Updated 911 Information

In an effort to cut cost, recent changes to Illinois’ 911 legislation have been made, resulting in the consolidation of many 911 call centers across the state.

A large portion of incoming 911 calls originate from cell phones and are routed to the City of Carbondale’s dispatch center. The SIU Dispatch Center received some of them. The City of Carbondale transfers calls to SIU that are the responsibility of the campus jurisdiction. Change will not alter this process, other than all 911 calls will be routed to the City of Carbondale’s dispatch center first. Response time should not increase and should not impact service or affect anything you do.

What you need to know:
- In a life-threatening emergency, call 911
- In all other cases, call SIU PD at 453-3771.

The SAFE website, [www.safe.siu.edu](http://www.safe.siu.edu), has been updated. SAFE was created as a resource for students, faculty, staff and visitors that contains information about campus resources, crime reporting, crime prevention and safety. Please review this website to use as a resource in the future. The [SIU Campus Crime Report](http://www.safe.siu.edu), Clery and VAWA reporting is also available on this website.
COUNSELORS IN RESIDENCE

SIU Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and University Housing are now offering counseling services within the residence halls. Students can call or come by the office to access support ranging from crisis services, intakes, and brief intervention.

The Counselors in Residence are located in Grinnell Hall, Room 106. More information about counseling services can be found on the Counseling and Psychological Services website.

CRIME REPORTING

There are several reporting options available for victims of crime. Criminal incidents including, but not limited to theft, burglary and drug or alcohol use should be reported to law enforcement. For incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking, individuals have additional reporting options.

Some individuals may pursue justice though the legal system, while others are interested in personal restoration. The options for reporting sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking are available at any time, although reporting is encouraged as soon as possible following an incident. You are not required to select just one option – you may choose multiple options because each option may offer a different type of resolution. The links below will help to identify the options that best meet your needs.

1. Report to Law Enforcement
2. Report to the University
3. Seek Confidential Support

If it’s an emergency, dial 911 for immediate assistance and view the quick reference guide.

Where do I go and what happens when I...

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SPRING SEMESTER, LET’S DO THIS...

Whether you are working towards the final semester before graduation, in your second semester of your freshman year, or somewhere in between, the start of a new semester can be confusing and difficult to start in a positive direction. What do you want the Spring 2016 semester to be like? These tips can help you be less intimidated about new classes, new friends, new professors, and everything that comes with a college semester.

1. SET GOALS
How can you accomplish anything without a plan? Know what you want to accomplish for the semester and how you plan on accomplishing it. Some goals to think of may be: What GPA you want to earn? Are there any clubs you want to join? Do you want to make new friends? What career path do you want to take? What are your plans after graduation? These are some of the questions you should ask before the semester starts, and set the plan in action to make it happen. SIU Career Services is a great resource to help you with some of these questions. They are located in the Student Services Building, Suite 179.

2. DON’T SKIP CLASS, READ THE SYLLABUS
You enrolled at SIU to get an education and attend class. It may seem easy to skip class during the first few days of the semester because you think you won’t be learning any new material. It is important that you make it to these classes. The first few days of class are when you learn about what to expect for the semester and get to know the teacher. Professors take note of who makes it to the first classes and it is a bad first impression if you skip.

Your syllabus reveals not only what the important dates are, but also what you will be learning and what your professor expects of you. Reading the syllabus is one of the first things you should do for any class, and most of your questions about a class can likely be answered. Put important dates from the syllabus into a calendar with reminders to alert you of upcoming assignments and test.

3. TEXTBOOKS
There is nothing worse than showing up the first week of class and not having the required books. Take the steps now to get your textbook before classes begin:
- Use the University Bookstore to determine what textbooks are required for each class
- Look for other textbook options that may be available for your tablet or electronic device
- Check with your professor to see what books are required and if an older edition will work for the class.

4. GET INVOLVED: JOIN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Try something new this semester: Join a student or Greek organization. You can get your friends involved, too. SIU has over 400 student organizations that provide an opportunity to enhance your leadership capabilities. SIU also has 33 fraternities and sororities that offer students the opportunity to become strong leaders, serve your community, and become part of the large Greek alumni to assist you in future endeavors. More information about registered student organizations can be found here. Information on fraternities and sororities can be found here.

5. RELAX
Don’t overwhelm yourself in the first few weeks of the semester. Make sure to ease into the semester and take small steps into the workload. Relax and enjoy being back at school, but don’t get too comfortable. Find time to work out or exercise, drink coffee with friends, go bowling at the Student Center, or check out the latest movies. Making time for YOU will help you get back on track and accomplish the goals you have set for the semester.
**WELCOME TO THE TEAM**

The Department of Public Safety would like to welcome Officers Daniel Presley, Lee Nguyen, Derrick Smith and Benjamin Schultz who were hired after several retirements. Officer Presley joins the department with experience working with the Carbondale Police Department. Officer Nguyen and Smith are recent graduates from the Illinois State Police Training Academy. Officer Schultz comes to us from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources where he was a Conservation Police Officer. Officers Presley, Nguyen, Smith and Schultz where recently sworn in at the Jackson County Courthouse by the Honorable Judge Schwartz.

**EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS**

DPS offers several educational crime prevention programs and safety services to the campus and surrounding communities. The crime prevention program is comprised of officer who provide public relations programming by request. Available programs include:

- Alcohol and drug education and awareness
- Basic crime prevention including theft awareness
- Sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking awareness
- Setting boundaries and consent
- Violence Prevention

To schedule an event, contact Officer Molly Pyatt 453-3771 or mollya@dps.siu.edu