On Sunday, August 4, 2019, SIU police officers hosted the second Annual "Cops and Kids" Backpack Giveaway at Evergreen Terrace, a family housing facility on the SIU-C campus. This event allowed over 100 school-aged children the opportunity to receive a fully-stocked backpack for the upcoming school year.

Teamng up with local businesses, Officer Pendley spent countless hours collecting, organizing, and leading the effort to make this event a success. Dunkin’ Donuts donated donuts, Sports Clips provided free hair cuts, and other businesses graciously donated to this event. Many employees, both officers and dispatchers of SIU, also financially contributed to this event.

Backpacks were stuffed with necessary back-to-school supplies, such as notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, eraser, hand sanitizer, and many other required products. This event was an excellent example of the Department of Public Safety’s mission, vision, and values by coordinating with local members of our community to positively impact the lives of those we serve. Great job to all who helped make this event a success!
Parking Division Satellite Office

To benefit faculty, staff, students and visitors, the Department of Public Safety Parking Division has opened an auxiliary office in the Student Center. Located on the Student Center’s ground level in the north corridor across from the bookstore, the satellite office will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers will be able to buy decals, guest permits, temporary permits and pay citations using a credit card, check or Debit Dawg.

The Parking Division’s main office in Trueblood Hall at 1175 S. Washington Street will continue to be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Can You Tell Which One Of These Bicycles Is A Bait Bike?

In an effort to stop bicycle theft from occurring on the campus of SIU, the Department of Public Safety started the Bait Bike program in 2016. Officers place and monitor “bait bikes” around campus. These bikes are connected to the department via technology that is monitored at all times. Those caught taking a bicycle that does not belong to them may face criminal prosecution and be held accountable.

Follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim of Bike Theft:

♦ 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

Reminder—SIU is a smoke-free campus!
CAMPUS SAFETY TIPS

- Lock your doors
- Do not leave valuables unattended!
- Do not allow strangers into the residence halls
- Be aware of e-mail scams and solicitations
- Report lost/stolen keys immediately
- Use the “buddy system” when going out.

SIU POLICE AUTHORITY

The SIU Department of Public Safety is comprised of 37 sworn officers, 6 telecommunications, 3 full-time parking agents, and administrative staff. SIU police officers obtain their authority from the U.S. Constitution, the Illinois Constitution, and Illinois statutes. All police officers are conservators of the peace and have all powers possessed by police in cities and counties. All officers are sworn through the State of Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board giving them power to enforce state statutes, university rules and regulations, and city or county ordinances, including making arrests. SIU police officers may exercise this authority within counties wherein the university or any of its branches or properties are located.

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 and the rules and regulations for parking on campus! If ever you have questions, refer to the sign at the entrance of the parking lot.
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Understanding the issues concerning suicide and mental health is an important way to take part in suicide prevention, help others in crisis, and change the conversation around suicide. Suicide is not inevitable for anyone. Research shows people who are having thoughts of suicide feel relief when someone asks after them in a caring way. Findings suggest acknowledging and talking about suicide may reduce suicidal ideation. By starting the conversation, providing support, and directing help to those who need it, we can prevent suicides and save lives. Evidence shows that providing support services, talking about suicide, reducing access to means of self-harm, and following up with those closest to us are just some of the actions we can all take to help others.

Know the Warning Signs

Some warning signs may help you determine if someone close to you is at risk for suicide, especially if the behavior is new, has increased, or seems related to a painful event, loss, or change. If you or someone you know exhibits any of these, seek help by calling the Department of Public Safety, Saluki Cares, the Clinical Center, or the National Suicide Prevention lifeline.

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill themselves
- Looking for a way to kill themselves, like searching online or buying a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Showing rage or talking about getting revenge
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Extreme mood swings

#BeThe1To

#BeThe1To is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s message for National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond, which helps spread the word about actions that all can take to prevent suicide. The Lifeline network and its partners are working to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention, to actions that can promote healing, help and give hope.