**Functional Needs Preparedness Month**

If you are someone close to you, has a disability or other access or functional need, you may have to take additional steps to protect yourself and your family.

Find out about individual assistance that may be available in your community. Register in advance with the office of emergency services, the local fire department, or other government agencies or non-profit groups… Tell them of your individual needs or those of a family member and find out what assistance, help or services can be provided.

**Who are individuals with Access and Functional Needs?**

- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may need to make special arrangements to receive emergency warnings.
- Single working parents and those with limited English proficiency may need help planning for disasters and emergencies. Community, faith-based and cultural groups may be able to help keep people informed.
- People without vehicles may need to make arrangements for transportation.
- People with special dietary needs should take precautions to have an adequate emergency food supply.

**End of the Year Cookout Coming!**

*University Police and Student Health Services* will again, be hosting their annual cook out on Wednesday May 8, 2013, starting at 11:00am and going until 1:30pm.

We cordially invite all students, faculty and staff to attend the cookout and get your burger and/or hotdog. Chips, drinks and music will also be provided.
CSOs typically handle lower priority calls which do not require an armed police officer with arrest powers, freeing sworn officers to concentrate on those incidents requiring their specific skill set. Our CSOs are armed with less-lethal tools. Even a few CSOs can have a significant impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of police services that departments provide.

BenU Community Service Officers (CSOs) are specially trained civilian officers, who are an integral part of keeping Benedictine University’s students, employees and facilities safe and secure.

Whether you’re here attending class or working during the day (8am-4pm) or at night (6pm-2am) these officers are here to assist you. CSOs are responsible to patrol the following buildings on campus: Birck Hall, Kindlon Hall, Krasa Center, Lownik Hall and Scholl Hall.

You should see these guys multiple times throughout your workday or class schedule. It is BenU police department’s goal that they know as many staff members and students as possible by name.

Feel free to stop and chat with them a bit. They are here to know and serve our Benedictine community.

Please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Creekmore (pcreekmore@ben.edu) if you’d like a CSO to come give a presentation about safety to you and your co-workers or classmates or if you have any other questions about CSO’s.