**RESIDENCE HALL SECURITY**

Theft and Burglary are crimes of opportunity. When you are not in your residence hall room, *close and lock the door.*

You never know who is walking through the halls and may decide to grab your laptop, a purse or wallet, or other valuables from your room.

- Lock your door when you’re not in your room even if your only a few doors down.
- Be suspicious of unknown persons loitering around the residence hall.
- Never prop or leave exterior doors to residence halls propped open.
- Call University Police to answer any questions you may have regarding safety.
- Do not allow unescorted strangers into or to remain in the building. Call University Police immediately if subjects are unresponsive to your request for them to leave.

**OFFICERS PROMOTED & NEWLY HIRED**

Officer Steven Vanloan was recently promoted to Sergeant, and became the Watch Commander of the “D” team on nights. He will work with officers Kevin Triplett and John Rogacki.

Former Community Service Officer, Robert Witt was recently hired as a police officer. Robert formerly worked at Woodridge Police Department as a patrol officer. Rob is assigned to the night shift on the “C” team.

**NO PARKING AREA – SOUTH KINDLON LOT**

The South end of the Kindlon lot which is a yellow painted curb is a “No Parking” zone. This area must be kept clear to ensure emergency vehicles can access the lanes of the parking lot.

Fines for parking here are $20.00 for each infraction.

**SEE SOMETHING, HEAR SOMETHING…SAY SOMETHING**

A Sodexo employee saw something suspicious, provided information to the police which resulted in the police being able to take action quickly to resolve the situation.

A certificate of recognition was presented to the employee by Chief of University Police, Mike Salatino for their quick thinking and sense of community safety.

The following link, [http://www.ben.edu/police/index.cfm](http://www.ben.edu/police/index.cfm) will connect you to the Benedictine University Police web page, which contains the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Reports for calendar year 2014, which is published in 2015, as required by the U.S. Department of Education, for the [Lisle main campus, National Moser Center of Adult Learning, Bellwood Learning Center, Springfield and Mesa, Arizona branch campuses](http://www.ben.edu/police/index.cfm). You will also find useful information about department services, a campus safety video, our Facebook page and other items of interest.
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH OCTOBER

National Fire Protection Association
The authority on fire, electrical, and building safety

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. According to the National Fire Protection Association (2014, there were 1,298,000 fires reported in the United States. These fires caused 3,275 civilian deaths, 15,775 civilian injuries, and $11.6 billion in property damage).

Is your family prepared for a fire emergency?
October is National Fire Prevention Month and it serves as an excellent time to examine your preparedness.
Do you have a home fire escape plan?
Have you changed smoke-alarm batteries within the last year?
Do you know the main reasons for fires starting in the home?

Get more information on Fire Prevention Month and Week at the NFPA’s website http://www.nfpa.org/

Students in all, primary and secondary education are often the target of fire prevention. Firefighters will visit schools and teach students the basics of fire prevention. Workshops should be conducted in schools for educating students for the effects of fires and how to deal with it.

Smoke detectors save lives
• Working smoke detectors reduce the chances of death in a fire by half.
• Nearly 900 lives could be saved annually if every home had working smoke detectors.
• Even just one smoke detector reduces the chances of death by almost half.
• Nearly half of all fire survivors remember hearing their smoke alarm.
• Deaths due to fire have decreased by half since the invention of the smoke detector.
• Most deaths due to fire occur at night when people are sleeping.

The BenAlert emergency notification system enables students, faculty and staff to receive alerts and notifications within minutes by phone, text and/or e-mail messages regarding emergency situations affecting Benedictine University.

Alerts are short messages about an urgent or immediate situation. Notifications are follow-up messages that may contain more detailed information that are not as time-sensitive. The University Emergency Plan can also be found at the link below.

http://www.ben.edu/emergency/benalert.cfm