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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in the successful installation of Temple University's new ZeroEyes technology. ZeroEyes uses the university's existing security cameras and a combination of artificial intelligence and human verification to detect exposed guns. Deputy Police Chief Michael T. Smith, Director of Technology Joseph Spera, Police Detective Melanie Haworth, Temple's Information Technology Services and many others have been instrumental in bringing this program to fruition. Your professionalism, expertise, and attention to detail have made this transition smooth and seamless. We also appreciate funding from LT. Governor Austin Davis, Chair of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), which provided a generous grant with the goal to reduce gun violence. We are confident that this upgrade will enhance our operations and continue to improve safety moving forward. We truly appreciate the dedication and support of everyone throughout this process. We also thank Philadelphia City Council for recognizing all of our collective efforts at TUDPS that are working to make North Philadelphia safer for everyone. -Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety



Philadelphia City Council recognized Temple University for being the first university in the tri-state area to utilize ZeroEyes.



Michael Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs, with some of the children who received new bicycles.

TUDPS hosts Bike Giveaway and Children's Holiday Party

Temple University's Department of Public Safety (TUDPS) held our 27th annual Children's Holiday Party on Sunday, December 8th. We had a lot of fun doing activities with the children, including face painting, dancing, toy giveaways and more. However, it was a little different than years' past. For the first time, TUDPS held a separate event a few days prior to the party to give away about 24 bicycles to children in need. Like the holiday party, that turned out to be a big success. The children who received the bicycles were thrilled and it was such a joy to see so many smiling faces. We thank the Engagement Unit for coordinating this new initiative and making both events happen. The bicycles were funded from a Secret Santa, who has a deep appreciation of the work of Temple Police. We appreciate their generosity and commitment to improving safety in North Philadelphia. We also hope his gift serves as a reminder of why we celebrate the holiday season: To give back! The Holiday Party had a great turnout as well - about 300 children received gifts, books and coats. Kudos to all!

-Michael Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs

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Behind the Badge

A very big thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly to pack and distribute several dozen turkey dinners to our North Philadelphia neighbors just before Thanksgiving. The department has been doing this important work every year for over a decade and it's greatly appreciated by the community!
-Denise Wilhelm, Executive Deputy Director



TUDPS packed more than 50 Thanksgiving dinners



Joshua Nussbaum, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, points to a rally point.

OEM Minute

The Office of Emergency Management and the Facilities Management Office recently completed several fire drills for Main Campus and the Health Sciences Center. We thank everyone for their cooperation. It's important to know how to evacuate and where your nearest rally point is. A rally point is a designated place where individuals should move to if their building requires an evacuation. Rally point information can be found at route.temple.edu and is also now in the TUsafe app. Evacuation is the directive given to put as much space as possible in between you and the threat, like a fire in a building. Students, staff, faculty and visitors are reminded to follow these simple steps so you're prepared in the event of an evacuation.

-Joshua Nussbaum, Deputy Director of Emergency Management



Bryan Cottrell now works as the TUDPS' new accreditation manager.

TUDPS strives for the 'gold standard' of accreditation

Temple University's Department of Public Safety (TUDPS) is working to earn the "gold standard of public safety accreditation," according to Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety Jennifer Griffin.

"I have no doubt we will successfully achieve accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)," Griffin said. "CALEA's standards reflect best practices for public safety agencies."

CALEA is a national accrediting authority for public safety agencies. It aims to holistically improve law enforcement service by creating a set of standards that is nationally recognized and developed by law enforcement professionals. In an effort to achieve CALEA, TUDPS brought on board Bryan Cottrell, a retired deputy chief of detectives for the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office who now works as the department's new accreditation manager. "CALEA's accreditation process is a blueprint for self-improvement," said Cottrell. "Achieving CALEA status will strengthen both transparency and accountability with the Temple community and the North Philadelphia communities that we serve."

CALEA's standards include a five-step accreditation process. TUDPS seeks to achieve CALEA status over the next two years.