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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the graduation of Temple University's newest Police Officers. This milestone marks the culmination of six months of rigorous training, sacrifice, and dedication. It is also the beginning of an inspiring new chapter as they take on the honorable responsibility of serving and protecting the Temple and North Philadelphia communities. Learn more about our newest officers, our new deputy chief and detective on Pages 2 and 3.

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



Temple University's Department of Public Safety is growing and recently added three new Police Officers.

Homecoming 2025

Temple University's Department of Public Safety celebrated Homecoming by hosting a community barbecue during the tailgate on Saturday, October 11, 2025. It was a special afternoon we we came together, chatting with staff and students and celebrating Temple pride alongside the crowd. For many, it was an opportunity to see the department in a different light beyond uniforms and patrols and to engage with the people who work every day to keep campus safe.

"This is what community policing is all about," said Vice President for Public Safety Dr. Jennifer Griffin. "Homecoming is one of the best days of the year to connect with students and alumni in a fun, relaxed setting. We want everyone to see that we're part of the Temple family too."

Check out more photos from the fun-filled day on our [Facebook Page](#)!



Temple University's Department of Public Safety celebrated Homecoming with lots of food and fun!

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Deputy Police Chief Gaetano Sava

Meet Temple Public Safety's new deputy chief and detective!

Gaetano Sava, 52, has recently been named as TUDPS' newest deputy chief, bringing two decades of law enforcement, teaching and leadership experience to the role. Sava began his career in 1995 with Bristol Township Police Department. Over the next 20 years, he rose through the ranks at Bristol Township, serving as a detective, lieutenant and patrol commander, and even acting chief before retiring as a lieutenant. Sava holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and an MBA with a concentration in public administration from Holy Family University. He went on to teach both undergraduate and graduate courses in subjects ranging from police management and human resource management to introductory law enforcement. "I absolutely loved teaching," he said. "It's probably one of my favorite jobs."



Police Detective Tom Boyd

Tom Boyd, 58, joined TUDPS' Investigations Unit as a police detective after retiring from the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) after 36 years of service. "I'm familiar with the North Philadelphia community because it was near my first beat as a police officer with PPD for seven years, so this feels very much like a homecoming," he said. Boyd said he spent the majority of his career with PPD as a detective, adding that he has a passion for solving crimes and offering people assistance.

Mark Your Calendar!



Public Safety is proud to support Temple University's Black Law Students Association, Pre-Law Division at its 4th annual Trunk-or-Treat event for school-aged children on Monday, Oct. 27th at 5:00 p.m. This Halloween-themed event takes place in the parking lot of Dunbar Elementary School, providing a safe and fun environment for children to dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy. The event also reinforces the university's role as a driving force for positive impact in the North Philadelphia community. Join, BLSA, Temple Police and many student organizations for a delightful evening filled with treats and community spirit!



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Meet Our New Police Officers



Chris Feder, 50, of Delaware County, made a career change to become a police officer to follow a lifelong dream after a successful 30-year career in fire and emergency services.

"The best job I ever had was as a public safety officer at a private college back in 1997. I loved the intersection of students, staff and faculty and I'm excited to start learning everything there is to becoming a great police officer."

Kevin Santana, 21, of Trenton, New Jersey, is trading in his tool belt for a Temple Police uniform. The former carpenter and electrician worked in trades for four years before deciding he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement. "Being a carpenter was a great career, but I didn't see longevity there," he explained. "I always wanted to be a part of the policing community and help people feel safer. So I'm looking forward to continuing building trust between law enforcement and the people we serve."

Daniel White, 22, a Bucks County native, always wanted to become a police officer. "Growing up, I admired the police within my community," White said. "Ever since I was a child, I knew I wanted to wear the badge and make a difference in people's lives." White was drawn to TUDPS because he wanted to be involved in a department that he said is respected for its active role in community engagement. "I'm looking forward to helping others," he said.

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



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2025 Annual Safety Report

Temple Public Safety welcomes the Temple community to review [the 2025 Annual Security and Annual Fire Safety Report](#). We hope you find this report informative as it pertains to safety and security on campus. We appreciate the opportunity to share information regarding public safety policies, programs, and services; campus crime statistics and fire safety statistics; education and training; and evacuation policies and procedures. I hope you will read this annual report on campus security and fire safety and become familiar with the services and programs that are available to help keep the campus safe. If you have questions about the federal requirements and reporting on security and fire safety, or for any other police and security matters, please visit [here](#). To learn more about TUDPS' public safety services and programs, please visit [Safety.temple.edu](#).



OEM Minute



In recent weeks, colleges and universities nationwide have faced the challenges of swatting incidents, active shooter hoaxes, and real threats. These situations—whether false or genuine—can unfold quickly. Knowing how to respond is one of the most effective ways to keep yourself and our community safe. At Temple University, your safety remains our top priority. Through preparation, training, and collaboration, we are committed to ensuring the well-being of every member of our community.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is offering monthly training sessions for students, faculty, staff, departments, student organizations, and administrative units. These sessions will cover how to respond during an active shooter or intruder incident, as well as the important role you play in campus safety.

📌 Upcoming Zoom sessions:

- Thursday, Oct. 23, at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.

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

OEM is offering monthly training preparedness sessions.