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 (UPD), and to offer a monthly safety tip.

Welcome back to our returning students and a big welcome to our first-year students. It is good to see the campus come back to life with our students, staff, and faculty. We look forward to a great fall semester!

As Chief, I am happy to introduce the Lion Safe App. This app is all about safety and resources for our campus community. Some of the features include the mobile blue light, friend walk, links to campus resources, and so many more. This app is free and can be downloaded through the Apple and Google Play stores. I encourage you to follow UPD on TikTok and other social media platforms and watch the videos about each feature in the app (@SoutheasternUPD).

UPD was busy over the summer completing a number of trainings. Officers have taken courses in event management, de-escalation techniques, mental health, public information, and many more to ensure we are trained on the latest and best practices in policing.

As your Chief, I want to remind all returning students, staff, and faculty, and those new to the Southeastern family, that I believe in transparency and openness. Your UPD is here to serve and protect our community and ensure inclusiveness where you know you will be treated fairly and with respect. My door is always open if you have a concern, suggestion, complaint, or if you just want to stop by and say hi.

Upcoming UPD Events:
On August 17th and 18th UPD will be handing out water from 7:00 am -11:00 am near the Student Union Circles each day as you travel to your classes. This annual event, "Cool-off with Cops," gives you a chance to meet the officers and ask any questions you may have.

August 25th from 7:00 am -9:00 am in the Student Union Breezeway, we'll have "Coffee with a Cop". Stop by and get a free cup of coffee or tea and meet our officers.

Now, for the BIG ONE...

Follow our social media to learn about an upcoming contest with great prizes! To enter and play, you must download the Lion Safe App. Starting Aug 22nd and ending August 29th, UPD will be sending out clues. The answers can only be found on the Lion Safe App. On August 29th, a push notification will be sent out through the app with a single word. Once you have all of the answers from the daily clues, and the final word, you will use the chat feature on the app to submit the winning answers. Stay tuned to UPD social media for coming information and instructions.

We would love to speak with your group or organization and provide safety presentations or just have a chat. Email us at police@southeastern.edu to schedule.

Safety Tips:
University Police Officers secure buildings and make walkthroughs during the day, after-hours, and on weekends. For our staff and faculty working afterhours or weekends, we ask you to please pull on the door to make sure it locks and the building is secure, as you enter or leave a building. This protects our property and prevents unauthorized persons from gaining access to our buildings.

For our residential students, be mindful not to allow anyone to piggyback on your swipe as you enter the residence halls. The person attempting to enter may not live in your hall, or may not be a student. Also, you should never prop your residence hall doors. This is your home so lock your door when you leave.

For all who have vehicles, remember to lock your doors and keep valuables out of plain sight. Let's keep Southeastern a safe campus for all to enjoy.

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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