

# THE CHIEF'S Brief

## SEPTEMBER 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.

How about them Lions?! A big victory over a Big Sky opponent just days after Southeastern was affected by Hurricane Francine! Let's do the same this weekend against the defending national champs as South Dakota State comes to Strawberry Stadium this Saturday, September 21st! See you at 6PM for kick-off.

This month I would like to talk about the many ways Southeastern has for you to report incidents or persons of concern. First up, if you think it's an emergency or if you don't know if it's an emergency, call University Police at 985-549-2222 and report it.

If you're reporting non-emergency, non-criminal concerns, the University has a "Report it" form located at [www.southeastern.edu/reportit](http://www.southeastern.edu/reportit). Follow the step-by-step prompts and questions. If you get into the form and think that it may be an emergency after all, call UPD. Also remember, if you call UPD dispatch, we can always answer your questions and let you know if it is something we will take care of and assist with forwarding the incident or concern to the appropriate area.

As Chief, I would rather you over report to us than let something slip by. If you have any questions on reporting, please reach out and discuss it with us: [police@selu.edu](mailto:police@selu.edu).

### 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 August 2024.

- UPD had 1318 activities in August.
- UPD took 57 reports:
  - 5 Auto Crashes
  - 9 Medical Emergencies
  - 2 Hit and Runs
  - 1 Disturbance
  - 2 Simple Battery's
  - 1 Driving Under the Influence
  - 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle
- 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 home page under the Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports: [www.southeastern.edu/police](http://www.southeastern.edu/police). This year's report will be available by October 1, 2024.

### Upcoming UPD Events:

UPD will be around campus supporting events with Athletics, Columbia Theater productions, Career Fair, and many other details to keep the campus safe. When you see one of the officers, stop by and say hi. Here's a list of some of our upcoming events and activities:

- September 25th at 5 PM: Auto 101 in the Pride Hall parking lot behind UPD.
- October 1st from 5-7 PM: Meet K-9 Julia and K-9 demonstration in Lee Field.
- October 2nd from 8-10 AM: Coffee with Cops 8-10 in the Garrett Hall lobby.
- October 9th from 10 AM – 2 PM: Domestic Violence Awareness event in the Student Union.

### Safety Tips:

As you visit new places and make new friends, remember to always be aware and have a plan. Always let someone know your plans, where you'll be, and who you are with. While out at a restaurant, bar, or club, don't leave your drink unattended. Once you walk away from your drink, count it as gone and get a new one. If you meet someone online or are going out with someone you just met, have a friend know where you are going. Have them call you within a designated time to check on you and give them a time when you are going to return. If talking to someone online, never give them any personal information or agree to meet them in a non-public location. Never give them your address and don't send them anything over the net... you never know who you may actually be chatting with as it could be someone completely different than what is represented in their profile.

Download 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. Southeastern is here to keep the Lion Nation safe. *\*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](mailto:police@southeastern.edu).

We will see you around campus! LION UP!

*Chief Beckner*

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