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Chief's Corner

I want to thank each member of Temple University Police and Department of Public Safety for their outstanding work during move-in week. I know how demanding those days have been. Long shifts, constant traffic and a campus buzzing with activity from sunrise well into the night all add up. Through it all, our team showed up with professionalism, patience, and genuine care. Move-in week is one of the busiest stretches of the year for our department, but it's also one of the most rewarding. We are helping new students and their families step into a new chapter of their lives at Temple. We heard from many students and their families about how smooth move-in was for their loved ones because of your work. And to our newest Owls: Welcome to the nest. It's wonderful to see so many new faces around campus, and we're glad you're here. Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe and welcoming.

-Denise Wilhelm Interim Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police



'Fill the Flight' School Supplies Drive

The "Fill the Flight" school supplies drive was a huge success, bringing the Temple community together to support our North Philadelphia young students as they prepare for the upcoming school year. We want to extend a special, heartfelt thank you to the Temple University Police Association for their incredible generosity in donating 100 school bags to help power this vital initiative. Everyone's support ensures we have the strong foundation needed to make a real difference for our neighborhood children. During this event, we gathered supplies with the goal to fill 100 bags with essential school supplies, including notebooks, pencils, rulers, and folders. Initiatives like "Fill the Flight" highlight the incredible strength of our department as well as the campus community and our shared commitment to helping local students start their academic year ready to succeed. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed, volunteered, or supported this drive. The next phase of this effort takes place on Tuesday, August 4th, when our team, partners, and volunteers will come together for a packing event.

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Collaborative Effort Results in arrest

Temple University Security Officer Amanda Lopez was monitoring campus when she noticed a suspicious individual repeatedly entering and exiting a loading dock. She relayed the information to TUPD and Police Officer Chris Feder quickly located the man hiding himself in a paint closet. The man was placed into custody while Police Officers Heru Shabazz and Daniel White remained at the location and made contact with the property management. A stolen e-bike was later recovered. Great teamwork!



New agreement between Temple University and the Temple University Police Association

Thanks to a new collective bargaining agreement, the Department of Public Safety is in a strong position to help hire and retain high-quality officers in service to the community. This summer, Temple and the Temple University Police Association (TUPA) came to an agreement on a five-year contract that both sides believe will significantly improve recruitment and retention. TUPA is the labor union that represents the police officers, dispatchers and some security officers employed by the university. The new five-year agreement is part of an intentional effort toward ensuring that TUDPS remains a destination law enforcement agency for both current and prospective police officers. "The staffing study was an important first step in our efforts to ensure that we are fully able to serve the Temple community, and this new contract is now the next step in that process," Temple University President John Fry said. Read more [here](#).

Bike-training complete

Eight Temple University Police officers wrapped up a week of intensive bike training with a challenging 17-mile ride, led by Lt. Elijah Lewis. The training pushed officers to build the skills and stamina needed for bike patrol, a role that allows them to move quickly through campus, respond to calls in tight spaces, and stay closely connected with the Temple and North Philadelphia communities. By the end of the week, officers had logged serious miles and sharpened the techniques they'll rely on while patrolling on two wheels. Great work by everyone who took part. Their commitment to training like this helps keep the everyone safer, one ride at a time.

