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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

I am excited to announce several well-deserved promotions within Temple University Public Safety. These individuals have consistently demonstrated professionalism, leadership and an unwavering commitment to serving our department as well as the Temple and North Philadelphia communities. Please join me in congratulating our newest leaders:

- Lieutenant, Patrol Operations: Elijah Lewis (top photo)
- Sergeant, Patrol Operations: Arashdeep Bawa
- Sergeant, Patrol Operations: Andrew Venini
- Sergeant, Tactical and Professional Development / Patrol Operations: Christopher DeRose

These promotions represent significant milestones in each of their careers. On a personal note, it's been rewarding to watch each grow into the leaders they are today. I am confident that Lieutenant Lewis and Sergeants Venini, Bawa, and DeRose will continue to lead by example as they take on their new responsibilities. Thank you all for your continued dedication to serving and protecting our community.

-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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TUPD Makes Quick Arrests

A special shoutout to Temple University Police Officers Peter Cooper, Lucas Dekaney and Christopher Peralata, along with Temple Dispatchers Calvin Holmes, Don Kirk, Amber Michaels and Tony Jones for their outstanding teamwork. Together, they helped apprehend two women in connection with a retail robbery/theft investigation. We appreciate their quick response and commitment to keeping our communities safer. Great work!



Water Ice with the Chief!

A big thank you to everyone who came out to Water Ice with the Chief on Thursday, July 23 (left)! It was a joy bringing our department together to cool off, share some great conversations with Interim Police Chief Denise Wilhelm and enjoy a refreshing treat. The turnout and engagement made it a fantastic event. We sincerely appreciate all that you do to keep the Temple and North Philadelphia communities safer! And we're already looking forward to the next event in September. Stay tuned!



Ofc. Leroy Wimberly Retires

For nearly two decades, Temple Police Officer Leroy Wimberly has gone far beyond the badge, earning the nickname "Mr. Make It Happen" for his unwavering commitment to the Temple and North Philadelphia communities. From mentoring students and teaching the G.R.E.A.T. program to helping dozens of Carver High School students enroll at Temple, Wimberly has transformed lives through service, compassion and leadership. As he retires, his lasting legacy will continue to inspire the Temple community. Thank you for your service!

