On September 9, 2015, at 7:00P.M., nationally recognized entrepreneur, acclaimed speaker, and women’s advocate Sheri Poe will return to Southern Illinois University to talk about a traumatic incident that occurred many years ago in the Carbondale area. Poe will present her story in the Student Center Ballrooms and conclude with a Q&A session. The P.O.E. IMPACT seeks to promote advocacy, education, and donations to eradicate violence against women.

Although Poe never thought she would return to SIU after her traumatic experience, she was recently pleased by the proactive stance that SIU and the surrounding area have taken against sexual violence.

Come join us at the Student Center Ballrooms for a moving journey that takes the audience from a devastating experience and illustrates how to transition from being a “survivor” to becoming a “thriver.”
Situational Awareness

Situational awareness means being aware of what is going on around you. A little effort to increase your awareness in one part of your life can go a long way towards keeping you safe.

Rule 1–Before you look down, look up. Who is around you? Does anything seem unsafe?

Rule 2–Watch your back. Give yourself the opportunity to see who and what are behind you!

Reminder–SIU is a smoke-free campus!

Bicycle Thefts

College campuses are notorious for bicycle thefts. Follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim:

♦ Register your bike
♦ Get a lock (or two)
♦ Use a U or D-type bike lock
♦ Do not use cable locks
♦ Lock your bike to bike rack

No More Parking Warnings!

Starting this month, parking violators will begin to see tickets on their windshields instead of warnings. To avoid this, visit parking.siu.edu to obtain your up-to-date parking decal. Know the rules and regulations for parking on campus! If ever you have questions, refer to the sign at the entrance of the parking lot.
Setting Boundaries

Moving to a new place with a new roommate can be stressful. Many times, officers are dispatched to break up roommate disputes that typically share one commonality: lack of boundaries. It is important to set healthy boundaries in all areas of your life.

Here are some areas where healthy boundaries can be useful:

**Roommates, teammates, co-workers**– Determine what behavior is acceptable to both parties. This could include whether or not you are okay with your roommate eating your food or using your personal property. This may also include having a conversation about when and how long it is acceptable for visitors to be in your shared room.

**Dating**– When dating someone, it is always a good idea to be open and honest about how much time you would like to spend with one another. It is also important to determine how financial issues will play out during your relationship. Determining sexual boundaries is very important. Remember: consent to a sexual act previously does NOT equal consent to a sexual act in the future!

**Social settings**– When going out for a night on the town, try to set personal boundaries for yourself. Determine how much alcohol you are going to consume, if any. Establish a plan for where you are and are not willing to go. Have a plan in place for how you will get home at the end of the night. For example, you may walk home with friends or split a taxi cab.

It is important not to send mixed signals while setting boundaries. It is important to understand that it is okay for you to speak up! You should never feel bad for saying “no!”

For more information on your Liaison Officers, click here.
**Looking Back…**

**August**

- 8/12 Information Tech. Day
- 8/14 R.A Training w/ Housing
- 8/14 BBQ at Evolve Apts.
- 8/18 Presentation w/ Housing
- 8/19 World of Welcome
- 8/19 Football Team Presentation
- 8/24 Gender-Based Violence
- 8/24 Social Event w/ Greek Life

To schedule your own program with the SIU Police, contact Officer Molly Pyatt at:

mollya@dps.siu.edu

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**Congrats!**

In August, veteran Officer Kevin Cox transitioned from Patrol Officer to the new Disaster Preparedness Officer. Officer Cox has been working diligently to revamp and recreate the disaster preparedness plans across campus!

To contact Officer Kevin Cox for further information, e-mail him at:

kevinc@dps.siu.edu

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**Community Policing Events August 2015**

- World of Welcome
- Football Team Presentation
- Information Technology Day

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**Are you prepared?**

Southern Illinois is a beautiful area; however, disaster can strike with little or no warning at all. Here are some simple and easy steps to make sure you are prepared!

- Have an emergency kit in your car
- Have at least 3 days of food and water at home
- Store all important documents in a fire-proof safe
- Learn first aid and CPR
- Have an evacuation plan