The University Police has joined the International Association of Chiefs of Police’s One Mind Campaign. The campaign is designed to ensure successful interactions between Police Officers and persons with mental illness by partnering with community mental health organizations for training and additional resources.

For more information on the One Mind Campaign visit http://www.theiACP.org/onemindcampaign/. A copy of the full report, Improving Police Response to Persons Affected by Mental Illness, links to additional resources and a list of all agencies that have taken the pledge is also available on the website.
February is Black History Month. We would like to recognize the contributions and positive influences made by African Americans.

(116) (November 30, 1919 – February 19, 2013) a surgeon and cancer researcher known for her contributions to chemotherapy. Jane also established the use of the drug methotrexate to treat breast cancer and skin cancer. In 1975 Jane was given the American Association for Cancer Research Award. Jane’s research in identifying treatments and setting up protocol that would increased a skin cancer patients lifespan is renowned. Gerald Anderson Lawson or “Jerry” (December 1, 1940 – April 9, 2011) a known electronic engineer in the video game world, he designed the Fairchild Channel F video game console as well as inventing the video game cartridge. Jerry founded Videosoft, a video game development company which developed software for the Atari 2600. Jerry was honored for his work on the game cartridge concept by the International Game Developers Association (IGDA) in 2011, one month before he passed away. Neil deGrasse Tyson (October 5, 1958- ) a renowned astrophysicist, author and educator, Neil’s research has focused on observations in cosmology, stellar evolution, galactic and stellar formation. At the young age of fifteen Neil was giving lectures on astronomy. This is just one of the many things that would ultimately see him to the future. Neil is The Director of the Hayden Planetarium at The American Museum of Natural History. Neil’s new book is titled “Astrophysics for People in a Hurry”. The University Police would like to recognize these great Americans and thank them for their contributions.
In January, 2018 Benedictine University staff, students, and faculty began working to create a It’s On Us video. It’s On Us is a national campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault and to make a pledge as a community that we will do our part to stop this violence from occurring. To learn more or to sign the pledge go to, http://www.itsonus.org/

Along with the video, Benedictine students hosted a program on January 29th where they discussed consent, bystander intervention, and resources for survivors. This program will also be available at the Teach In on March 5th. These projects are some of many that our campus is working on to share the message that violence will not be tolerated and it is the responsibility every member of our community to do something to stop it. This means stepping in when you see someone in a harmful situation, calling out disrespectful language, and having conversations about healthy relationships and consent. If you want to get involved you can contact the Violence Against Women Act Grant Coordinator, Bernadette Muloski, at bmuloski@ben.edu.

Anonymous Reporting

If you observe someone commit a crime on campus or are thinking about reporting a misdeed, but do not want to become involved, you can submit an anonymous report. You may also report a sexual misconduct crime anonymously. http://www.ben.edu/student-life/police/forms-reporting.cfm

The University Police Emergency number: (630) 829-6666
Fifteen-passenger vans can move multiple people from one location to the next in one vehicle, cutting transportation costs. However, it is important to know that these vehicles present serious hazards.

“Research has shown that 15-passenger vans have a rollover risk that increases dramatically as the number of occupants increases from fewer than five to more than 10,” states the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). “15-passenger vans with 10 or more occupants had a rollover rate in single-vehicle crashes that is nearly three times the rate of those that had fewer than five occupants,” adds NHTSA.

NHTSA recommends the following:

- Check tire pressure
- Use an experienced driver
- Take it slow
- Don’t overload
- Always wear seat belts

According to the Benedictine University Vehicle Policy – Guidelines and Procedures Manual, for the safety of University authorized drivers and passengers, University-owned, rented or leased 15-passenger vans are not to be loaded with more than ten (10) passengers and a driver. If carrying equipment, one passenger must be eliminated for each one hundred-fifty (150) pounds of load. In addition, do not drive more than 55 miles per hour, regardless of load and do not store luggage or other items on the roof. It is prohibited to hitch a trailer to a 15-passenger van. This will increase the instability of the van.