

THE CHIEF'S *Brief* JANUARY 2024



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.

Welcome back, returning students, and a warm welcome to our new students as we embark on an exciting spring semester! UPD has been hard at work over the break, planning events, ensuring campus safety, and collaborating with our partners to address community needs.

I would like to announce and congratulate our Officer and Civilian Employee of the Year. Our 2023 Officer of the Year is Sergeant Tyler Theard and our 2023 Civilian Employee of the Year is UPD Administrative Coordinator Richelle Hoover. If you see them around campus, Congratulate them as this recognition is well deserved.

I would also like to discuss the University Coasting Policy and how it has changed. After talks between the administration and our Student Government Association, a compromise has been reached that will allow motorized scooters on campus; however, they are not allowed in University buildings or residence halls. As you utilize your scooter for transportation around campus, there are rules you must follow:

- Scooters are not to be brought inside any campus building.
- No riding through the Student Union Breezeway – this is the covered portion of the Student Union between the Bookstore and the Dean of Student's Office.
- You must follow traffic rules if on the roadway, just as if you were driving a vehicle.
- You must respect pedestrians as they are walking on sidewalks.

University Police will be enforcing these rules. UPD will attempt to educate/warn you, but if the violations continue, a referral to Student Advocacy and Accountability or a citation may be issued. The full coasting policy can be found at: southeastern.edu/resources/policies/policy_detail/coasting

Upcoming UPD Events:

University Police will be offering an upcoming RAD class during the Spring semester. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates and registration links through our socials - @SoutheasternUPD

January 22, 2023; 7-9:00 a.m. – Coffee and Cocoa with Cops – Student Union Breezeway – Stop by with your questions and conversation or just stop by and grab a free cup of coffee or hot cocoa.

February 2, 2024; 6:30 p.m. – The Krewe of Omega Mardi Gras Parade will be kicking off from the Pride Roofing University Center. UPD will be out blocking the roads around campus so the parade can roll around campus safely. We'll also have a patrol unit in the parade with some good throws so be watching for us!

February 6, 2024; 4:30 p.m. behind UPD – Auto 101 – UPD Officers will be demonstrating basic vehicle maintenance processes, such as how to change a flat, how to check vehicle fluids, and how to jump start a vehicle.

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

Safety Tips:

As the semester begins and you return to campus, we'd like to offer a few reminders:

- Secure your belongings
- Lock your vehicles
- Lock your residence hall door and don't let individuals in the residence halls that you don't know, nor let them piggyback through the main doors on your card swipe
- Make a list of important and valuable items and their serial numbers. This will help in the recovery of your property if your items are stolen.

For our students, staff, and faculty if you feel a fellow community member is in distress or needs resources and it is not an emergency situation, you can use the Lion Intervention Network (LINK) found at <https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/osaa/link>.

Remember to download the Lion Safe App from the Apple or Google store.

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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