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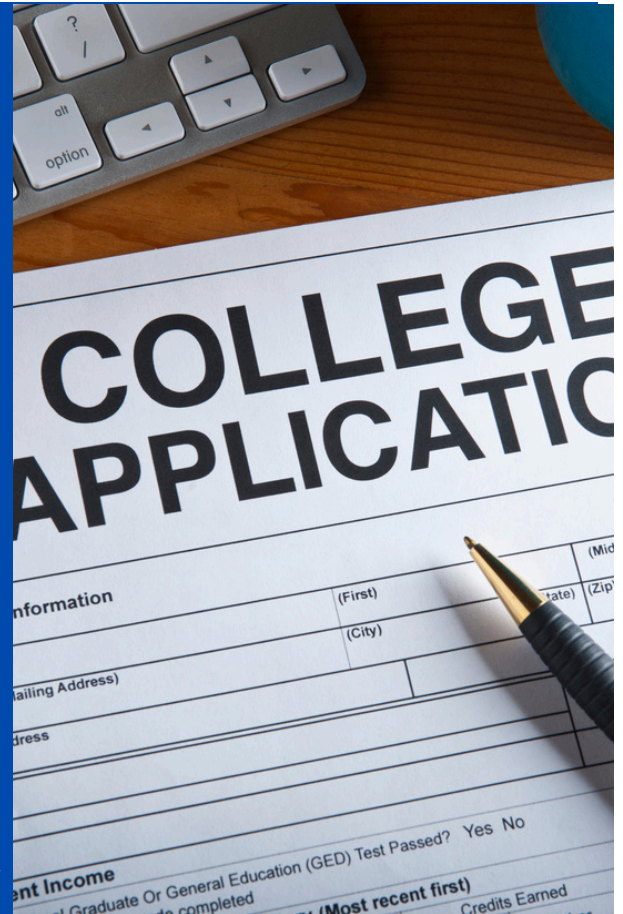
THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

I'm so proud of the Public Safety employees who are furthering their education by utilizing the university's tuition remission program, which covers 100% of tuition costs for up to eight credits. Dependent children of employees are also eligible. Some of our employees include Joshua Nussbaum, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, who began his doctorate in higher education over the fall semester. Kyle Sentore, a Dispatcher, is currently pursuing an undeclared graduate degree. Last year, Dispatcher Brian Hathaway was named the alumni speaker at the bachelor of general studies graduation after he earned a bachelor's degree in general studies with an emphasis on criminal justice and psychology. Both of his children are also Temple graduates, each having benefits from the university's tuition remission program. James Adams, CLA '86, a longtime Temple security officer, is proud that his son is currently an Owl—and set to graduate in May.

As Nussbaum recently told me: "Education is never wasted. I firmly believe that the more educated people are, the more that we could live up to the democratic ideals of our country." I strongly agree and encourage all of our employees to consider utilizing this great benefit offered by the university.

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



Communication Center Update

Our team is making amazing progress with the Communication Center enhancement project. We will have a grand reveal in next month's issue of *Proud TU Serve*, but we are excited to share some key upgrades now that will improve work environment for all of our dispatchers. For instance, each of the dispatcher's desks include



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new monitors. Previously, there were three. The new monitors can also be electronically adjusted forward, back and vertically. Additionally, each desk can also be adjusted to be a standing desk, which offers numerous health benefits. Personal comfort systems - cold air and heat- have been installed below and on top of each desk. The ceiling lighting is now LED, which are more energy efficient. The carpet was replaced and every wire is brand new. This is in addition to a new CAD system. The project has truly been a team-lead effort, and we sincerely thank Director Edda Lewis, Director Joe Spera and many others. We look forward to an open house of the new center soon.
-Mike Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs

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Remembering Sgt. Fitzgerald

Earlier this month, Temple University's Department of Public Safety hosted a memorial wreath laying at Forest Hills Cemetery to honor the life of Sgt. Christopher Fitzgerald. He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who was taken from us on Feb. 18, 2023. His memory will never be forgotten.



The Office of Emergency Management has a newly revised Emergency Operations Plan.

OEM Minute

Temple's Office of Emergency Management encourages the Temple community to review our newly revised Emergency Operations Plan, or EOP. The comprehensive EOP is the Temple community's go-to resource for understanding how we prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from any large-scale event that could impact our community, environment, infrastructure, or daily life at Temple. We believe that preparedness is a shared responsibility. When emergencies arise - whether it be natural, technological, or human-generated - we all play a part in ensuring a coordinated response. Empower yourself and learn more: <https://bit.ly/40CpzNfI>
-Deputy Director Joshua Nussbaum

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



Mark Your Calendar!



Temple Public Safety is proud to announce the date for our Awards Ceremony. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 4. The event will take place inside the Fox Gittis Room of the Liacouras Center, where food will be served. Doors open at 4pm and ceremony to start at 5pm.

Join us as we honor some of our own heroes who made a difference in the lives of those who live and work within the Temple Community!



The Student Safety Advisory Committee meets monthly.

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Health and Wellness: Sign Up for a Spring 5K

Thinking about trying a 5K this Spring? You're in luck - there are many options. If you're new to running, I suggest that you use a training plan. Training plans help prevent injuries, keep you on point, and will help make your race more enjoyable. There are options such as personal trainers (online and in person), couch to 5K program, free training plans, and online plans for sale. Plans vary in length and total miles. Choose one that works for you, fits into your schedule, matches your ability, and goals. Good luck!

-Chris Willard, Director of Tactical and Professional Development



Campus Safety Magazine named VP for Public Safety Jennifer Griffin a Campus Safety Director of the Year Finalist.

Campus Safety Director of the Year Finalist

Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety, has been named a finalist for Campus Safety Director of the Year by Campus Safety Magazine. This is Campus Safety Magazine's 18th annual Director of the Year awards, which garnered almost 200 submissions from across the country. Judges then narrowed it down to just 11 finalists.

"It's humbling to be nominated for this distinguished honor. Here at the Department of Public Safety, we're committed to building partnerships to solve problems and improve public safety for everyone who lives, works and visits the Temple and North Philadelphia communities—they are the reason we do the work," Griffin said. Read more [here](#).

TUDPS Memorial Wall

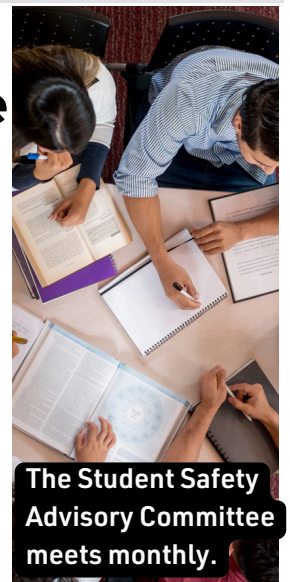
A sincere thank you to Ms. Janice Dietz, Security Officer Janee Phillips, Security Officer Philip Polite, Police Officer Andrew Lanetti and Deputy Chief Michael Smith who worked together to create a Memory Wall for those employees who passed away while actively employed with Public Safety over the years. This was no easy task researching employee records and colleague accounts, but the result is a beautiful dedication. K9 Chandler was also added to the police officer memorial wall.

Student Safety

Advisory Committee

Public Safety held our inaugural Spring Semester meeting of the Student Safety Advisory Committee this month.

The next meeting will be held on March 19th at 2pm. If you're interested in joining us, email TUDPS.Comms@Temple.edu. The Committee is comprised of students who meet with Temple's Chief of Police and other Public Safety employees. We meet monthly and are always looking for new members to join us and find safety solutions together.



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