

PROUD TO SERVE

THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief's Corner

As the back-to-school season approaches, Temple University proudly launched its first university-wide school supply drive to support the children of North Philadelphia. Led by the Department of Public Safety, and in partnership with the College of Education and Human Development and the Office of Community Affairs, this initiative brought our community together in a meaningful way. A big thank you to the generosity of students, faculty, staff, and neighbors who collectively donated nearly 100 backpacks, along with enough supplies to fill each one. This effort is one of many community-driven events led by Public Safety that reflect Temple's deep commitment to uplifting North Philadelphia. Whether you're a student, faculty member, or a local resident, we're united by a shared goal: to be a force for positive change. For both myself and the department, this work is deeply rewarding, because at its core, this is what public safety is all about: helping people and making a lasting difference. Later this month, we'll distribute the filled backpacks to local students. A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed. Your support is making an impact.

-Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police and VP for Public Safety



Hundreds of school supplies were collected at the Pack the Patrol Car kickoff event.



Corinthia Johnson meets Temple Police Officer A. Bawa for the first time since calling Temple Police to report 8 animals seen locked in a hot car. Most of the animals have been adopted.

Temple Police rescue 8 animals from hot car

Temple University Police officers rescued seven dogs and a cat from a dangerously hot car in North Philadelphia, thanks to a life-saving tip from a Good Samaritan. On one of the hottest days of the year, local block captain Corinthia Johnson spotted several animals inside a parked car and immediately alerted Temple Police. She praised the department's swift response, noting, "They always show up right away when I call." Officers reported that temperatures inside the vehicle approached 100 degrees, the animals were visibly suffering from heat-related distress, and some were covered in feces. Fortunately, the animals were safely transported to ACCT Philly, where they received care and most have since been adopted into loving homes. A heartfelt thank you to Police Officers Natalie Sherman, Rebecca Key-Gaskins, Arashdeep Bawa, and all who responded to protect these animals. Your quick action made all the difference.

-Capt. James Hennigan, Captain of Patrol

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Slices for Smiles



A big thank you to everyone who came out to support our Chillin' for a Cause fundraiser! Whether you bought a slice, helped spread the word, or simply showed up to cheer us on, your support truly made a difference. We're proud to share that thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,703 for our annual Children's Holiday Party. This beloved event brings holiday magic to hundreds of children each December, complete with gifts, food, and entertainment. Your kindness will help us make this year's celebration even more special. We couldn't do it without YOU. Thank you again for being a part of something meaningful!
-Denise Wilhelm, Executive Deputy Operations

Introducing Public Safety's Social Media Toolkit

Public Safety is introducing a new initiative: The Public Safety Social Media Toolkit. It aims to help promote awareness of the university's safety resources. The Toolkit includes 14 Instagram-friendly graphics and customized captions focused on safety tips and reminders. Student organizations and academic units are encouraged to post one piece of content each week throughout the fall semester until finals week. Jennifer Griffin, VP for Public Safety and Chief of Police, emphasized the importance of community involvement in safety efforts. "We often say that safety is a shared responsibility," Griffin said. "Everyone plays a role in looking out for one another and taking steps to stay safe. This Toolkit is designed to help do just that by meeting the Temple community where they are: Online." For more information, email TUDPS.Comms@Temple.edu with PSSMT in the subject line.

Join the Student Safety Advisory Committee!

Temple Public Safety is looking for student voices! Join the Student Safety Advisory Committee and help shape safety initiatives on campus. This is your chance to share ideas, raise concerns, and work directly with Public Safety leadership to make a difference. Email TUDPS.Comms@Temple.edu to learn more.

Building Stronger Bonds: Public Safety's First Team-Building Experience

Temple Public Safety leadership attended the department's first ever team-building exercise this month. It was wonderful to see everyone from our sergeants to captains and administrators come together and having fun as we completed several challenges that reminded us of the strength and spirit of our department. We're looking forward to more moments like this in the future!



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VP Griffin named Campus Safety Director of the Year

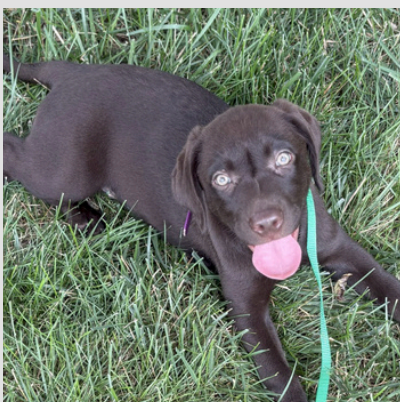
Jennifer Griffin, Temple Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety, has been named Campus Safety Director of the Year by [Campus Safety Magazine](#). "It's truly an honor to be recognized as Campus Safety Director of the Year," said Griffin. "This award reflects the incredible work and dedication of the entire Department of Public Safety, along with the strong support of Temple University. Together, we're committed to putting safety at the center of everything we do for both the Temple community and our North Philadelphia neighbors." Now in its 18th year, Campus Safety Magazine's Director of the Year awards received nearly 200 nominations from across the country. Griffin was selected as one of two co-winners. "Her dedication to proactive measures and collaborative efforts has set a benchmark for campus safety initiatives across the higher education landscape," the magazine noted in its announcement. Congrats to the chief!



Jennifer Griffin,
Temple's Chief of Police and
VP for Public Safety

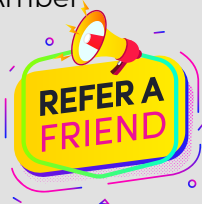
Welcome, Barkley!

As part of Public Safety's ongoing Employee Wellness initiatives, we're excited to introduce Barkley! She's a 11-week-old chocolate Labrador retriever currently in training to become a certified comfort dog. Barkley is in the early "socialization" phase of her training, getting used to both the campus environment and her new home with Director Chris Willard, who also serves as her owner and handler. The goal of this pilot program is to support the mental health and wellness of both our department and the broader Temple community. To ensure its success, we've consulted with other departments that have launched similar initiatives. This program is led by Director Willard in collaboration with Dr. Andrew J. Lee, Director of Tuttleman Counseling Services. Stay tuned for more updates as Barkley continues her training and prepares to bring a little more comfort and calm to our campus.



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!



We are looking forward to two Welcome Wagons later this month! First, on Tuesday, August 26th at Norris and Carlisle from 1:30PM - 2:30PM. The last one is Wednesday, August 27th at 16th and Berks from 11:30AM - 12:30PM. These events offer students the opportunity to obtain free swag while learning about campus safety resources at Temple. All are invited!

