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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in the inaugural Operation: Owls Supporting Owls Veterans Day Drive. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we collected hundreds of items to send to several Temple students who are currently overseas serving our country. This effort truly reflects the heart of both Temple Public Safety and the university: Service, compassion and community. I'm so proud of the department coming together to support both each other and our fellow Owls. Your continued commitment to caring for others makes a real difference, both here on campus and around the world.

-Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police & Vice President for Public Safety



Public Safety partnered with the Student Veterans Association, Temple ROTC and Temple's Military and Veterans Services Center to collect items for students serving abroad.



Temple Police Officer Arashdeep Bawa stands in front of Public Safety's new hybrid patrol car.

Public Safety acquires two hybrid patrol vehicles

Temple Public Safety is proud to announce the addition of two new hybrid patrol vehicles to its fleet, marking another step forward in the university's commitment to sustainability and innovation. The new vehicles will support daily patrol operations across campus and surrounding areas, helping officers respond efficiently while reducing fuel use and emissions.

"These hybrid vehicles allow us to enhance our patrol capabilities while being mindful of our environmental impact," said Chief Jennifer Griffin. "It's a great example of how Public Safety and sustainability can work hand in hand."

The new patrol cars feature updated safety technology, improved fuel efficiency and lower maintenance costs.

"I noticed a lot fewer trips to the gas station," said Temple Police Officer Arashdeep Bawa.

This initiative reflects Temple Public Safety's ongoing efforts to modernize operations and build a safer, more sustainable future for all Owls.

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Herukhuti Dorman



Thomas Leakan

Meet Our New Dispatchers

Temple Public Safety is proud to welcome two new dispatchers to our team! As the first point of contact in an emergency, our dispatchers play a critical role in keeping both the Temple and North Philadelphia communities safe. Temple dispatchers staff the Communications Center 24/7, 365, answering calls for service, coordinating responses between officers and other first responders and ensuring that help arrives quickly and efficiently when it's needed most.

In Their Own Words:

Herukhuti Dorman: "It's an honor to be part of the team ensuring the safety of the Temple and North Philadelphia communities, as well as our officers. I'm thankful for the opportunity. Whether it's helping to guide a Temple Police Officer to the right location or calming someone in distress, I know the work we do helps keep our community safer."

Thomas Leakan: "I work at Temple University because it means a lot to me as an alumnus. Temple provided the foundation and opportunities that helped me build a rewarding career as a Supervising U.S. Probation Officer and as an Adjunct Professor at another university. Now, as a father of four—with one of my sons studying sports media at Klein College—my connection to Temple feels even stronger. Working here allows me to give back to the place that shaped my life and career, and to help open doors for others just as Temple did for me."

Welcome to the team!

Know someone seeking employment?

Refer your friends to work with us and Public Safety will offer a \$500 referral payment for eligible positions through TERP. The referral payment amount will be paid after the referred employee successfully completes 90 days of employment. Contact Amber James, Associate Director of Administrative Operations, for more information:
Aajames@Temple.edu



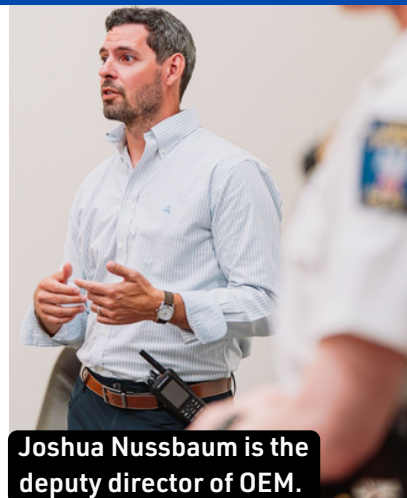
OEM Minute

Since the beginning of the academic year, Temple Public Safety has delivered more than 55 safety presentations to student organizations, faculty groups, classrooms, athletic teams and more. At Temple University, ensuring the safety of our community remains our highest priority. Through ongoing education, we are dedicated to creating a campus environment where everyone feels supported. As part of this continued commitment, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is hosting monthly virtual training sessions for the Temple community. These sessions will provide guidance on how to respond during an active threat.

📌 Upcoming Zoom sessions:

- Thursday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.

🔗 More details and registration information are available [here](#).



Joshua Nussbaum is the deputy director of OEM.

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Game. Set. Match.



Temple Police and Men's Tennis are making a positive impact on young children in North Philadelphia.

Men's Tennis started a new weekly tennis clinic to teach the sport to third graders at Dunbar Elementary School in September, however, the connection was made after Temple University Police Officer Leroy Wimberly came to Tennis Coach Jeff Brandes with the idea. "I've been teaching different programs inside Dunbar for the last 10 years," Wimberly said. "Much of the programs focus on anti-gang prevention, but I wanted more for the students at Dunbar. And after Temple opened up its new tennis courts last year, I thought Dunbar students could benefit from our student-athletes, because they're the real pros." Brandes said he loved the idea. Now, his players are the ones who are mostly teaching the clinic. "Some of them have taught before and for some, this is their first time. So not only are Dunbar's students learning about tennis, but our players are learning about leadership," Brandes said. The young athletes are learning everything from proper grip to serving techniques and good sportsmanship. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/4pROCIi>

Trunk-Or-Treat & Treats-On-Patrol Huge Successes!

Temple Public Safety was proud to support the Temple Black Law Students Association, PLD at their Trunk or Treat last month! The Dunbar Elementary School parking lot near Temple's campus turned into a Halloween wonderland filled with children dressed as aliens, witches, minions and more at the group's fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat.

Additionally, Temple Police carried out its annual "Treats on Patrol" event on Halloween, spreading smiles across campus as officers handed out candy and shared important safety reminders with Temple students.

"We love giving back," said Temple University Police Officer Leroy Wimberly. "Community policing is about being visible, showing up and reminding the Temple and North Philadelphia communities that we're here for them."



Children at the trunk-or-treat with Temple University Police Officers.



Temple University Police Officers conducted its annual 'Treats on Patrol' initiative on Halloween.