



Spring Break...

Remember some simple things to make Spring Break, safe, fun and memorable.

If traveling abroad, always have your passport with you. Stick to areas where tourists are abundant and try not to carry cash. Use credit cards or travelers checks.

Plan a trip with friends, go as a group.

Don't sacrifice quality for safety in order to save money.

Be responsible when you drink, take a cab, bus or have a friend be the designated driver.

Severe Weather Season...



Tornado Warning... Tornado Watch... Do you know the difference?

Most people are unaware that there is a difference between a watch and warning. A tornado **WATCH** means that *weather conditions are right to produce a tornado*. A tornado **WARNING** means that *a tornado has been sighted in the area and you should seek shelter immediately*.

Most of our police officers are certified weather spotters and are knowledgeable in the difference between a hanging cloud and a funnel cloud. Hanging clouds are often mistaken for funnel clouds and cause unnecessary panic.

Have you heard our Lightning Detection Alarm???

University Police monitors a weather detection system that specifically indicates the threat of lightening strikes. If you hear a lengthy blast from our alarm located on top of the Krasa Center, please vacate all open fields, walk areas and all outdoor athletic facilities. You can also see the alarm horn by its flashing amber strobe light. We are proud and lucky to be one of the few major Universities in the area to utilize the ThorGuard system.



Do you know who I am?



George Cochran

I am a part-time Emergency Communications Dispatcher for Benedictine University Police. I currently work full-time for the U.S. Postal Service where I have been for (22) years. Prior to becoming a dispatcher I was with the University for (9) years as a Security supervisor.

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Illinois State Police Internet Crimes Unit

As part of his aggressive plan to fight Internet crime and protect families and communities from sexual predators, Illinois State Police (ISP) Internet Crimes Unit (ICU) today launched the new [Web site](http://www.isp.state.il.us/icu/). You can report Internet Crimes, review state statutes, educate yourself to computer crimes and identity theft and find safety tips regarding safe use of the internet.

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/icu/>

New Community Policing Initiative...

Benedictine University Police are in the process of implementing a new adopt-a-dorm type of program. In the program, University Police officers will be assigned to a specific residence hall as a resource officer. When these officers are on shift, they will handle all calls for that specific residence hall.

During their off time, another officer will be the primary investigator, but you will not lose the relationship with the residence hall resource officer who will always complete follow-up contacts.

Name change approved...

Public Safety will now officially be known as **Benedictine University Police**

Benedictine University Police Commend Security Officers



Bart Cole



Larry Cunningham

Security Officers Larry Cunningham and Bart Cole were commended by Sgt. Pat Cronin for their actions during an active fire alarm which was caused by smoke in Jeager Hall. Both Security Officers went door to door to ensure that all residents had vacated the residence hall. These two officers worked with Residence Life staff and University Police to ensure the safety of our students.

Simple Changes That Could Save Your Life

Count Your Smoke Detectors: Be sure there is one smoke detector installed on every level of your home, including one in every bedroom and outside of each sleeping area. **Change Your Batteries:** It only takes a few minutes to do, by changing your batteries when you change your clocks, is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire. **Check Your Smoke Detector:** After installing your new batteries, press the test button to make sure the detector is working. Remember that a “chirping” sound is a signal to replace the battery. **Clean Your Smoke Detector:** Ensure your smoke detectors sensitivity by cleaning them each month of dust and cobwebs. **Replace Your Smoke Alarms:** Install new smoke detectors every ten years. **Install Fire Extinguishers:** Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and be sure that every family member knows how to use it. **Get The Whole Family Involved:** Make sure everyone in your household knows what a smoke detector sounds like when it is activated. Test your smoke detector with your children. This will help them recognized the sound if it has been activated.

A message from: Sgt. Pat Cronin

