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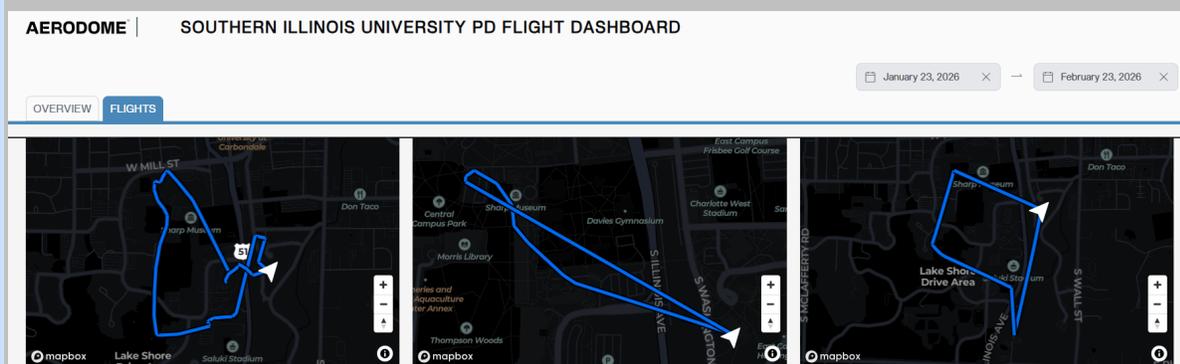
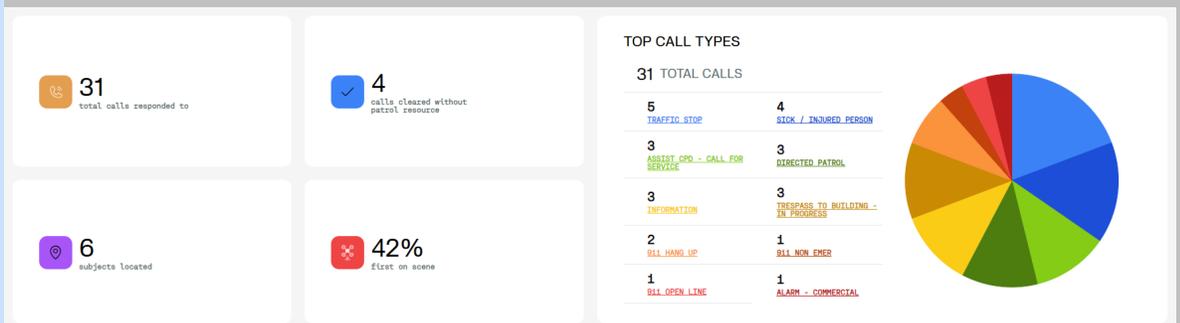
DRONE-AS-FIRST-RESPONDER (DFR) PROGRAM- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PD DFR PROGRAM OVERVIEW



The mission of our Drone-as-First-Responder (DFR) Program is to provide the fastest and safest possible air support to our community's first responders in a responsible and transparent manner. Our goals are to increase safety, reduce response times, and increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Drones have become a critical tool to provide a birds-eye view of an incident for ground personnel, searching for missing persons, determining appropriate next steps in a situation, and much more.

We are not using this program to proactively seek wrongdoing or invade privacy. DFR is used specifically to reactively respond to emergency calls for service and enhance our ability to serve you. To achieve transparency with you, our valued community members, we use software that automatically tracks and logs all drone flights launched by our department that are publicly available for review.

To view our Drone First Responder Flight Dashboard, you may navigate to [SIU PD Flight Dashboard](#) or locate the link at [Police Department | Police Department | SIU](#). The Dashboard will display top call types, and Flight Logs/Maps.



Services Provided

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Mental Health on College Campuses

College Students and Mental Health

The issue of mental health has been on the rise in society. As the rate of mental health issues rise, very few people seek professional help. These issues are becoming more and more prevalent when it comes to college students. Depression, anxiety and eating disorders are a few of the issues that many college students experience during their time in school. College years are a time of transitions, preparing for the future and finding yourself. Although it is normal to feel anxious, overwhelmed or worried, there comes a time where those feelings can go a little overboard.

Anxiety and panic disorders, depression and even alcohol/substance abuse are all different issues that college students go through. These problems could potentially get worse when transitioning to the college life and becoming more independent.

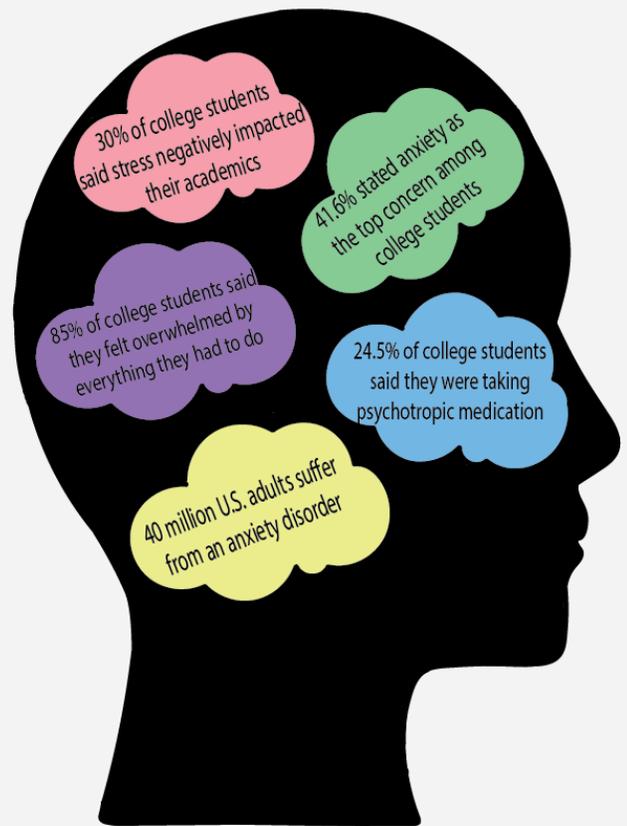
Anxiety disorders are the most common illnesses in the United States according to the [Anxiety and Depression Association of America](#). Anxiety disorders alone impact 40

million people in the U.S. of the age 18 and older. There's a major difference when it comes to everyday anxiety and anxiety disorders. Occasional anxiety is a normal part of people's lives, but when it begins to impact daily activities, that's when it becomes an issue.

Mental health issues in college students can become a barrier to academic success, leading students to drop out and not finish their degrees. A survey report from [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) stated that 64% of students who experience mental health issues while in college end up withdrawing from school due to their mental health issues. This shows just how much students mental illnesses impact their daily activities.

Information from online article by Janna Salimovic

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the above symptoms, please contact Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at the SIU Student Health Center. CAPS counselors are here to support you! SIU Students can see the CAPS Counselor on Duty by visiting our office in the Student Health Center Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by calling (618) 453-5371 to schedule an appointment. Counselors are also available at various locations on campus Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30 - 9:00 p.m. (excluding university closures). Please call (618) 453-5371, so we can direct you to a location. More information about CAPS, additional self help resources, parents resources, and faculty resources can be found at the [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) website.



Lifeline 988



988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), and is now active across the United States.

For more information click [here](#).



Additional Resources

[Office of Equity and Compliance](#)

618-453-4807

[Dean of Students](#)

618-453-2461

[Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

618-536-2338

[Saluki Cares](#)

618-536-2338

[Veteran Services](#)

618-453-1335

[The Clinical Center](#)

618-453-2361

The Rave Mobile Safety alert



system is used to send emergency text messages to cell-phones and to campus email addresses of students, faculty and staff. The message may alert you to an emergency situation, including university closures, asking you to take action or both.

SIGN UP [HERE](#)

TAX SEASON IS UPON US. . .

Filing taxes is a real-world wake up call. As a student, do you know when to file a tax return and what deductions and credits are available to you?

1. What if you attend school outside your home state?

Your federal tax return should be filed with the IRS based on your permanent address. State taxes are a different story and you need to check your local state tax code to determine if you must file a return.

2. Do you have to pay taxes on a scholarship?

You do not have to pay taxes if the scholarship is used to cover the cost of tuition and required fees. Money used to pay for housing, travel, and research is taxable and should be included with wages on the W-2.

3. Are there any tax breaks?

The American Opportunity Tax Credit is good for the first two years of college and can be claimed twice per student. This tax savings offers up to \$1,500 in savings.

4. When is my tax return due and what records do I keep?

Federal returns are due April 15, state deadlines vary. You should keep all your receipts for tuition and books, scholarship information, financial aid, and any proof of enrollment.

BICYCLING ON CAMPUS

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.

The SIU Parking Division registers bicycles for students and staff for free. You must bring your bicycle along with your student/staff ID to our office to complete the registration process. You can complete a registration form at the Parking Division when you bring your bicycle and student/staff ID to obtain your decal.

The Parking Division cannot register any bicycles without the following required equipment:

- Reflectors on each pedal
- Side reflectors
- Front and rear reflectors
- Front white lamp and rear red lamp or reflectors (required at night).

For complete rules and regulations, click [HERE](#).



Follow Us!

Please "like" our Southern Illinois University- Carbondale Department Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter at [SIUC Police](#). We provide information regarding local events, safety tips and press releases for major incidents. You can also send us your questions through private messages and tips on any recent crimes that have taken place.

[Facebook.com/siuc.dps](https://www.facebook.com/siuc.dps)

[X@SIUC Police](#)

College spring break trips provide a necessary respite from the stress of college admissions, midterms, standardized test prep, and homework. Spring Break safety may not be top-of-mind when deciding whether to catch a few rays or go road-tripping, but following a few simple Spring Break safety tips will make sure everyone has a great time.

Here's how to ensure that your Spring Break trip is safe and fun...



1. **Protect Your Location.** Sharing too much information on social media may endanger your safety, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. Don't broadcast your location on Instagram; instead, save your photos and post them after you return.
2. **Arrive and Leave with Friends.** There's safety in numbers, especially during Spring Break.
3. **Take a Copy of your Passport.** There's no worse feeling when you're traveling than discovering your passport has been stolen or lost. Take a copy of your passport everywhere, and keep the original in a safe place.
4. **Carry Copies of Important Phone Numbers and Addresses.** Make sure you have a business card of phone number of a reputable cab service or download the app of your favorite rideshare services. Know the location of the nearest embassy or consulate.
5. **Have a Little Cash in the Local Currency.** You don't need a lot, but \$20-\$50 should see you through many emergencies.
6. **Avoid First Floor Hotel Rooms.** These are targets for thieves. Lock up your valuables.
7. **Tan Safely.** Reduce your exposure to the sun; ease into your tan. And avoid tanning beds before you leave, as they can supply too much exposure too fast. In 2025, 8,430 people in the U.S. died from melanomas of the skin. Use a sunscreen that has at least a 15 SPF.
8. **Hydrate.** Whether you are on the beach, partying at a friend's, or skiing in the mountains, hydration should be one of your top concerns during spring break.
9. **Drink Smart.** Plan on imbibing alcohol over the break? Make sure your fun doesn't take a turn for the worse by understanding how to help yourself and your friends drink responsibly.

Info from article by Berkshire Hathaway Travel