

# BLUE IS FAMILY

## SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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University Police

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The Family Programs Office and University Police are pleased to bring you the inaugural edition of Blue is Family: Safety Newsletter! Together, our goal is to ensure that your and your student's experience while a part of the Sycamore Family is safe and positive. We are looking forward to providing a quarterly newsletter regarding happenings on campus, within the Police Department, in addition to tips and reminders about your student's safety while they are in and around the ISU community.

With Sycamore Pride,

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### Walk a Mile in Her Heels

The ISUPD sponsored and assisted students in organizing Walk a Mile in Her Heels to help support The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence. They will also participate in the mile walk in downtown Terre Haute next April. Walk a Mile in Her Heels is a great way to help raise awareness of violence against women.



### Michele Barrett named Interim Chief of Police

With the retirement of current Chief Joe Newport, Michele Barrett will take over the role of Interim Chief of Police on January 3, 2020. Barret has been Assistant Chief of Police since 2014 and will be the first female Chief of Police at ISU. Regarding her new role, Barrett said, "I am grateful for this opportunity and I am looking forward to serving in this new role within our Public Safety Department. We have tremendous officers who are dedicated to campus safety."

Barrett worked for the Terre Haute Police Department from 1993 to 2014, when she joined the ISUPD. She grew up in Terre Haute and attended Terre Haute South High School and Purdue University.



### September 11th Tribute

ISU honored the lives lost on September 11, 2001. A flag for each of the 2,977 lives lost was displayed and a bell rung by a first responder throughout the morning.

### Special Olympics

Indiana State University is the birthplace of Special Olympics in Indiana. Each year, we play host to the Summer Games where thousands of athletes and coaches gather from around the state. ISUPD is a major contributor to the Games and participates in a number of fundraisers that lead up to the summer including Tip A Cop, Cop on a Rooftop with Dunkin Donuts, and Polar Plunge.



### Pumpkins with Police

ISUPD assisted in the 1st annual Pumpkins with Police this past October, donating and helping decorate pumpkins for over 75 children in Terre Haute! This was done in partnership with ISU's Early Childhood Education Center.



### Coffee with a Cop

This was the second year for "Coffee with a Cop" and "The Do's and Donut's of Conduct" with the Office of Student Conduct and Integrity. Students are able to stop by on the way to their first day of class to get coffee, a donut, and chat with officers and Student Conduct staff. They also participated in the First Day of Class Photo Booth with Sycamore Sam!



### Campus Safety: Safe Living

Whether your student lives on campus or not, safety with their surroundings should be one of their main concerns. With a solid security plan and proper safeguards in place, they can be sure to make their home away as safe as possible. Talk with your student about the following ways they can stay on and off campus:

- **Have a personal security plan.** Do they know how to contact campus police? Do they know where the department is located? Make sure they share their schedule with you or someone they trust and they use the buddy system if traveling somewhere after dark. Also encourage them to share contact information with you for any roommates they have, in case of an emergency.
- **Residence Hall Security.** If your student has valuables, make sure they have a safe where those items can be stored securely. Take pictures of serial numbers on electronics, and remind them to always lock their door when they leave their room. Remind them to avoid "piggy backing" of people into their residence halls, especially people they do not know.
- **Fire Safety.** Accidents in residence halls can sometimes lead to fire mishaps. Smoke alarms should be checked regularly and not covered. Hairdryers, curling irons, straighteners should always be unplugged when not being used. Candles, hot plates, air fryers and other hot surface appliances are not allowed in the residence halls.



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