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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

As a reminder, Benedictine University Police are here 24/7, 365 days a year. Remember to have your parking permit displayed from your rearview mirror. If you have lost your old placard, need to update your current placard, or your residency status has changed, please stop by the Police Department to update.

Please pay attention to the parking lot signs prior to entering a parking lot! Any lot that has a orange or red sign is okay for student parking, any lot with a green sign is for Faculty & Staff only– that includes all spots within that lot, not just ones with “Faculty” in front of the spot. (Faculty and Staff are different job positions).

As always, please do not park in a handicapped spot unless you have a placard or plate designating YOU to do so.

What do the blue light poles do?

The blue poles with blue lights on the top are for use in the event of an emergency. If you need emergency assistance, simply push the button on any of these units.

You will hear what sounds like a ringing from the speaker and a University Police Dispatcher will answer the call. You will be able to talk back and forth with the Dispatcher in a speaker phone manner. We will have your location and will be able to send an Officer even if you cannot talk to us.

The blue lighted silver boxes in the Garage and the call boxes outside of the dorm halls work the same way as these blue poles.



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A National Night like None Before!



Thank you to all who came out to enjoy National Night Out on August 2nd. Our 3rd Annual, yielded the best turn out yet. We are already excited for next year. For those of you that didn't get to join us and are unaware of what National Night Out is, let us give you a brief history.

National Night Out is an event held once a year on the first Tuesday in August. The program has participants in thousands of communities across the country and Canada, as well as, military bases worldwide. The event itself is a "community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods

safer, better places to live" (<http://natw.org>).

Established in 1984 with funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, the program is administered by the National Association of Town Watch. Community involvement in crime prevention is generated by holding events like this. See <http://natw.org> for more information. Did you know that Benedictine University Police won an award from National Night Out Organization last year in the Colleges/Universities category? We were the only one from Illinois! We're hoping to win again this year!



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Special Thanks to our NNO Coordinator Sgt. Deb Vanderploeg & Planning Team:
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**EACH YEAR, NEARLY
11,000 PEOPLE DIE**
ON OUR ROADS DUE TO DRUNK DRIVING



THAT WOULD BE EQUAL TO ABOUT
21 JUMBO JETS CRASHING EACH YEAR

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August 19th–September 5th marks the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s campaign “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”. Officers will be mobilized throughout the local area, doing concentrated patrols and DUI Check Points. Don’t risk it, never drive while intoxicated.

Tips for preventing buzzed drinking:

1. Designate a sober driver
2. Contact a taxi, friend, or rideshare.
3. Stay home & camp out for the night
4. As a Resident Student, you must be 21 years old and possess an Alcohol Permit from Residence Life in order to possess alcohol on campus.

Commander Baldilocks Junior Police Academy Wraps Up

It was another fun year for the Commander Baldilocks Junior Police Academy. The kids in the Summer Fun Day Camp, as well as, the Counselors and Officers had a great time. Topics discussed with the children were: stranger danger, identifying suspicious people, calling 911, what it is like to be a police officer, and more.



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Resident Students, some reminders:

- Always lock your car & room doors
- Do not leave your things or bags unattended
- Read your Residence Life handbooks, ensure you are following the dorm visitation & quiet hours
- Empty the lint traps on your dryer after each load
- We are here to help with vehicle lockouts & jumpstarts, however, we are unable to assist in tire changes. Practice and learn how to do this while the weather is decent.
- Dorm lockouts are done as a courtesy once per year. After that, students are charged \$10 each time. Keep your key & BenCard on you at all times (if you can) to ensure you do not lock yourself out or lose them.
- Founders Woods Residents, your apartment is equipped with Panic Alarms at the front entry and in each bedroom. Older tan/gray models have a button at the bottom, newer models have a blue button in the front. If you push the panic button, we will get an alarm at our Dispatch Center and an Officer will come to your dorm. The Officer has to come on site in order to reset the alarm.
- There is an anonymous reporting link on the BenU Police Website, which allows reporting of anything you would like us to investigate while remaining anonymous.
- See something, say something. If you see something suspicious or out of place- if something makes you feel uneasy, call us!



**See something.
Say something.**