

# The Saluki Watch Dawg



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## WHAT IS STALKING?

Stalking is a pattern of behavior that makes you feel afraid, nervous, harassed, or in danger. It is when someone repeatedly contacts you, follows you, sends you things, talks to you when you don't want them to, or threatens you. Stalking behaviors can include:

Knowing your schedule.

Showing up at places you go.

Sending mail, e-mail, and pictures.

Calling or texting repeatedly.

Contacting you or posting about you on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc).

Writing letters.

Damaging your property.

Creating a website about you.

Sending unwanted gifts or cards.

Stealing things that belong to you.

Any other actions to contact, harass, track, or frighten you.

Over 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the United States. People age 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.

If you think you are being stalked, contact local law enforcement, any Campus Security Authority, SIU employee, or the Office of Equity and Compliance. For more information about stalking, click the link to the [Stalking Resource Center](#).

## SIU Campus Resources

### [SIU Police](#)

618-453-3771

### [Parking Division](#)

618-453-5369

### [Counseling Center](#)

618-453-5371

### [Wellness Center](#)

618-536-4441

## Student Health Services

618-453-3311

### [Night Safety Transit](#)

618-453-2212

## Carbondale Resources

### [Carbondale Police](#)

618-457-3200

### [Memorial Hospital](#)

618-549-0721

## IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES

Deadline to apply for May 2024 graduation is Friday, February 9. Applications are available online and cost \$50.

Late Graduation application submission deadline is Friday, February 23. Cost is \$75.

Spring Break is March 9 through March 17.

Total Eclipse is April 8 (classes canceled)

Final Exams are May 6 to May 10.

## PERSONAL SAFETY

### Services Provided

[Crime Prevention & Programs](#)

[Report Suspicious Activity](#)

[Campus Emergency](#)

[Response Guide](#)

[Night Safety Transit](#)

[Campus Map](#)

[Parking Map](#)

[Daily Crime Log](#)

[FOIA Request Form](#)

[SIU Campus Crime Report](#)

### February Calendar

**Women's Basketball  
vs. Missouri State University**  
February 3 @ 4:00 P.M.

**Women's Basketball  
vs. Murray State**  
February 9 @ 6:00 P.M.

**Men's Basketball  
vs. IL State University**  
February 10 @ 6:00 P.M.

**Women's Basketball  
vs. Belmont**  
February 11 @ 1:00 P.M.

**Men's Basketball  
vs. Indiana State University**  
February 17 @ 6:00 P.M.

**Men's Basketball  
vs. Murray State**  
February 21 @ 7:00 P.M.

**Polar Plunge**  
SIU Touch of Natrue  
February 24 @ 9:00 A.M.

There is no one sure way to prevent violence against a person because every situation is different. However, there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of being targeted. Risk awareness, reduction, recognition, and avoidance strategies can be implemented into your everyday life.

The following strategies are not demands from the police, but they should be thought of as considerations. Evaluate and apply each strategy to your own life and situation with specific circumstances.

### Be Aware

Do not ignore the fear or crime, instead, face it with courage. Too many believe crime will not happen to them, causing a person to not be mentally alert to their surroundings and prepared to react. When you go somewhere, have a route planned. Walk with confidence, head up and looking around for suspicious people on your route. Do not wear headphones on/in both ears, as you cannot hear what's around you. Develop a plan of action if something happens to change your original plans, something happens to you, or you need help.

### Reduction Strategies

Keep your room/house doors locked, including bathroom doors in suite style accommodations. Get to know your roommate(s) and any guests in your room. Do not allow anyone into the building you do not know. Do not loan your keys to anyone. If your keys are lost, report the lost keys immediately for replacements.

Try to park in a well-lit area whenever possible. Remember where your car is parked so you can get there without delay. Visually check your vehicle and the area around it before getting in. Once inside the car, lock the doors. Turn your car on and leave. Keep your valuables out of sight.

If you meet someone and would like to see them again, get their phone number – this puts you in control. Always get the name of the person you are dating. Nicknames do not identify a person. Consider meeting at a public location and drive yourself to that location. Make sure a friend knows where you are going and who you are meeting.

### Recognition

Using the strategies above, identify areas that you need to improve. Recognizing areas of improvement will make you think about personal safety in all situations. Recognize a problem, find a solution, and learn to avoid possible dangerous situations.

### Avoidance

Your overall awareness will increase reaction time; however, placing obstacles between you and a dangerous situation will allow you to plan for alternate routes or call for help. Obstacles can be anything physical in the environment, friends, beliefs, the police, or anything that puts something between you and potential harm.

The ONLY confrontation you are GUARANTEED to win EVERY TIME is the one you are never involved in.

*R.A.D Systems of Self-Defense*



### 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

[Salukis on Your Side](#)

618-453-3311

[Veteran Services](#)

618-453-1335

[The Clinical Center](#)

618-453-2361

## Meet your DPS Command Staff



### CHIEF BENJAMIN NEWMAN

Chief Newman was hired at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2013. Prior to SIUC, Newman was a Lieutenant with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Police Department.

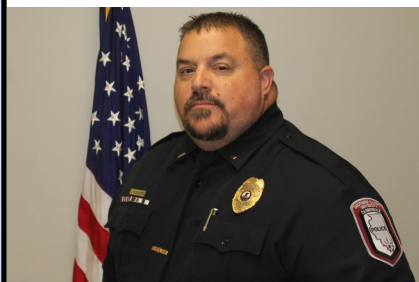
### CAPTAIN RYAN HOUSE

Captain Ryan House was hired with SIUC in 2008, promoted to CPL in 2010, SGT in 2012, and LT in 2014. In 2024, House was promoted to CPT and serves as the Administrative CPT.



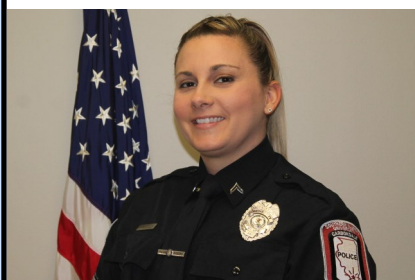
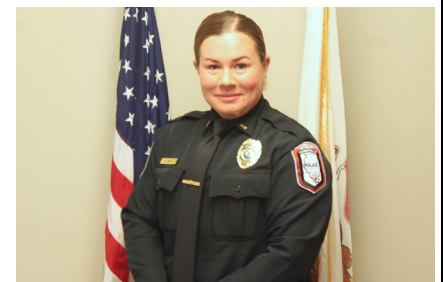
### CAPTAIN KENDALL HOLLISTER

Captain Kendall Hollister was hired with SIUC in 2000, promoted to CPL in 2004, SGT in 2009, and LT in 2014. In 2024, Hollister was promoted to CPT and serves as Operations Captain.



### LIEUTENANT CARRIE KEITH

Lieutenant Carrie Keith was hired with SIUC in 2008, promoted to CPL in 2012, SGT in 2022 and LT in 2023. LT. Keith currently serves as the Dayshift and Third Shift Commander.



### LIEUTENANT HEATHER PENDLEY

Lieutenant Heather Pendley was hired with SIUC in 2014, promoted to CPL in 2021 and LT in 2023. LT Pendley currently serves as the Second shift Commander.



# 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)

Twitter @SIUC\_Police

## POLAR PLUNGE 2024

Polar Plungers will brave the frigid water at Touch of Nature, on Saturday, February 24, 2024. The funds raised from the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge® will benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. The SIU regional plunge will take place at 1206 Touch of Nature Rd. Makanda, IL. Registration can be completed online with the plunge taking place at 9:00am.



All Polar Plungers are required to collect a minimum of \$100 in donations. People are encouraged to come in costume and to form teams.

To form a team, each member (minimum of five people to qualify) must raise a minimum of \$100 in donations. Meeting these requirements will qualify plungers for team prizes.

Plungers will receive incentive prizes based on the amount of money they raise. By raising the minimum of \$100, you will receive an official Plunge hooded sweatshirt. Sweatshirts will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis the day of the plunge. All individuals who do not receive a sweatshirt or other incentive level prizes will be mailed a corresponding prize in April.

Over the past 21 years, more than 78,000 plungers have raised more than twenty two million dollars. Those ready to be brave this winter are invited to join the conversation and share on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.



**Special  
Olympics  
Illinois**

Jewel Osco, Gallagher, LAMAR and Puffin drink-wear are proud to be the Statewide Presenting Polar Plunge Sponsors.

For additional information visit the Special Olympics Illinois main plunge site at <https://plungeillinois.com>.