 21 medical emergencies
 - 1 sexual assault
 - 5 thefts
 - 3 drug violations
 - 2 alcohol violations
 - 6 suspicious activity calls
- UPD completed 54 traffic stops and issued 20 traffic citations

UPD keeps a Daily Crime and Fire Log available at the University Police Department. This report can be viewed upon request during University business hours. The last 3 years of Clery Act related incidents can be viewed on UPD's home page under the Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports: www.southeastern.edu/police/clery.

Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be around campus this month supporting events at Athletics, Columbia Theater productions, Chefs Evening, and many others to keep the campus safe. So, when you see one of the officers around campus, stop by and say hi. Here are a few upcoming events that UPD will be hosting/participating in:

- April 22nd from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Circular Drive in front of Sims Library, come join UPD as we Cover the Cruiser with pledges of support for the survivors of sexual assault. We'll have post-it notes for you to write your pledges of support on and post them on a police unit.
- April 22nd at 6:00 pm in the University Center, UPD, along with other area police and fire departments, will be having the 2nd Annual Autism Awareness Charity Basketball Game. This annual event benefits Autism awareness organizations in our community. Entry is by \$3 cash donation; clear bag policy; and concessions available.
- April 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Student Union Ballroom, come support our students at the Division for Student Affairs Student Awards Convocation, as they receive some much-earned recognitions.
- April 24th is Denim Day. Denim Day is a national awareness where millions of people across the world, including your UPD, will wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate themselves and others about all forms of sexual violence. Join us in this initiative by wearing jeans on April 24th. Tag UPD in your social media posts: @SoutheasternUPD.

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