With tragic incidents, such as the shootings at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook Elementary School, students, staff, police, and citizens recognize the importance of developing and training for the possibility of encountering a violent or deadly situation while in any type of school system.

Due to the recent increase in requests for active shooter training, the SIU Department of Public Safety is now implementing free monthly Violence Prevention and Response training for students, faculty, and staff. The training will be held at DPS (located in the lower level of Trueblood Hall) starting in December. This training will consist of a presentation, a viewing of the “Run, Hide, Fight” video, and discussion. The sessions will be held in the evenings on the first Wednesday of each month.

If you or your group are interested in attending this free training, please phone or email Lt. Ryan House (ryanh@dps.siu.edu) or Officer Kevin Cox (kevinc@dps.siu.edu), (618) 453-3771. We expect sessions to fill quickly, so please contact us to reserve a spot for you or your group. Seating is limited to 20-25 people per session and will be “first come, first serve.”

Call today to schedule your training!
With the holiday season fast approaching, people are shopping for those perfect gifts for all of the loved ones in our lives. As technology advances and changes, not only do shoppers tend to utilize online shopping more, but thieves are finding easier ways to steal your credit and debit card information.

As an informed credit or debit card holder, always be alert for skimming devices that may be placed on gas pumps, ATMS, and other locations where you swipe your card. A skimming device is a detachable card reader that may be difficult to distinguish between the actual card reader. Once a consumer or cardholder places their credit or debit card inside of the skimming device, their personal banking information, credit/debit card information, and PIN number becomes compromised. This means that the thief may have all of that information and will utilize it for his or her fraudulent purposes. When utilizing any type of card reader, look for signs of tampering on the machine including, but not limited to, glue or scuff marks near the card reader or where a user would type in their PIN number. If you question whether or not a skimming device is attached to the machine, use a different ATM, gas pump, etc., and contact local law enforcement.

In addition to being able to recognize skimming devices, cardholders should also be leery of utilizing facilities that offer free Wi-Fi access for personal banking purposes or online shopping. Open Wi-Fi access offers hackers and credit card thieves a much easier avenue for stealing other users’ personal information, even if the site has a lock or “https” in the URL.

Cardholders and consumers should use common sense when they receive e-mail messages or alerts that instruct the receiver to follow a link and enter personal information. Many times, these are phishing messages, which are fraudulent messages utilized for the sole purposes of stealing sensitive information, such as usernames, passwords, banking information, etc. When you are unsure about whether a message or e-mail is a phishing message, call the source directly (ex: if you receive an e-mail from your financial institution, call the bank directly) or close out all tabs and utilize the secure log-in from the appropriate website. Do not click on any attached links and enter in sensitive information!

Lastly, cardholders and consumers should be aware of their rights and responsibilities as a cardholder of the appropriate financial institution. Many companies offer fraud protection for little or no cost to the cardholder. Make sure you are utilizing all available benefits to ensure you are protected from credit card and/or identity theft.

Winter Break Theft Prevention

With the end of the semester quickly approaching, students living within residence halls should be aware of the winter break closure dates for all residence halls. The residence halls will close at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 19, 2015, and will reopen at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 19, 2015. For detailed information regarding specific residence and dining hall information during the winter break, click [here](#).

As many people know, with the majority of students returning to their hometowns during the winter break, thefts and burglaries tend to increase this time of year. Please remember to take all items you will need during break. Students will not be permitted back into the buildings during winter break. In addition, take your valuable possessions home with you. If you cannot pack your valuable items, make sure to have a list of your possessions and all relevant information (make, model, color, serial number, etc.) Housing and the Department of Public Safety have partnered up to create a [web-based form](#) for students to utilize when recording this pertinent information.

Lastly, in order to maintain the security of your remaining possessions, make sure all doors and windows are locked prior to leaving campus. This includes the connecting door between the resident’s room and his or her restroom.

Have a safe and happy winter break!

Do you have any unused or extra items that you would be willing to donate to others in need? If so, check out some local charity events:

- **City of Carbondale Police Department & Saluki Athletics Children’s Coat Drive**
- **Donate unwanted items at The Women’s Center**
- **Donate toys for children in the community at Beta Theta Pi’s Toys for Tots Drive at Morris Library**
Looking Back…

November

11/05 Theft Prevention & Alcohol Awareness @ Pierce Hall—12:33 A.M.
11/05 Theft Prevention & Alcohol Awareness @ Brown Hall—1:16 A.M.
11/05 “Cops in the Dark” @ Neely Hall—7:00 P.M.
11/07 Theft Prevention @ Neely Hall—3:13 A.M.
11/08 General Safety Tips @ Schneider Hall—2:45 A.M.
11/08 Alcohol Awareness @ Lawson Hall—5:48 P.M.
11/09 Community Policing w/ Kappa Alpha Psi @ Student Center—3:15 P.M.
11/09 Sexual Assault Panel w/ It’s On Us @ Morris Library—5:00 P.M.
11/11 Gun Safety @ SIU Firearms Range—2:00 P.M.
11/12 “Coffee w/ a Cop” @ Student Center—10:00 A.M.
11/12 Self Defense & Safety @ Grinnell Hall—6:45 P.M.
11/13 General Safety Tips @ Mae Smith Hall—1:40 A.M.
11/13 Resource Fair for Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Movement w/ It’s On Us @ Student Center—11:00 A.M.
11/15 Fire Prevention w/ Carbondale Fire Department @ Evergreen Terrace—1:45 P.M.
11/18 What are Community Resource Officers @ Schneider Hall—7:14 P.M.
11/18 Drunk Mario Kart @ Wall & Grand Apts.—8:00 P.M.
11/19 Use of Force & Active Shooter w/ Criminal Justice Association @ SIU Police Dept.—5:00 P.M.
11/19 Alcohol Awareness & DUls @ Mae Smith Hall—7:18 P.M.
11/23 Theft Prevention @ Morris Library—12:15 A.M.
11/23 Theft & Burglary Prevention @ Neely Hall—6:00 P.M.
11/25 Sexual Assault Prevention & Police Response @ Brown Hall—1:53 A.M.

To schedule an event, contact Officer M. Pyatt at mollya@dps.siu.edu

Community Policing Events

On November 12, 2015, SIU Department of Public Safety again hosted, “Coffee with a Cop” at the SIU Student Center. Approximately 65 students attended this event, led by Sergeant Allan Willmore. Students spoke with Sgt. Willmore about various topics, such as current events and requirements to become a police officer. Sgt. Willmore received training in order to host this nationally trademarked event. Thank you to Sgt. Willmore and to the campus community and students who continue to support this important event!

On November 19, 2015, Sergeant Geittmann, Officer Harrell, and Officer Murphy conducted a presentation to members of the SIU Criminal Justice Association. The presentation included information regarding police officers’ responses and training on use of force procedures. Following the presentation, students were allowed the opportunity to “step in the shoes of a police officer” and run through multiple scenarios with a use of force simulator. Thank you to all of the officers who made this event a success. Also, special thanks to Casey Brown and Meganmae Pelagio, CJA officers, for requesting such an awesome event!