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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

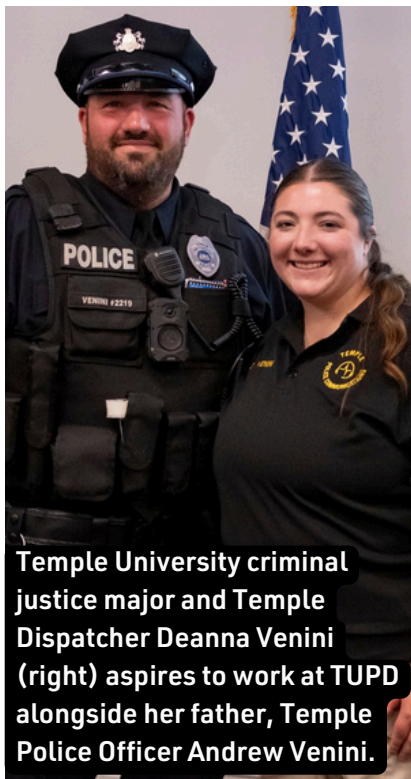
Chief's Corner

I am excited that Temple University's Department of Public Safety is now enhancing our training with brand-new, cutting-edge simulation technology. This marks the first time a Ti Training system has been used in a university police department in the region. Make no mistake about it: Technology plays a critical role in public safety as a crime-fighting tool. We're also using technology so that our Police Officers can handle a range of situations. The tech company Ti Training is behind the immersive platform that simulates more than 900 real-world scenarios, ranging from routine traffic stops to crisis intervention incidents to more stressful situations like an active shooter. More than 2,000 police departments across the country are currently utilizing Ti Training systems, including approximately 100 university and college campus police departments. However, Temple is proudly the first university police department to utilize a Ti Training system in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. This will make our training even more robust as we work to make the Temple community safer.

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



The Temple University Police Department is the first in the tri-state area to utilize cutting-edge simulation technology Ti Training to enhance police officer training.



New Temple Dispatcher aspires to join TUPD, just like her father

Meet the Venini's: This father-daughter duo are working to make the Temple community safer. Deanna Venini is a new Temple dispatcher and a Temple student, majoring in criminal justice. She aspires to one day become a police officer, just like her father, who has been protecting and serving the Temple community for nearly 17 years. "He is always willing to help somebody in need and he has a deep love for the job. He's dedicated to the job, very brave, strong and I aspire to do what he does," she said. Police Officer Venini started in his role in 2008 and has had many different responsibilities over the years. On top of his regular patrols, he has traveled with the football team as part of their security detail. He has also helped train new Temple police officers. "This job allowed me to work with a lot of good police officers over the years, and they have all become friends," he said. He is humbled that his daughter Deanna is eager to follow in his footsteps and go into law enforcement. "My dad has always been my hero," she said. "It means everything that she wants to go into this profession because of what she sees in me," Officer Venini said. "I'm proud of her for what she has accomplished and what she will accomplish."

-Denise Wilhelm, Executive Deputy Operations

Temple University criminal justice major and Temple Dispatcher Deanna Venini (right) aspires to work at TUPD alongside her father, Temple Police Officer Andrew Venini.

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Behind the Badge

Big kudos to the Engagement Unit, which proudly supported Temple University's Black Law Students Association, PLD in their annual Trunk-or-Treat! This festive event for children took place in the parking lot of Dunbar School, providing a safe and fun environment for children to dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy. Many student organizations participated, too, as well as Temple's football team. We enjoyed a delightful evening filled with treats and community spirit! This is another great example of building bridges with our community members.

-Michael Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs



We Are StormReady
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OEM Minute

Temple is now the first university in the Delaware Valley to achieve the StormReady status, which is issued by the National Weather Service. This status recognizes the diligent work of Temple's Office of Emergency Management. OEM applied for this status, which included an extensive review based on existing plans, policies and actions involving public preparedness and warnings. As part of the review process, OEM is now equipped with a weather radio that exclusively tracks forecasts. Additionally, OEM is in the process of upgrading the TU Siren, which will help with weather alerts. OEM is constantly refining protocols for severe weather to better serve the Temple community.

-Len Clark, Director of the Office of Emergency Management

Meet our new Accreditation Manager

Meet Bryan Cottrell, a retired deputy chief of detectives for the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, who now works as Temple Public Safety's new accreditation manager. "CALEA's accreditation process is a blueprint for self-improvement," said Cottrell. His law enforcement experience also includes working in the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and serving in the special victim's unit, the homicide unit and others over his 25-year career in law enforcement. He joined TUDPS in October 2024. Welcome and congratulations!



Bryan Cottrell

More students are utilizing safety resources

Nearly 100 students received free U-locks during the 2023-2024 academic calendar, which is an increase of nearly 20% from the year prior, according to TUDPS data. More students, faculty and staff are also utilizing the university's walking escort program, which allows individuals to be accompanied by a security officer when walking to locations within Temple's patrol boundaries. The number of walking escorts grew from 1,354 in the 2022-2023 academic year to 1,402 during the 2023-2024 academic year. Other programs like Flight and the Security Grant program saw large increases as well. Learn more [here](#).

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Health and Wellness

You cannot outrun a bad diet. Short term it may seem like you can. However, poor nutrition choices can have long term effects that cannot be prevented by exercise. Food choices that include saturated fat and chemicals found in processed foods cause fat buildup and inflammation. Avoid the mindset of "I worked out today, I can have ice cream" or "I workout four times per week, I am healthy." Everyone should monitor their saturated fat, salt, and sugar intake, as well as see your doctor regularly.

-Chris Willard, Director of Tactical and Professional Development



Tech Bytes



Moira Stoddart Trapper, Ph.D. is the web guru behind all the big updates happening across Safety.Temple.edu!

Meet Moira Stoddart Trapper, Ph.D.! Moira is the Executive Director of Digital Strategy and Engagement for the Office of the Senior Vice President & COO at Temple University. Among her many responsibilities, she manages Temple's Public Safety's website. "From my perspective, messaging about safety is our top priority. We make every effort to be proactive, anticipating the information that is valuable to our community, and I believe we've seen significant growth in that area," she shared. Since its launch in spring 2023, the website (safety.temple.edu) has undergone notable improvements. The homepage has been redesigned to create a more student-focused navigation that directs students to essential information. Additionally, pages like 'Measuring Our Progress' feature a transparent dashboard that shows how Public Safety is making improvements based on community needs and assessment. Moira also mentioned that the website is now being routinely updated, a change from previous years, to better reflect Public Safety's response in enhancing access to information. "Looking ahead, we will continue to strengthen and enhance our digital strategy," she stated. "It's incredibly important that we collaborate with our campus and community partners to improve information sharing together." Thank you, Moira, for all that you do!

Know someone seeking employment?

Refer your friends to work here and Public Safety will offer a \$500 referral payment for eligible positions. The referral payment amount will be paid after the referred employee successfully completes 90 days of employment. See Amber James, Associate Director of Administrative Operations, for more information.



Mark Your Calendar!



For those who want to help, Temple's Department of Public Safety will be giving back by distributing dozens of turkeys directly to its North Philadelphia neighbors on November 25th from 9a-12p. Join us in this effort that has been happening for over a decade and help package these dinners at the Temple Newman Center, 2129 N. Broad St.

