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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2024 Annual TUDPS Awards and Recognition Ceremony. A special congratulations to our Employees of the Year: Police Officer of the Year - Andrew Venini · Dispatcher of the Year: Donald Kirk · Security Officer of the Year: Janee Phillips. It was an honor and a privilege to recognize the outstanding dedication and unwavering commitment of the men and women who serve and protect our Temple University community. The evening was a celebration of service, excellence, and of the profound impact each of you has on our campus and beyond. Together, as one team, we are building a safer future for Temple —and I am proud to stand with all of you. Check out many more photos of the event on our Facebook Page [here](#). -Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police & Vice President for Public Safety



Andrew Venini was named Temple Police Officer of the Year.



Temple Police Officers Andrew Lanetti (left) and Manuel Williams and Police Sergeant Lauren Boone each received the Life-saving Award after jumping into action to provide medical care to a man after a traumatic accident.

Police Save Man's Life

Temple Police Officers Andrew Lanetti and Manuel Williams and Police Sergeant Lauren Boone received the Life-saving Award for utilizing two tourniquets to control the bleeding of a man severely injured after a 700-pound air conditioner fell top op of him. Lanetti was the first to respond and utilized the first tourniquet. He then radioed that he needed another tourniquet as well. Sergeant Boone arrived next and used a second tourniquet to stop additional blood loss from his arm injury. Boone and Officer Williams continued talking to the man to ensure he would not go into shock before medics arrived. Police Lieutenant Kamari Boone and Police Officers Jeffrey McKee and Jacky Tran also received the Life-saving Award involving a separate incident. Read more about that [here](#).

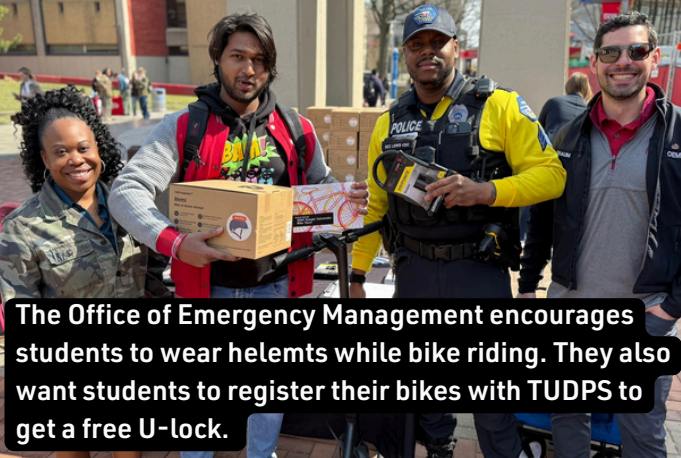
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Engagement Unit

A big thank you to our amazing Engagement Unit, which stepped up to donate 2,000 books to Tree House Books after a water leak damaged many of its inventory. It's our hope that these books help the youngest members of our community to foster a love for reading. Engagement also teamed up with Athletics to donate 3,000 books to elementary school students ahead of Read Across America Week. It was inspiring to see the team work of multiple university partners come together!

-Denise Wilhelm, Executive Deputy Director



The Office of Emergency Management encourages students to wear helmets while bike riding. They also want students to register their bikes with TUDPS to get a free U-lock.

OEM Minute

Temple University's Department of Public Safety (TUDPS), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Office of Risk Management (ORM) teamed up to give away free helmets and U-locks to students and faculty members who register their bike or scooter with TUDPS at the Bell Tower. The event was a huge success and more than 200 locks and helmets were given away. Data from the CDC shows that nearly half of all U.S. TBI-related hospitalizations are caused by falls. Students are encouraged to register their bikes or scooters with TUDPS all year.

- Len Clark, Director of OEM

Know someone seeking employment?

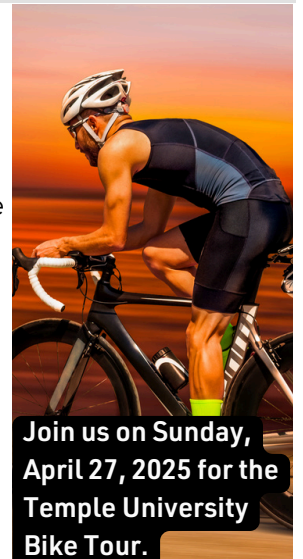
Refer your friends to work with us and Public Safety will offer a \$500 referral payment for eligible positions through TERP. The referral payment amount will be paid after the referred employee successfully completes 90 days of employment. Contact Amber James, Associate Director of Administrative Operations, for more information: Aajames@Temple.edu



Mark Your Calendar!



Temple Public Safety invites you to join us for the TU Bike Tour on April 27th! The Bike Tour will bring together riders, families and supporters to celebrate wellness, sustainability and the power of community. This exciting event will raise awareness for environmental stewardship while raising critical funds for the Ambler Campus to support essential programs, research and community engagement.



Join us on Sunday, April 27, 2025 for the Temple University Bike Tour.

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TU Police Cadets to graduate

We are thrilled for our dedicated police cadets to graduate from the TU Police Academy. Our field training officers are ready to mentor them, and our entire agency is looking forward to warmly receiving them. For those who would like to attend their graduation, it's 3pm on March 28th at the Learning Center Auditorium at Temple Ambler.

-Chris Willard, Director of Tactical and Professional Development



VP for Public Safety and Chief of Police Jennifer Griffin elected Director-At-Large of IACLEA.

Chief Griffin elected

Director-At-Large of IACLEA

Temple University's Department of Public Safety is honored to congratulate our Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety Jennifer D. Griffin, Ph.D. for being elected Director-At-Large of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators or IACLEA! "IACLEA is leading the way in progressing law enforcement throughout the world. Sharing ideas and collaborating with law enforcement agencies from across the globe will make a real difference in all our communities," she said. "My goal in this role is to represent Temple University's Department of Public Safety, universities and colleges, and the profession of law enforcement in the highest regards. It's a true honor."

Communication Center Update

We are excited to announce that upgrades to the Communication Center are complete. This months-long project is the culmination of our hardworking TUDPS technology and information systems team, as well as multiple university partners. There are several key upgrades that will improve the work environment for all of our dispatchers. For instance, more monitors were added to each station, which can be electronically adjusted forward, back and vertically. 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. We sincerely thank Director Edda Lewis, Director Joe Spera and many others.

-Mike Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs



Temple Dispatchers, seen inside the newly updated Communication Center, work with Temple Police every day to make the Temple community safer.