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2024 Annual Report



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Message from the Chief



CHIEF OF POLICE BENJAMIN NEWMAN
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SIU CARBONDALE

Salukis and Friends,

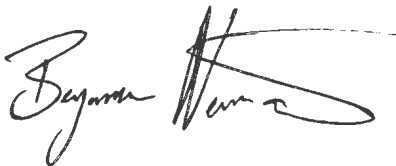
The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety is a fully accredited organization that provides complete law enforcement services to the university community. Police, parking, and telecommunications staff work diligently to foster a safe, collaborative learning environment. It is through stakeholder partnerships that we thrive in our service delivery. Agency personnel proactively work to prevent crime, respond to law enforcement calls for service, and help solve community problems.

Students and staff can report incidents in real-time through traditional phone services and the Department's Livesafe application. The campus continued to record low crime and high outreach numbers during the 2024 calendar year. Police officers conducted over 1200 safety-focused presentations. The Agency also helped the University hold the 2nd major eclipse event within seven years. The eclipse event, held on April 8th, 2024, was a significant attraction for the Carbondale area; thousands flocked to the region.

All Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety personnel are trained to be kind, compassionate, and courteous, and to hold themselves and others accountable. Kindness involves the willingness to help anyone at any time. A moment should never consume you from doing good. Compassion implies showing concern for others. Survivors of crime deserve public servants who demonstrate empathy. Being courteous is being polite and respectful while recognizing that we all have different backgrounds and experiences. Our accountability standard requires us to be stewards of the law. We must be even and fair in the application of the law without excuses. We all are public servants. We serve a community.

With a commitment to professionalism, the Agency maintains a transparent service organization. We provide this annual report as a year-in-review.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Newman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BENJAMIN NEWMAN, Ph.D.
Director of Public Safety, Chief of Police

AUTHORITY

The authority of the Southern Illinois University Police Department comes from the U.S. Constitution, the Illinois Constitution and Illinois statutes. The three documents define the scope and limits of law enforcement authority as it pertains to the enforcement of laws, statutes, ordinances and arrests. The Board of Trustees of the university was given authority to employ police officers under Illinois Statute 110 ILCS 520/8. All police officers employed by the SIU Department of Public Safety meet the standards established for police officers by the Illinois Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Members of the SIU Police Department are conservators of the peace; as such, they have all powers possessed by policemen in cities and counties, including the power to make arrests on view or warrants of violations of state statutes, university rules and regulations, and city or county ordinances. They may exercise such powers only within counties wherein the university and any of its branches or properties are located when such is required for the protection of university properties and interests, and its students and personnel, and otherwise, within such counties, when requested by appropriate state or local law enforcement officials.

While on duty, SIU Police authority and responsibilities come from Illinois Statutes 725 ILCS 5/107-2 and 110 ILCS 520/8, which gives SIU police officers full arrest authority. SIU police officers are given authority to make an arrest when: (1) the law enforcement officer has a warrant commanding that such a person be arrested; or (2) the law enforcement officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that a warrant for the person's arrest has been issued in this state; or (3) the law enforcement officer believes, on reasonable grounds, that a felony warrant has been issued in this state; or (4) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person is committing or has committed a crime.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale includes properties in and around the city of Carbondale, the county of Jackson, the county of Williamson and the state of Illinois. The SIU Police Department's jurisdiction includes all property owned or controlled by the university, as well as streets adjacent to, and running through, the university campus. The department has entered into a formal mutual aid agreement with the Carbondale Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department as part of the Police Routine Assistance Agreement.

SIU police officers also work with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, state and federal law enforcement agencies and all appropriate agencies of the criminal justice system. These agencies routinely exchange crime-related reports and statistics, and conduct cooperative patrols, special events, investigations and special unit operations.

MISSION

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety is a Community Policing and Problem Solving Agency that provides comprehensive public safety services for a nationally ranked higher education institution. Personnel establish and maintain trust-based relationships with university faculty, students, staff and the broader community. Department personnel foster partnerships with the community and other law enforcement agencies. Personnel focus on preventing crime and improving quality of life.

Department of Public Safety employees are responsive to community needs. Police officers, telecommunicators, parking agents, and administrative staff work to support and further the university's education and research mission. The organization is focused on protecting critical assets and preventing the disruption of university services. Personnel are prepared to respond to incidents ranging from routine to disastrous.

Law enforcement officers are sworn to uphold the constitutions of the United States and Illinois. All personnel are ethically responsible for preserving individual freedoms and promoting an environment conducive to creativity and innovation.

VISION

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Department of Public Safety is committed to providing preemptive public safety services to the university and the surrounding region. Personnel offer expert leadership in emergency response, threat assessment and the tactical delivery of law enforcement services.

The department promotes problem solving efforts to address a wide range of community concerns. Public Safety personnel are well-trained and adequately equipped to carry out protection-related responsibilities. The community is core to the development and implementation of crime reduction strategies. The department will work collaboratively, seeking input from individuals and organizations to establish a foundation for problem solving.

The Department of Public Safety seeks to strengthen accountability through the achievement of accepted law enforcement standards. The agency is dedicated to developing a culture conducive to learning, innovation and advancement of the law enforcement profession. The agency must remain agile to efficiently police in an ever-changing society.

VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

AGENCY PERSONNEL ARE TO ACT WITH MORAL CHARACTER AND EXEMPLIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS OF PERSONAL CONDUCT.

INTEGRITY

ALL EMPLOYEES ARE TO ABIDE BY AN UNIMPAIRED CODE OF CONDUCT, ADHERING TO THE VALUES OF THE ORGANIZATION. ALL STAFF BALANCE KINDNESS, COMPASSION, AND COURTEOUSNESS WITH ACCOUNTABILITY.

HONOR

POLICE OFFICERS, TELECOMMUNICATORS, PARKING AGENTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ARE TO OPERATE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND DIGNITY OF HOLDING A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST. PERSONNEL ARE TO ACT WITH RESPECT AND COMMITMENT BEFITTING OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.

DEDICATION

AGENCY EMPLOYEES ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING CONSISTENT, UNBIASED SERVICES. PERSONNEL ARE TO OPERATE WITH UNWAVERING RELIABILITY AND ATTENTIVENESS.



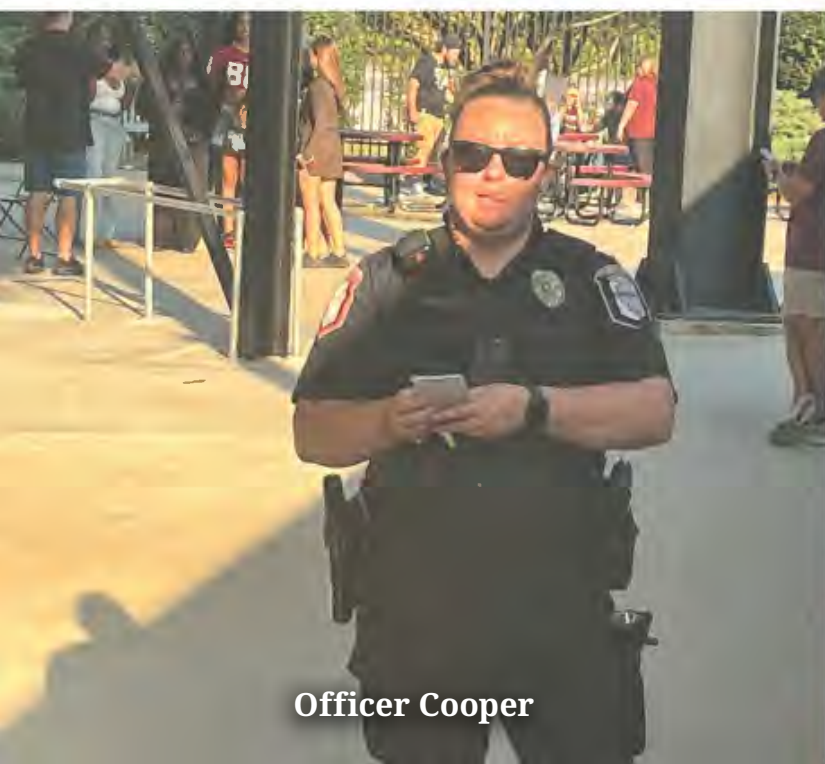
CPL. Gibbs & CPL. Smith



Officer Hoch



Officer Bressner



Officer Cooper



Chief Newman

GOALS FOR 2025

GOAL 1:	MANAGE TECHNOLOGY Expand the departmental use of technology, incorporating new and innovative equipment to improve operational effectiveness.
GOAL 2:	DIVERSIFY PARKING SERVICES Implement alternatives to direct pay parking, allowing for pay-from-anywhere options.
GOAL 3:	ADDRESS STAFFING NEEDS Identify and implement retention strategies for sworn and non-sworn personnel reducing general loss through attrition.
GOAL 4:	MENTORING LEADERS Continue to mentor new and developing leaders within the agency.
GOAL 5:	EXTEND COMMUNITY OUTREACH Broaden community outreach efforts; increase the number of opportunities for positive engagement with faculty, students, and staff.

Public Interest Case

SICK/INJURED

On Friday 08/25/2024 at approximately 1043 hours, Corporal Tuthill was dispatched to Wham (625 Wham Drive), room 306 for a report of a student having a seizure. CPL. Tuthill arrived, assessed the student and immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) CPL. Tuthill utilized an AED to shock the student back to life. The student was transported to the hospital and is in good health. Carbondale Memorial Doctors praised CPL. Tuthill's life saving efforts.



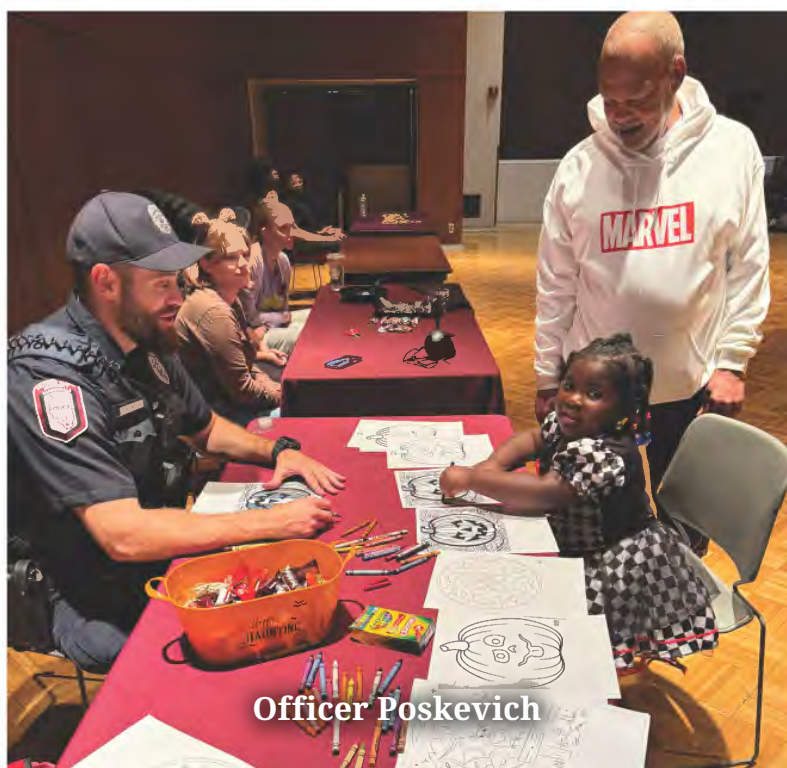
Officer Tripple and Corporal Applehans



Officer Rafe



Captain House



Officer Poskevich

DEPARTMENT OF PU

Each year, the Department formulates and updates agency goals on an annual basis. Goal work may occur in tandem with strategic planning efforts, but also may be very individualistic. The goals relate to the immediate needs of the Department or the community and are established after careful study and consultation with individuals inside and outside the Department. Annual goals are used in order to hold agency leaders or those deemed to be involved accountable for objectives related to their functions. Attempts are made to accomplish or nearly accomplish these goals during the year.

GOALS AND PROGRESS FOR 2024

GOAL 1: **MANAGE TECHNOLOGY (SUSTAINABILITY)** Personnel shall implement improved law enforcement technology to facilitate proficiency in operations.

PROGRESS: The Agency implemented body-worn cameras, integrating the technology with the mobile video camera system, and a digital ticket-writing system. The Agency also acquired license plate readers and deployed them in strategic locations across campus.

GOAL 2: **DIVERSIFY PARKING SERVICES (RESEARCH & INNOVATION)** Staff shall diversify parking services and focus on improvements in customer service.

PROGRESS: Agency personnel, in coordination with Facilities Emergency and Management, began the process of removing meters across campus while providing additional pay stations. The Parking Division also worked to replace parking decals with a more cost-effective solution.

GOAL 3: **ENSURE COMPLIANCE (RESEARCH& INNOVATION)** The Department shall provide training to ensure compliance with legal mandates and ensure training for the next generation of department leaders.

PROGRESS: The Department maintained compliance with state training mandates. The Department is also an accredited agency through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) and has enrolled in the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) accreditation process.

PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS

GOAL 4: **EXTEND COMMUNITY OUTREACH (STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT)** The Agency’s sworn and non-sworn personnel shall collaborate with stakeholders to provide effective crime prevention and response.

PROGRESS: Personnel conducted 357 educational outreach sessions for community members. The Department worked with Student Affairs to provide free bike locks, with Saluki Cares to deliver direct support to students, and with other campus departments to deliver crime prevention and other public safety services.

GOAL 5: **ADDRESS STAFFING NEEDS (SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION)** Department personnel shall work to expand recruitment activities to increase qualified candidates for sworn and non-sworn positions.

PROGRESS: The Department worked with Human Resources to recruit and employ police officers, a telecommunicator, Saluki Patrol, and administrative student workers without gaps in service.



Chief of Police
Benjamin Newman



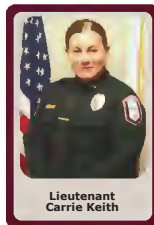
Lieutenant
Kendall Hollister



Lieutenant
Ryan House



Lieutenant
Robert Neef



Lieutenant
Carrie Keith



Sergeant
Jason Russell



Sergeant
Brian Murphy



Corporal
Adam Cunico



Corporal
Adam Fager



Corporal
Dustin Borum



Corporal
Shawn Tuthill



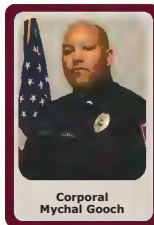
Corporal
Daniel Presley



Corporal
Heather Pendley



Corporal
Derrick Smith



Corporal
Mychal Gooch



Officer
Marzine Rafe



Officer
Kevin Cox



Officer
Bryan Pyatt



Detective
Justin Emery



Officer
Lee Nguyen



Detective
Brandon Gibbs



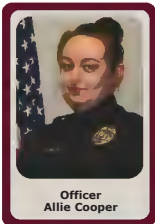
Officer
Robert Applehans



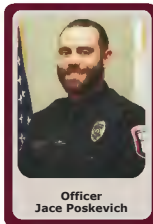
Officer
Baltazar Roman



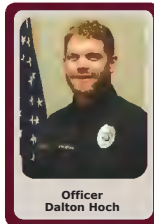
Officer
Michael Ferraro



Officer
Allie Cooper



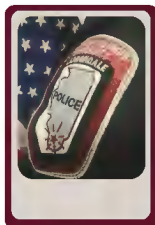
Officer
Jace Poskevich



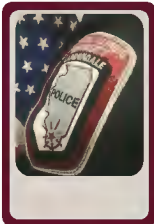
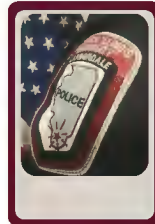
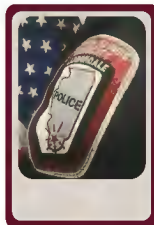
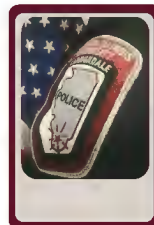
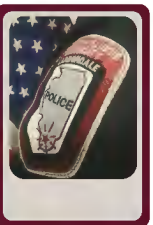
Officer
Dalton Hoch



Officer
Sammy Bryan



2024



Telecommunicator
Eric Smith



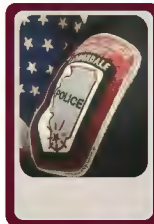
Telecommunicator
Nela Conner



Telecommunicator
Roger Ivy



Telecommunicator
Karli Gusentine



Misty Butler



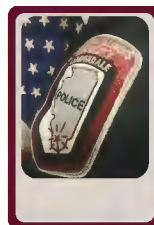
Christina Derosett



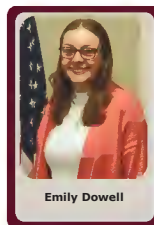
Parking Agent
Lisa Tyner



Parking Agent
Michael Gentry



Kimberly Bernardini



Emily Dowell



Bernadette Barnes



Saluki Patrol
Kendell Adermann



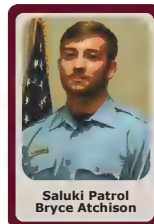
Saluki Patrol
Samuel Chivas



Saluki Patrol
Pierce Heizer



Saluki Patrol
Ignacia Segura



Saluki Patrol
Bryce Atchison



Saluki Patrol
Armani Gibson

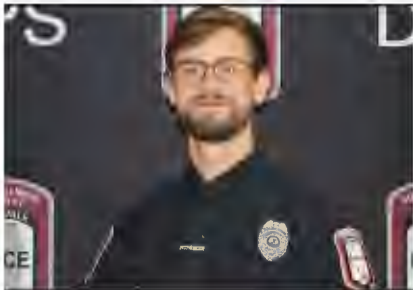


2024 NEW HIRES



RYAN TRIPPLE comes to SIU with 13 years of Police experience from the City Of Carbondale. Ryan is a former Saluki as he earned his Bachelors from SIU in 2010. Ryan enjoys spending time with his family and working out.

COREY HACKER graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy (SWIC).

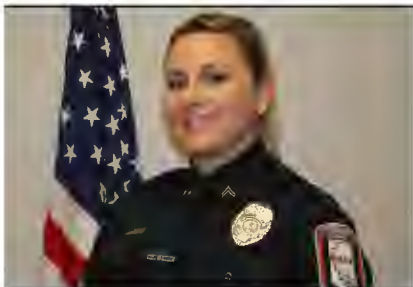


JEFFERY PETERMAN graduated from the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy (SWIC).

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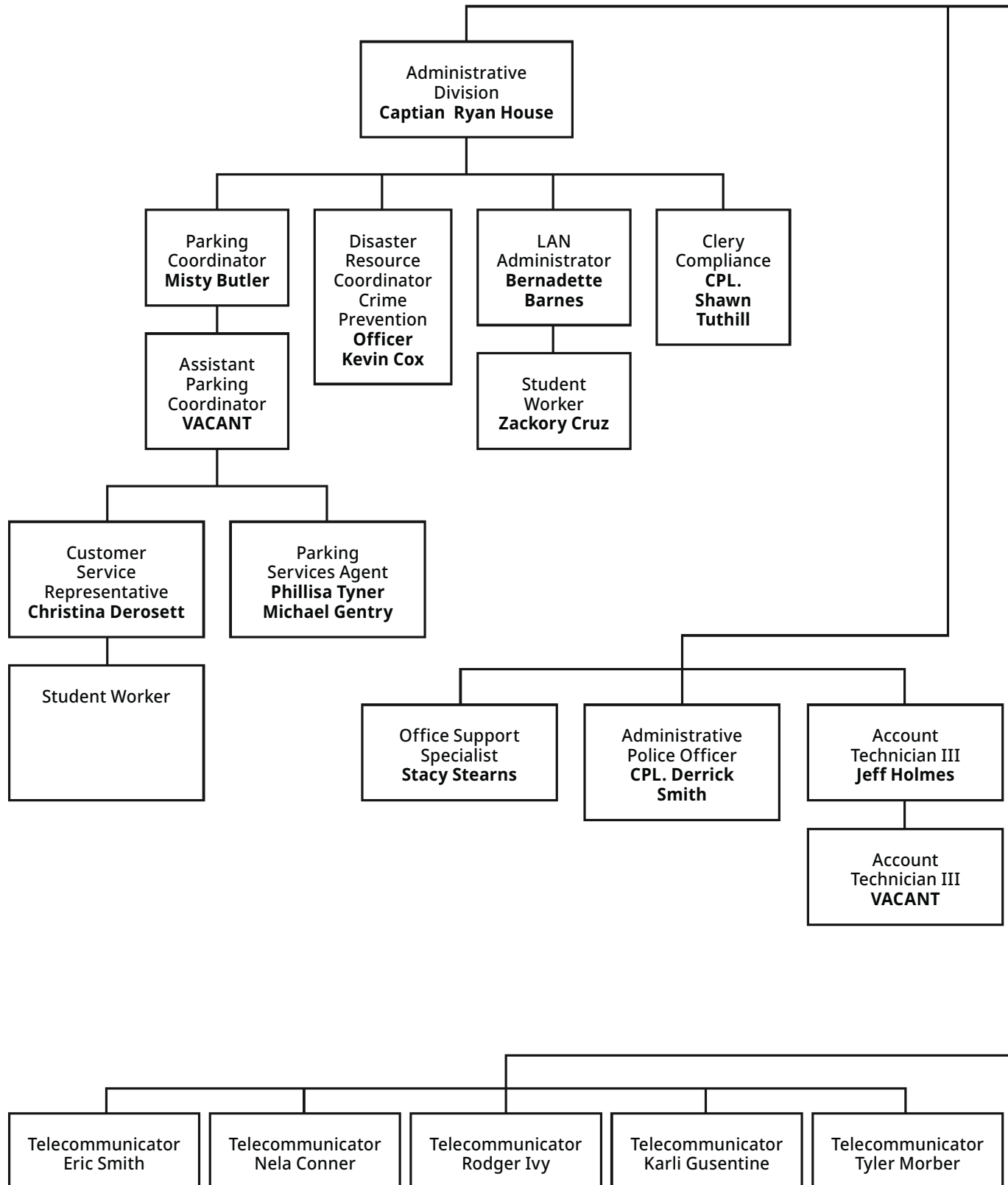
2024 LEADERSHIP GRADUATES

LIEUTENANT KEITH graduated from Northwestern University Police Command School



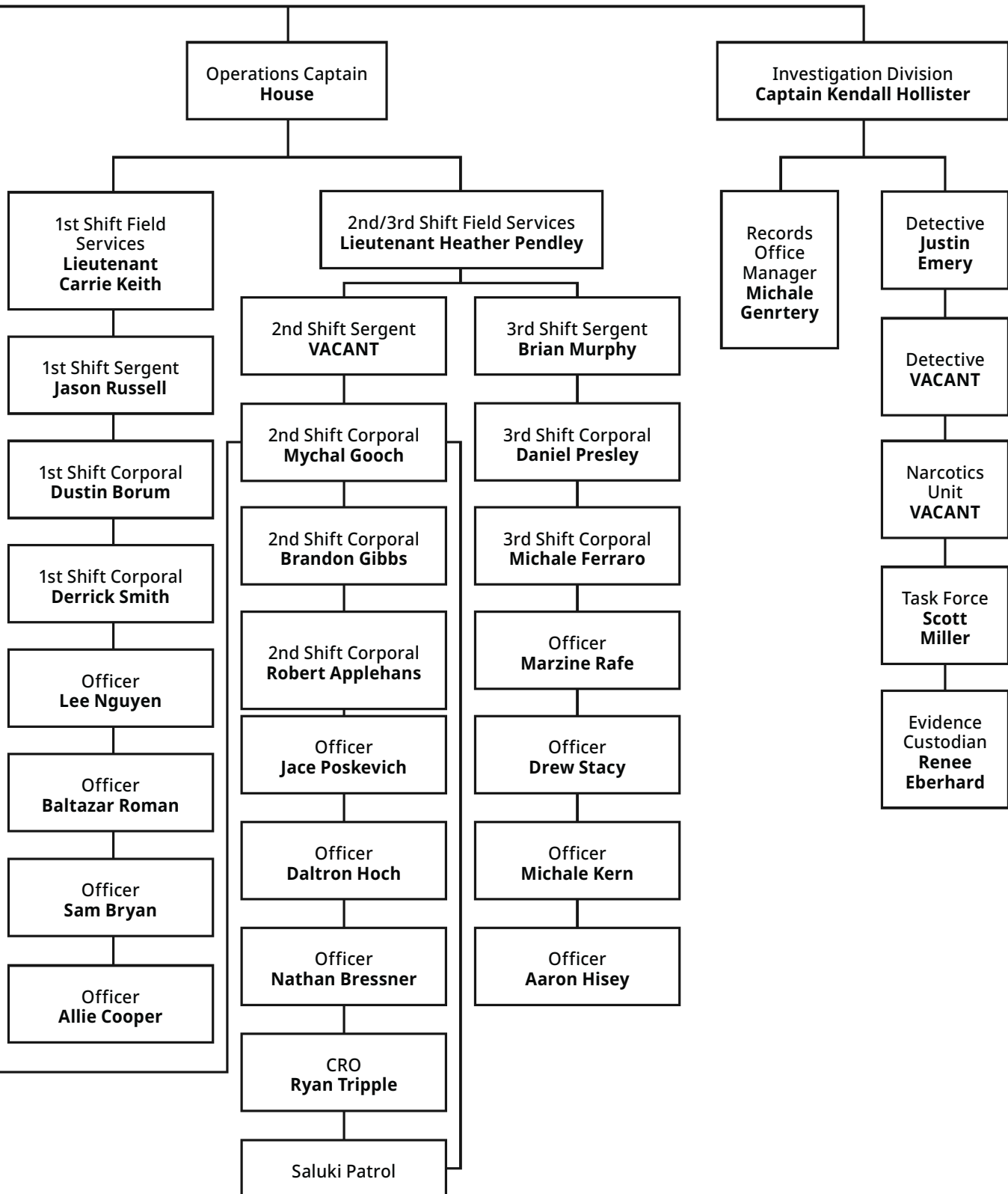
LIEUTENANT PENDLEY graduated from Northwestern University Police Command School.

DIRECTOR OF Benjamin



PUBLIC SAFETY

Newman





Officer Cooper

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY STRUCTURE

The Southern Illinois University Department of Public Safety is divided into four major divisions: Field Services, Investigations, Administrative Services, and the Parking Division.

FIELD SERVICES

Field Services is the largest division of the SIU Carbondale Department of Public Safety and comprises Police Patrol, Saluki Patrol, Community Resource Officers and the Police Liaison Program. The purpose of the Field Services Operation is to provide the highest level of police protection and community assistance twenty four hours a day, three hundred and sixty five days a year.

POLICE PATROL

The Police Patrol operation of the Field Services Division is responsible for responding to calls for service from the public, both emergency and non-emergency. Patrol Officers are responsible for protecting life and property, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code in addition to traffic laws and city ordinances, conducting preliminary investigations, and helping maintain order and safety for all community members. They actively address the university community concerns and handle special assignments as required.

In order to provide continuous, 24-hour service, the Police Patrol is divided into three shifts: first shift (7 a.m. - 5 p.m.), second shift (5 p.m. - 3 a.m.) and third shift (9 p.m. - 7 a.m.). Each officer working in the Patrol Division is assigned to one of the three shifts. Each shift team is led by a Shift Commander with the rank of Sergeant. There are a total of 21 sworn officers assigned to this division; including six corporals who fulfill the responsibilities of field supervisors. All members of the Patrol are equipped with the latest in law enforcement equipment and, as with all of our sworn officers, are required to complete annual mandatory training established through the Illinois Police Training Institute or our own departmental directives.

In 2021, Patrol continued with a campus community initiative focusing on conducting campus and housing presentations on a variety of topics including Crosswalk Safety, Theft Prevention, Severe Weather Safety, Alcohol Safety and Awareness, Identity Theft, Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention and General Safety tips on campus.

Patrol logged over 24,134 separate patrol activities which generated over 1,620 reports in 2024 as a result of calls for service on everything from criminal incidents, traffic crashes and complaints, alarm activations, public disturbances, and a myriad of other types of events. In 2025 Patrol looks forward to continuing to engage the campus community with professional, kind, and compassionate service for all while holding individuals accountable for their actions.

2024 Move-in



Sgt. Murphy and Officer Stacey



Officer Roman



Cpl. Gooch and Cpl. Gibbs



Saluki Cooper

SALUKI PATROL

SIU Carbondale Saluki Patrol, created in 1959, is recognized as the first student police organization initiated on a college campus in the United States. The mission of the Saluki Patrol is to assist the SIU Department of Public Safety in the protection of life and property, preserve the peace, and provide general services beneficial to the University community. The members of Saluki Patrol are non-sworn SIU students who assist the SIU Department of Public Safety in a number of areas including foot patrols, building security, traffic direction, crowd control, and parking enforcement, as well as enforcing University rules and regulations. The Saluki Patrol has continued to evolve and become more professional with personnel receiving some of the same police training as sworn officers. Many leaders in the law enforcement community both locally and at the state and federal level began their careers as a Saluki Patrol.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICERS

Department of Public Safety collaborates with University Housing to identify and resolve community issues impacting the safety and security of University Housing student residents, guests, and staff. Together, the SIU Department of Public Safety and University Housing have designated one officer whose sole responsibility is to be a resource for the University Housing facilities. This Community Resource Officer (CRO) is tasked with providing an open and on-going channel of communication between the various University Housing communities and the police department.

The goal of the program is to create and promote a positive and proactive police presence in all the residence halls, communities and surrounding areas. CROs are scheduled 10 hour shifts (5:00pm-03:00am) and seek to proactively address identified problems associated with criminal activity, issues associated with safety and security, and overall behaviors that negatively impact the quality of life for on campus residents. Additionally, the program endeavors to assist University Housing and University staff with creating a positive living/learning environment through educational enforcement efforts and positive community interaction and program delivery. The CRO for 2024 is Officer Tripple.



Officer Tripple

POLICE LIAISON PROGRAM

The Police Liaison Program was initiated to promote the safety of students and staff and enhance the quality of life in the residence halls through the presentation of safety programs and the involvement of officers in a more constant and intense level.

The program provides an open and on-going channel of communication between the student residential communities and the police department. The goal of the program is to foster a partnership with students and staff to address any issues that affect safety and the quality of life in the student residential areas.

Police officers assigned to the police liaison program attend housing staff meetings, coordinate special presentations, and provide relevant safety information to the members of the community. In addition, the liaison officers seek information and input from University Housing staff as to the specific and varying needs of each housing area. Regular communication is essential in the performance of these duties. Officers routinely make contact with their assigned areas. Officers also spend additional patrol time in their respective areas in an effort to interact with more residents and to gain a better feel for the day-to-day activities in each community.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications consists of four full-time police telecommunicators who manage a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week dispatch center. Telecommunicators monitor multiple radio channels that connect them to police, fire and emergency medical services. The telecommunicators also monitor the numerous digital video security cameras located across the campus and provide real-time information to responding officers. Each telecommunicator is trained as an emergency medical dispatcher and receives additional training in other areas throughout the year.

SOCIAL MEDIA

A dedicated Social Media Team works daily on providing relevant and up-to-date information that impacts the campus community. The team works together in a collaborative effort to create various publications for viewing.



REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION LIAISON (RSO)

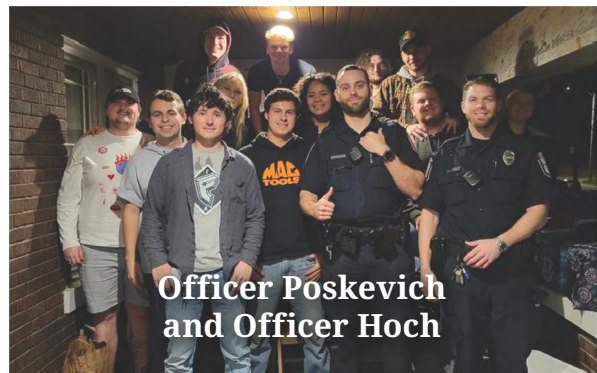


This is Officer Poskevich. His goal is to attend meetings with RSO's to present on topics such as alcohol safety, house party safety and answer any questions the RSO's may have. Here is a summary of the role of the RSO:

1. Respond to / assist CPD with non-compliant RSO off campus events.
 - a. Conduct pre-event presentations with RSO's.
2. Work in conjunction / assist CRO.

The correlation between drug and alcohol use and incidents involving physical violence are well documented. In response, the SIU Department of Public Safety has developed and implemented a data-driven policing strategy. This strategy is founded on trust-based relationships within the community. The Police Officer Registered Student Organization Liaison Program works to provide educational campaigns to be utilized to proactively engage the student population off campus. Police officers will inform the organizations of the dangers associated with overconsumption, drug use and encourage reporting of suspicious activity. Police officers will increase their presence in the off-campus areas where registered student organizations congregate.

In conclusion OFC. Poskevich visits Greek life houses (fraternity/sorority) and speaks to them on how to throw parties safely, what to watch out for such as minors and how to avoid getting in trouble with SIU and CPD.



Officer Poskevich
and Officer Hoch

SALUKI ROCKS

DPS created an engagement program where Officers hid rocks around campus. These rocks, contained a hidden message, that could be exchanged for various prizes at the SIU Police headquarters.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative Services Division consists of All-Hazards Preparedness, the Crime Prevention Unit, the Clery Compliance Coordinator, Payroll Accountant, Records Management and a Police Information analyst. The division is staffed with two police officers and three civilian employees, supervised by a Captain.

The All-Hazards Preparedness coordinator works with the university community and develops Building Liaison Teams, which consist of a network of volunteer faculty and staff who help to create and enforce emergency response plans and procedures for specific buildings on campus. This multi-phase endeavor will eventually encompass every building on the SIU Carbondale campus. The goal of this initiative is to provide a uniform response to emergencies occurring within each structure, and program continuity as team members retire or move to other assignments.

The Crime Prevention Unit is tasked with providing the campus community with information regarding theft, alcohol and drug awareness, personnel security, traffic safety, and university resources. Working closely with the Police Patrol Division, this unit strives to continually update the resources used in campus and housing presentations, and coordinate larger proactive events.

The Records Management Division gathers and monitors crime statistics for the University Crime Report. They review hundreds of reports a year and forward them to the appropriate personnel for Clery reporting, further review and prosecution. Between January and December 2024 the Records Management Division processed close to 1500 incident reports, vehicle code violations, and university rules and regulations violations.

The Police Information Analyst is a police officer charged with analyzing data retrieved from computer searches of internal and external databases, police department reports, and various open source documents to identify crime, crime patterns, relationships, and trends. This position also is responsible for updating departmental web information, analyzing crime and perform other administrative functions under the general direction of the Director of Public Safety.

Public Interest Case

MENTAL HEALTH

On 09/27/24 at approximately 0013 hrs., DPS officers responded to Neely Hall for an unresponsive female due to an overdose. Upon arrival, officers were directed to the women's restroom where a female was conscious and breathing but very groggy. The female sent a text message to her friends saying she took some medication and wanted to commit suicide. The female was transported via ambulance to the hospital for treatment.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

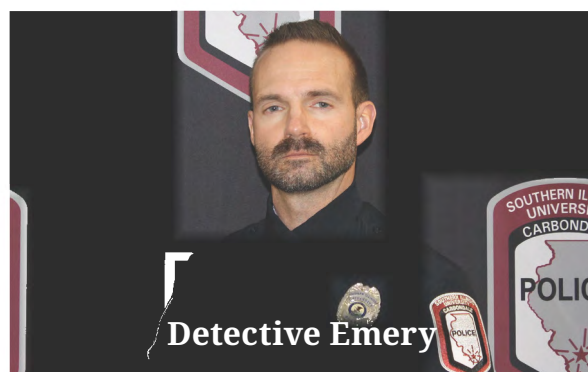
One commander and four detectives staff the Investigations Division. Our Detectives work eight-hour days, five days a week, and cover on-call shift rotations, Monday through Friday. Each Detective's on-call status rotates every week to support the goals and objectives of the department twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

Detectives investigate all types of felony and misdemeanor crimes, assist other agencies in locating missing/runaway/endangered persons, and assist patrol officers with complex calls for service. An investigation is most often initiated after a patrol officer refers a case that requires additional time or cannot be completed without significant resources. The Detective commander reviews each case and assigns it to a Detective based on several solvability factors. Some of these factors include seriousness of the crime, clear descriptions that could lead to the identification of a suspect and/or vehicle, physical evidence collected, and a pattern of criminal activity or behavior. After case assignment, the Detective will begin building and preparing the case to ultimately present to the State's Attorney for possible prosecution.

Detectives receive specialized training to improve their skills and knowledge in various fields, including but not limited to: homicide investigations, sexual assault investigations, child abuse investigations, interview/interrogation techniques, juvenile law, narcotics, financial, and computer crimes. Our Detectives communicate and develop relationships with surrounding agencies on a regular basis to gather and share information.

One Detective is the department's Computer Crime Investigator and tasked with investigating crimes that have a digital evidence component. These crimes can be inherently digital in nature, as in a drug investigation that cellular phones have been seized from. The Computer Crime Investigator investigates online components of high-tech crime, such as deceptive practices and/or fraud, and performs forensic analysis as needed on seized, surrendered, or recovered computers, cellular phones, digital cameras, etc.

This division also includes an evidence custodian that specializes in handling, storage, maintenance, and disposal of law-enforcement-held property and evidence. The property and evidence room maintains the integrity of evidence for criminal prosecutions, as well as the safekeeping of property for all citizens who encounter the Department.



SIU Carbondale Department of Public Safety

PARKING DIVISION

The Parking Division is primarily responsible for meeting the parking needs of the campus community. It does this by issuing parking decals to students and staff, and monitoring parking areas on campus during normal business hours.

SIU roadways and parking lots around the campus community are maintained from revenue generated through the Parking Division. This revenue also pays for lighting upgrades along roadways and campus parking lots.

The Parking Division utilizes citations, vehicle immobilization, and towing as parking enforcement options. These options allow parking agents to effectively address repeat offenders.

Parking is responsible for the registration of bicycles for SIU Bike Watch. All bicycles parked on campus are required to be registered, either by SIU or by the City of Carbondale. Registering your bicycle aids the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies with the recovery of your bicycle in the event of loss or theft.

Staff and students may bring their SIU ID along with their bicycle to the Parking division office during regular business hours to complete the free registration process to receive a decal.

The Parking division is located on East Campus, inside Trueblood Hall.



TRAINING AND CAPABILITIES

IN-SERVICE TRAINING 2024

Officers are required to attend quarterly in-service training sessions. During these sessions, officers receive formal training in the areas of cultural diversity, mental health, CPR, weapons proficiency, community policing, search and seizure, drug/substance awareness and many other topics. These training sessions ensure that officers receive the most up to date training and information.

Taught by DPS certified instructors, officers receive annual instruction on control tactics, arrest procedures, less lethal, and pressure points. Local CPR instructors and Jackson County Ambulance staff are brought in to instruct on CPR and basic officer buddy aid.

At each quarterly in-service training, officers complete weapons training. The weapons training varies from a fifty round handgun qualification, a thirty round handgun qualification, a rifle qualification course of fire or a shotgun qualification course of fire. All of the firearms training is coordinated through the department Master Firearms Instructor and all of the on range training is monitored by qualified firearms instructors.



CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership of law enforcement, mental health and addiction professionals, individuals who live with mental illness and/or addiction disorders, their families and other advocates. It is an innovative first-responder model of police-based crisis intervention training to help persons with mental disorders and/or addictions access medical treatment rather than place them in the criminal justice system due to illness related behaviors. It also promotes officer safety and the safety of the individual in crisis.

STORM READY COMMUNITY

The National Weather Service requires SIU to re-certify as a Storm Ready Community every three years. Certification requires four community presentations related to weather preparedness every year and weather spotting training. The university must maintain proper warning platforms in regards to severe weather. A proper response plan to severe weather is required and updated each year. SIU became certified in 2019 and continues to meet these goals. In addition, SIU installed 8 emergency pods. The pods are solar powered, wireless loudspeakers that can also function as a PA system. These pods are placed around campus so a person will hear the alarms sounding while outside. The pods function as a storm siren and can disseminate information to campus in the event of an emergency.

POLICE MOUNTAIN BIKE UNIT

The SIU Police Mountain Bike Unit exists to bridge the gap between foot patrol and vehicular patrol. Bicycles enhance officer mobility, while allowing access to areas that would be inaccessible by vehicle. Bicycle patrol is highly visible and helps build connection with the community. Members of the unit receive rigorous training and are certified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association. This training includes bicycle maintenance and repair, cycling skills, and tactics.





INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE (ICAC)

The ICAC Program was developed in response to the increasing number of children and teenagers using the Internet and other technology, the proliferation of child sexual abuse images available electronically, and the heightened online activity by predators seeking unsupervised contact with potential underage victims. The ICAC Task Force agencies are engaged in both proactive and reactive investigations, forensic examinations, and criminal prosecutions. By helping state and local agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization, including responses to child sexual abuse images, the ICAC Program has increased law enforcement's capacity to combat technology facilitated crimes against children at every level. The Department Of Public Safety currently has two certified ICAC Officers.

Public Interest Case

THEFT

On April 26, 2024, DPS Officers were on patrol when they observed a suspicious male pacing around the bicycle racks near Mae Smith Hall. The officers stopped the suspect, who initially gave a fictitious name while being questioned about a possible bicycle theft. The officers determined he was not affiliated with the University and had an extensive criminal history with 3 active warrants. Lt. Keith arrived on scene and assisted the officers with locating a bag of methamphetamine on the suspect. The male was subsequently incarcerated in the Jackson County Jail. Detective Emery interviewed the suspect in Jail and determined he was responsible for a recent scooter theft and potentially 4-5 additional bicycle thefts on campus.



2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE

The 2024 Eclipse event, which took place on Monday April 8th, 2024, was a major outdoor event that attracted a large number of visitors from outside the community. In preparation for this significant occasion, the SIU Police Department provided 12 officers stationed at the Stadium, in addition to regular shift staffing, to ensure the safety and security of all attendees throughout the day. The officers demonstrated exceptional organization and coordination, successfully managing crowd control, traffic flow, and public safety at an event that required meticulous planning and responsiveness.

The department's officers exhibited a high standard of job performance, going above and beyond the norm in fulfilling their duties during this operational period. Their professionalism, teamwork, and proactive approach ensured that the event proceeded smoothly, with no major incidents reported. Additionally, the department's dedication to ensuring a secure environment for both the university and its guests reflects their commitment to excellence in service.

This level of preparedness and the officers' ability to handle the demands of the event with precision and care demonstrate the high standards that the SIU Police Department consistently upholds.



NIBRS

As of January 1, 2021, the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) became the national standard for law enforcement crime data reporting in the United States. The transition to NIBRS represents a significant shift and improvement in how reported crime is measured and estimated by the federal government.

NIBRS data more accurately reflects the types of crime addressed by police agencies, like simple assault, animal cruelty, destruction of property, intimidation, and identity theft. The broad scope of the information collected in NIBRS will greatly improve the nation's understanding of crime and public safety.

When used to its full potential, NIBRS identifies, with precision, when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. Armed with such information, law enforcement can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner.



Public Interest Case

MAJOR EVENT

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OFFENSE DISTRIBUTION REPORT

Offenses Attempted/Completed

Agency: SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE Offense: All

Beginning Date: 01/01/2023 Ending Date: 12/31/2023

Offense	Attempted	Completed	Total
100 - Kidnapping/Abduction		1	1
11A - Rape		2	2
13A - Aggravated Assault		2	2
13B - Simple Assault		8	8
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering		2	2
23E - Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device		2	2
23F - Theft From Motor Vehicle		5	5
23H - All Other Larceny		75	75
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft		6	6
26A - FalsePretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	5	7	12
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property		7	7
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations		6	6
35B - Drug Equipment Violations		1	1
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material		2	2
520 - Weapons Law Violations		2	2
Total	5	129	134

ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS PLUS WRITTEN WARNINGS AND UNIVERSITY CITATIONS

Summary

There were 103 violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 285 written warnings, and 52 university citations from January through December 2024.

Breakdown by Incident Title*

Reckless Driving	3
Hit and Run	19
Drag Racing	
No Valid Registration	2
Revoked/Canceled Registration	2
Improper Use of Registration	
No Valid Driver's License	6
Suspended/Revoked Driver's License	5
Unlawful Use Driver's License	
Fleeing/Eluding Police Officer	
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	6
Suspended for Non-Insurance	3
Anti-Theft Laws	
Other Driver's License Violation	1
Disobey Police Officer	
Disobey T/C Device	5
Disobey RR Signal Device	
Disobey Stop/Yield Sign	7
Too Fast for Conditions	
Exceeding Speed Limit	8
Improper Passing	
Wrong Way on One Way	
Improper Lane Usage	3
Failure to Yield	1
Failure to Yield to Pedestrian	1
Driving on Sidewalk	
Refusal - Breath/Chemical Test**	
Refusal - Duty at Vehicle Accident Scene	
Pedestrian Violations	
Special Motorcycle Violations	
Vehicle Equipment Violations	2
Seatbelt/Child Restraint Violations	2
Zero Tolerance	1
Distracted Driving	1
Radar	6
All Other IVC Violations	19
**Not included in violation totals	
*DUI and Illegal Transportation appear under "Crimes Against Society"	

Written Warnings

Equipment Violations	79
Driver's License	2
Stop/TCD	133
Vehicle Registration	1
Speeding	31
Other	39
Total:	285

Comparison (IVC)

2023	126
2022	120
2021	31
2020	20

University Citations

Speeding	39
Distracted Driver	
Improper Passing	
Stop/TCD	1
Failure to Yield Right of Way	
Other	4
Improper Lane	4
Improper Backing	3
Reckless Driving	1
Following Too Closely	
Total:	52

Comparison (Univ. Citations)

2023	13
2022	20
2021	10
2020	7

2024 INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS

A conclusion of fact shall be made for each investigation into alleged misconduct. The conclusion of fact is the final result of an analysis of the information. Completed internal investigations shall be classified as follows:

- Unfounded – when the investigation reveals that the alleged action did not occur
- Inconclusive – where the investigation fails to uncover conclusive evidence in support or denial of the alleged action
- Exonerated – where investigation reveals that the alleged action did occur and was within Department policy and state law and was appropriate
- Founded – when the investigation reveals that the alleged action did occur and was not within Department policy or state law or was inappropriate

COMPLAINTS

From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, there were one (1) citizen complaints against SIU police officer(s).

From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, there were eleven (11) internal affairs complaints against Department of Public Safety employees.

DISPOSITIONS

FOUNDED (8)

- Three (3) complaints resulted in three written reprimands.
- Four (4) complaint resulted in a coaching session, and one (1) resulted in a resignation. The resignation involved a civilian employee.
- Eleven (11) DPS employees were involved in the eight (8) complaints.

INCONCLUSIVE (1)

- One (1) complaint involving one (1) DPS employee was found inconclusive.

EXONERATED (0)

- No complaints were exonerated.

UNFOUNDED (2)

- Two (2) complaints involving two (2) DPS employees were unfounded.

FY 2024 EXPENDITURES

STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS

POLICE OFFICERS

Police Officer Base Salaries	\$1,865,535.31
Differential	\$4,757.72
Overtime	\$30,809.66
Total Police Officer Salaries	\$1,901,102.69

Police Communications

Police Communications Base Salaries	\$106,421.39
Differential	\$342.65
Overtime	\$3,639.09
Total Police Communications Salaries	\$110,403.13

Total FY24 State Appropriated Expenditures	\$2,011,505.82
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LOCAL ACCOUNTS/SERVICE ACCOUNTS

Salaries and wages	\$218,058.11
Supplies and Services	\$140,183.77
Total FY2024 Local Accounts/Service Accounts	\$358,241.88

Expenditures

AUXILIARY

Salaries and wages	\$1,098,584.58
Equipment	\$23,324.86
Supplies and Services	\$701,525.15
Total FY24 Auxiliary Expenditures	\$1,823,434.59
TOTAL FY2024 EXPENDITURES	\$4,193,182.29

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

TRUNK OR TREAT

Officer Cooper and TC Conner, participated in Trunk or Treat. Officer Cooper, and TC Conner, decorated a vehicle, and handed out candy to families at Evergreen Terrace.



2024 EMPLOYEE AWARDS

DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Sarah VanVooren



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Christina Derosett



LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer Tuthill



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Officer Bryan



EXCELLENT SERVICE AWARD

Chief Newman

Cpt. Hollister

Cpt. House

Lt. Keith

Lt. Pendley

Sgt. Russell

Sgt. Murphy

Cpl. Borum

Cpl. Presley

Cpl. Smith

Cpl. Gooch

Cpl. Gibbs

Cpl. Applehans

Cpl. Ferraro

Det. Emery

Ofc. Hoch

Ofc. Rafe

Ofc. Cox

Ofc. Nguyen

Ofc. Roman

Ofc. Poskevich

Bernadette Barnes

Ofc. Bressner

Ofc. Kern

Ofc. Hisey

Ofc. Stacy

SP. Heizer

SP. Duran

SP. Singleton

T/C Smith

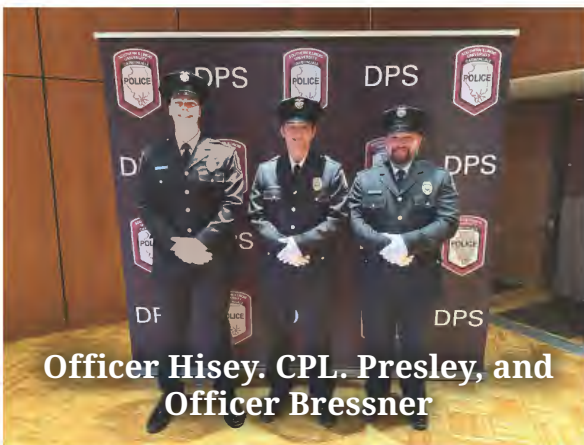
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T/C Conner

Jeff Holmes



DPS ANNUAL AWARDS



**Officer Hisey, CPL. Presley, and
Officer Bressner**



**Chief Newman, LT. Kieth,
Lt. Pendley, and Captain House**



**Officer Cooper, CPL. Applehans,
CPL. Tuthill and Officer Nguyen**



**Chief Newman, Officer Hisey,
Detective Emery, and Officer Stacey**

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice. I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities. I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve the objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God and to my chosen profession... law enforcement.

Public Interest Case

FIRE CALL

On February 10, 2024, approximately 17:34 hours, officers on duty were dispatched to an active fire in the laundry room of the main office building at Evergreen Terrace. Upon arrival, it was reported that a young girl had been seen in the area, and her whereabouts were unknown. Without hesitation, Corporal Gibbs, Corporal Ferraro, Officer Cooper, and Officer Kern entered the smoke-filled building, risking their safety to search for any occupants who might be inside. Due to the dense smoke, the officers were forced to crawl through the building, methodically checking every area while breaking down doors to ensure no one was left behind. They conducted this search thoroughly and professionally, despite the danger posed by the fire, which showed their extraordinary commitment to duty and to the safety of others. After confirming that the building was clear, the officers exited safely, allowing the Carbondale Fire Department to take over the scene.





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