



Leading us into 2017, Derek L. Ferguson has been named the Benedictine University Chief of Police. We look forward to his new direction and leadership for the department.

Congratulations to our Dispatcher, Claude Ortega for receiving a Certificate of Recognition from G4S for his actions in helping to identify a student who needed help at the end of 2016. Through simply looking at video surveillance cameras, Claude was able to identify a student within less than an hour. That lead an Officer to contact the student and get them the help that they needed. Thank you Claude for being an important part of our team!



THANKS TO CSO TORRES WHO ORGANIZED OUR FINALS TRADITION OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH DONUTS FOR FINALS AT

A Staff, Faculty, & Student Favorite Officer heads out to impact a new set of bright young minds

With the exciting news of the new direction in leadership that our department is taking comes the sad news (for us– not her) of Sgt. Deb's new venture into Aurora University Police's ranks. Officer Debra Vanderploeg started with the Benedictine University Police Department in 2012. She first signed on as a Community Service Officer and then was promoted to an Patrol Officer as a position opened up. Much beloved by all as "Officer Deb", many students, staff, and alumni ask for her and she remembers almost all of them by their name.



Deb has a pure passion for helping people & she truly cares about the students. Vanderploeg's career has grown a lot while serving Benedictine, including a promotion to Sergeant and finding the love of her life, her husband Mark. Deb has lead our National Night Out campaigns for 2015 & 2016, being the primary reason why they were a success.

We are sorry to have her leave our community but wish her the best at the Aurora University Police Department.



Illinois Preparedness— Resolve to be Ready

A quick note from Illinois Emergency Management Agency, “Being prepared for emergencies involves understanding the types of hazards you may experience and then taking steps that will help you stay safe and quickly recover if disaster occurs” said IEMA Director James K. Joseph. “We’re encouraging people to work toward better preparedness throughout the year, so by the end of 2017 they will be prepared to handle whatever emergencies they experience.”

Each newsletter, we will be following the IEMA safety or preparedness topic including severe weather, earthquakes, pets, school and campus, cyber security and more.

Your 1st step towards emergency preparedness:

Have an Emergency Supply Kit

Include basic survival items that are critical during an emergency, such as:

- ⇒ One gallon of water per person per day (minimum of three-day supply)
- ⇒ At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- ⇒ First aid kit
- ⇒ Battery-operated radio, flashlight, & extra batteries
- ⇒ Items for children, seniors, pets, and household members with health or medical needs





Police News

Good Luck, We will miss you!



Officer Kevin Triplett started with Benedictine University Police in 2014 and brought a plethora of knowledge to the department. Kevin was fantastic at teaching & training in self-defense, as well as, being a great Investigator. In his free time, Kevin took missionary trips to Nicaragua to train Police Officers in tactics and skills. Officer Triplett accepted a position as a Sergeant at Aurora University Police Department. His police work and investigative skills will be highly missed.

Officer Randal Voss started with Benedictine University Police in 2015. For the short period that he has been with Benedictine, has had a great impression on the students & staff. With his prior career experience & training, he has helped to streamline the BenU Police Department's evidence procedures. Randy was always a team player and quite helpful whenever needed. His skillset and team work will be missed. We wish him luck at Aurora University Police Department.



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Benedictine University Red Cross

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Date: Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Location: Krasa Student Center
2nd Floor , Room ABC**

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