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Chief's Corner

Temple University's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) hosted a comprehensive tabletop exercise this month focused on emergency response coordination. "As we brought together senior leaders from across the university, our goal was to strengthen campus-wide readiness in the face of critical incidents," said Len Clark, director of OEM. The scenario-driven tabletop simulated an emergency involving a measles outbreak and required collaboration between public safety, administration, student/employee health, strategic communications, facilities, the Office of Compliance, the Provost's Office, Temple Health and other university and city departments. "This exercise emphasized roles, decision-making, communication and resource deployment during a crisis," said Joshua Nussbaum, deputy director of OEM. There is no doubt about it: This kind of proactive planning is essential. In any emergency, every second counts. Every department has a role to play. These exercises help us stay ready, stay coordinated and protect our community. Director Clark concluded the presentation saying that the university can apply lessons learned from the tabletop to many other situations.

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



Police Chief Jennifer Griffin next to Director of OEM Len Clark at a tabletop exercise.

Scoring in Engagement

Temple's Department of Public Safety faced off in a friendly pickup basketball game between North Philadelphia campers earlier this month. The spirited game happened on the brand new basketball court at Tanner G. Duckrey Public School, just off Temple's campus in North Philadelphia, as children and police officers alike cheered from the sidelines. Police Officer Leroy Wimberly said community policing is about building relationships that go beyond emergency calls, adding that the competition emphasized teamwork and connection. "Police work means getting involved in the community and being a part of the community," Wimberly said.



Temple University's Department of Public Safety celebrated summer with campers on the court.

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Temple Police Officers achieve bike patrol certification

Four of Temple's newest police officers underwent an intense week of bike patrol training, which was led by Police Sergeant Elijah Lewis. "High-quality bicycle patrol training is critical in ensuring Temple University Police Officers are equipped with the skills needed to perform their duties safely and effectively," Lewis said. After completing all training, the officers became certified through the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association. "Temple police utilize specialized mountain bikes to patrol, which can travel very fast and cut into alleyways or ride on the sidewalk safely. Because of our unique campus, bike patrols are essential to enhancing safety," Griffin said. "I'm proud of our police officers for their accomplishments!"



Health: Exercising in a Heatwave

This time of year, it is important to stay safe when exercising in the heat. Science suggests that we exercise early in the morning, which is often the coolest time of day and to wear light colored and loose-fitting clothing to assist with evaporation - the body's natural air conditioner. I would also suggest you lower your expectations for your workout, because heat and humidity can lower your performance. Additionally, know the signs of heat illness - dizziness, confusions, nausea, and cramps in the abdomen and legs - and if experiencing them, stop. Chris Willard, Director of Tactical and Professional Development



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Mark Your Calendar!



As the back-to-school season approaches, Temple Public Safety is calling on the community to help set local students up for success. We will be collaborating with other university partners for a 'Pack the Patrol Car' school supply drive at the Walmart in South Philadelphia on Aug. 6th from 11am - 6pm. New donated school supplies will be gifted to children from North Philadelphia later this summer.

