

THE CHIEF'S BRIEF – NOVEMBER 2023 – Special Edition

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.

This month's Chief Brief is in a little different format. I want to assure and share with our Southeastern community that we here at Southeastern have many resources available to our faculty, staff, students, and visitors and have some of the most dedicated professionals that work on a daily basis to provide services to those in need.

As we near the end of the fall semester and approach commencement, I want to reflect and take a minute to look at two events that have affected two of our system institutions. Both Northwestern and Louisiana Tech have recently had tragic events that have not only affected each University, but their communities as a whole. Southeastern stands together in support and thoughts for these two institutions.

I also want to remind our community that there are many resources available and teams of professionals that work tirelessly to support our community. Our faculty and staff, who are the first line reporters, as well as our team members who meet weekly to discuss and problem solve our community's needs are invaluable to our campus community.

I would like to remind our community about the wealth of resources available and the dedicated professionals working tirelessly to support everyone. Our faculty, staff, and various teams collaborate to address and resolve the needs of our community. The Southeastern Threat Assessment and Response Team (START) comprises members from different disciplines, including faculty, University Counseling Center, Housing, Student Health Center, Student Accessibility Services, Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability (OSAA), and the University Police Department. The team assess and respond quickly and effectively to reports of students who present behaviors that may be harmful or disruptive. Visit the START website for more details: www.southeastern.edu/admin/osaa/start.

Additionally, Southeastern provides a robust reporting system called The Lion Intervention Network (LINK). It's a tool to report concerns about a friend, fellow student, or even one's self if they are struggling, acting differently, or experiencing academic difficulties. Once the report is filed (during business hours), a member of OSAA will reach out to offer help and guidance. Please be mindful that **LINK is not for emergencies**. If you have an emergency or feel that another needs immediate attention, call the University Police at 985-549-2222 or 911.

Always remember that the University Police are on campus and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including closures and holidays). If you have a question or need, please let us know. We strive to assist you and if other resources are needed after business hours, we will assist you with getting those as well.

The Lion Safe App also has a link to resources that Southeastern offers, including the University Counseling Center, Title IX, and LINK Reporting. The can be found under the "Support Resources" button on the App. You can download the app from the Apple or Google stores at no cost.

Upcoming Campus Events:

Thursday, November 16th: Southeastern Football vs. Nicholls at Strawberry Stadium; 6PM kick.

Friday, November 17th: Southeastern Women's Basketball vs. LSU; 7PM tip-off. This game is SOLD OUT!

Thursday, November 30th: Celebration of Lights: First Lady's Tree Lighting; 6:30PM at the Student Union North Circle.

Friday, December 1st: The Investiture of Dr. William Wainwright; 1:00PM at the Student Union Grand Ballroom.

Safety Tips:

If you see something say something! As stated above, Southeastern has many ways to report. If you are unsure, feel free to reach out and the University Police will guide you and answer any questions you have to the best of our ability.

Remember Your University Police Department is physically located on the 1st floor of Pride Hall and is open 24/7. To reach us by phone, call 2222 from any campus phone and 985-549-2222 from your cell.

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

We will see you around campus! LION UP!

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