

THE CHIEF'S *Brief* OCTOBER 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.

As we move through the exciting activities of Homecoming Week 2024, let's not forget about the big game. On Saturday, October 19th, your Southeastern Lions will take on Stephen F. Austin in Strawberry Stadium with a 4 pm kickoff. We are now 2-0 in the Southland Conference, putting us in first place! How about them Lions?!

Prior to the Homecoming game is tailgating in Friendship Circle. I would like to remind everyone about some of the basic tailgating policies the University has in place to keep everyone safe and make it an enjoyable experience.

- **No golf carts** (*only exception is persons on official University business*) or vehicles inside Friendship Circle after 10 am. The parade rolls at 12 pm.
- **No bottles.** If you have glass, pour it in a cup.
- **No music that is offensive, includes profane language, or is drowning out others in the area.** Please be respectful of other attendees.
- All music must be **turned off** at 3:55 pm, which is just prior to kickoff.
- Electrical cords should **not** use building power.

UPD and our student patrol will be patrolling Friendship Circle to ensure everyone is safe and having a good time. Should you need anything, we are easy to spot in our bright highlighter shirts.

Monthly Calls for Service - August 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. Below are the campus statistics for the month of September 2024.

- UPD had 1505 activities in September.
- UPD took 105 reports:
 - 24 medical emergencies
 - 14 traffic crashes
 - 5 hit and runs
 - 4 thefts
 - 3 simple burglaries
 - 2 alcohol violations
 - 1 drug violation
- UPD completed 126 traffic stops and issued 75 traffic citations.

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

Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be around campus hosting and participating in the following upcoming events:

- Oct 17th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Student Union Fountain: **Patties with PD** – UPD will be passing out McDonald's hamburgers and bags of chips.
- Oct 23rd from 5-7 pm in Downtown Hammond: **Night Out Against Crime** – UPD will be set-up at North Cypress Street between Thomas Street and Charles Street with kids' activities and prevention material.
- Oct 29th from 9 am-1 pm in the South Union Lot: **Law Enforcement Career Fair** – UPD, along with other area law enforcement agencies will be on site with employment information for their various agencies for students seeking career opportunities.
- Oct 31st from 6-8 pm at the Rec: **Fall Carnival** – UPD will have a booth setup for trunk 'or treating.
- Nov 4th: We'll kick off our next **RAD (Rape Aggression Defense)** class. Register at: linktr.ee/SoutheasternUPD
- Nov 19th at 4:30 pm in the Ascension Hall Courtyard: **Game Night with Lions Connected and UPD**. Join us as we play some old school card and board games with our Lions Connected students.

Safety Tips:

This month, I want to remind everyone that the days are getting shorter, which means it will be getting dark earlier. So, when you are out walking in the morning or evening, it's harder for drivers to see you. So, try to wear clothing that is light in color and bright and be aware and alert.

Southeastern is a safe, vibrant campus, but we always recommend you follow our safety 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 and use the Lion Safe App from the Apple or Google stores and use the "Report a Tip" feature. Also use the "Friend Walk", "Mobile Blue Light", and all the other resources provided to you for your safety. **We are aware of a current connection issue for users to download the app from the Google store. We are actively working to get this corrected and back online as soon as possible.*

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 and Happy Homecoming Week!**

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