

THE CHIEF'S *Brief*

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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, and to offer a monthly safety tip.

As Spring Break approaches for students, take this time to enjoy a much needed break. Faculty and Staff, take this time to relax and recharge. Students return April 25th to make that final push towards the end of semester and the reward of commencement to our class of 2022.

I would like to personally give a shout out to Southeastern Athletic Director Jay Artigues on his selection to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, what a great achievement and well deserved!

UPD had the opportunity to speak with members of our LGBTQ+ community this month. The conversation focused on how UPD is perceived and how we can do better in serving our community. One of the topics discussed was how one wishes to be identified or addressed when dealing with the police, whether as a person who is reporting an incident or just having a conversation. I would like to remind all members of our community that when the Officer is taking a report or other documentation, we are looking at a state issued identification card. If you would like to be addressed differently, please let the officer know and the officer will do so. As a result of the conversation, I for one learned some ways we can improve and I hope that this builds further relationships and brings more community members to our next Real Talk event.

Over the last month, UPD has made several promotions. Officer M. Blanchard, Officer T. Theard, and Officer M. Morse were promoted from Police Officer 2 to Police Officer 3. Police Officer 3 R. Plaisance was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to all, this was well deserved!

Upcoming UPD Events:

April 27th is Denim Day – show your support for survivors of sexual assault and educate others about all forms of sexual assault. UPD Officers will be wearing jeans as their daily uniform this day. I encourage our Lion Nation to join in.

April 27th is the Swamp Bowl – UPD will be representing and showing our volleyball skills as we slosh through the mud. Come out and support us or your favorite team at the REC from 3-7 pm.

The last week of April – UPD will be conducting an Occupant Protection detail dubbed “Buckle up in your Truck.” This is an educational and enforcement campaign to make our community more aware and safer through seatbelt usage.

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

Safety Tips:

As you travel during the break, remember to watch for distracted drivers, reduce your speed, don't drive and text, and most of all, don't drink and drive.

Let others know when you will be traveling, your route, and expected time of arrival. This way, if you do not show up at the expected time, someone has your itinerary and can send help your way. Let a trusted friend or family member have access to your phone location while you travel. And finally, just be smart, make good decisions, and be aware of your surroundings.

Most of all, have a safe and fun break!

If you see suspicious persons or activity, call your University Police Department immediately.

Remember, your University Police Department is located in Pride Hall and is open 24/7. You can reach us from any campus phone by dialing 2222 and from any cell phone or off-campus line by dialing 985-549-2222.

Remember to mask up and practice social distancing to keep our Lion Nation strong.

Send any questions or comments to police@southeastern.edu.

We will see you around campus. LION UP!

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