

Police News

Continuing to build on our strong foundation:

New Deputy Chief Announced



Derek Ferguson was promoted from Sergeant to Deputy Chief on Wednesday May 18th, 2016. Derek has been with Benedictine University since 2006. He holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration awarded by Benedictine University. Derek has shown a commitment to the University and has all of the character attributes that the University stands for.

Please join us in congratulating Deputy Chief Ferguson on his new position. We trust he will help lead our department into a great new era.

Setting a Great Standard & Extending Wisdom

Chief Salatino recently made a presentation to the DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team School Committee Meeting, regarding Alcohol Prevention initiatives. Benedictine University has reduced alcohol abuse and violation occurrences by approximately 40% over the past five years. Our successful program has been accomplished by the many innovative substance abuse awareness and education programs on the Lisle Campus.

The DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team is a community coalition working to reduce youth substance use and increase mental wellness. They aim to reduce substance abuse and increase mental health among DuPage County youth.

To learn more go to: <http://www.dupageplt.org/>



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Heard around the community:

“Why was the American Red Cross here?”

Benedictine University became an official DuPage County Shelter in February 2011 with the snow storm that crippled Illinois. We have trained over three hundred students and staff on shelter operations and have been used as volunteers to work the shelter when we have been activated. We have been activated now five times since we were designated in 2011.

Unfortunately, an apartment complex in Willowbrook had structural damage that caused many residents to be displaced with no where to go. This is where the American



Red Cross comes in; their mission is “...to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to natural and human-caused disasters...”. Benedictine University was activated this week to be a shelter for 30- 40 residents who were able to use Founders Woods Clubhouse for temporary housing and the fitness center’s locker rooms for bathing.

Michi Dubes, Emergency Preparedness Manager at BenU, is the key point person on this and many other great ways our community helps those in times of emergency and disaster.

For more information on the American Red Cross of the greater Chicago area visit:

<http://www.redcross.org/local/illinois/chicago-northern-illinois>

DuPage County Emergency Management Training

Last month, representatives of Benedictine University Departments, including: University Police Department , University Emergency Preparedness, The Office of the President, Campus Services, Marketing & Communications, Faculty, and Staff, along with representatives from Lisle Police & Fire Departments, conducted a tabletop training and exercise facilitated by representatives from DuPage County Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

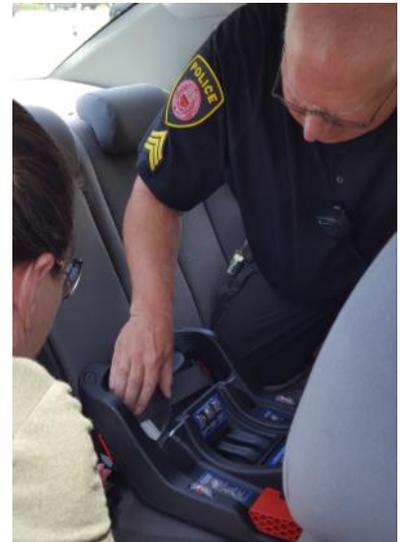


Best practice handling of large scale emergency incidents and case studies of previous incidents from around the country were discussed. We look forward to working with all University departments in order to keep our campus safe & prepared.

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Is your child safety seat properly installed?

Child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by up to 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers. In 2011, 98% of caregivers of children ages 8 and younger used restraints when transporting, however, only half were using them correctly. For rear-facing infant convertible car seats, only 32% of caregivers were very confident that they are using them correctly. This reduces the protection provided in the event of a crash.



Let us check! Two University Police Officers are now certified in the proper installation of child safety seats and are available to the Benedictine Community. Please call or email to schedule an appointment.

Beat the Heat this Summer without Air Conditioning

Tips to save money on that utility bill

1. Keep your blinds closed during day.
2. Be smart about your doors, open doors increase home circulation.
3. Use a fan instead of turning on the AC, for extra cooling bowl of ice in front of fan.
4. Swap your sheets for fresh cotton ones.
5. Set your ceiling fans to rotate counter-clockwise.

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FAREWELL SOPHIE!

JOIN US IN WISHING A HAPPY RETIREMENT TO K-9 SOPHIE & OFFICER JOHN ROGACKI. OFFICER ROGACKI WILL BE RETIRING WITH 10 YEARS OF POLICE WORK AT BENEDICTINE AND OVER 30 YEARS AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. K-9 SOPHIE WILL BE RETIRING WITH 6 YEARS OF POLICE SERVICE AT BENEDICTINE.



National Night Out is coming!

Tuesday, 08/02/16 5pm-8pm

We're looking for donations for raffles, locals businesses to host booths, & volunteers for the event.

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Reaching Out to Youth

Officer Kevin Triplett was invited to speak to a 2nd Grade Class at Aurora Christian School about what it means to be a police officer, how to call 911 in an emergency, firearms safety, and keeping safe around strangers. The children were very excited and over half of the class wanted to become Police Officers when they grow up.

Engaging our youth is so important to all of us. We are happy to show children that Police Officers are happy to help and promote safety. Great Job Officer Triplett!



Thank you Benedictine Community for coming to our Annual Police Cook-Out which continues to grow every year. Special thanks to our Officers who worked the event.

Chefs for the event: Sgt. Lloyd Popp, Ofc. Kevin Triplett, and CSO Travis Pemberton.

Crew: Sgt. Brian Sawyer, Ofc. Jay Dunn, & Dispatcher Claude Ortega.

