

# PROUD TO SERVE

THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## Chief's Corner

Public Safety's Recognition and Promotion Ceremony was a wonderful event! All our honorees have worked very hard to get to this point in their career. I sincerely thank them for their dedication and service, or new commitment to the Temple community. A special thank you to their families for their sacrifice and support of our colleagues who were recognized. Working in public safety is a professional calling that leaves a mark on our hearts and minds. Our core values of integrity, professionalism, respect, competence and customer service are critical to the jobs we do every day. We were also honored to hear President Richard Englert share his personal admiration for the work we do. Congratulations to all!

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



The Promotion and Recognition Ceremony was held of Thursday, Oct. 10th.



**BEFORE AND AFTER: Sgt. Ramos adopted a stray dog found in the College of Engineering building. After taking him to a groomer, he looks like a different dog!**

## Cuteness Alert!

As a hungry and scruffy-looking dog was found wandering inside the hallways of the College of Engineering building during a late August afternoon, Temple Police Sergeant David Ramos was called to respond. "A security officer handed me a cardboard box with a small, friendly dog inside. He was calm and didn't bark or growl," recalled Ramos, who has served the Temple community for three years. "It looked like he could use a bath. To be honest, it really looked like he could use some love." Ramos took the box, with the dog inside, and placed him in the back of his patrol car. He then texted a photo of his new four-legged friend to his wife, Evelyn, who candidly responded: "Are you taking him home?" Ramos already has a dog, plus three daughters. "But I thought, 'OK, I might be taking him home.' I mean, look at that face!" Ramos then adopted him and took him to the dog groomer, which made a world of a difference! [Read more.](#)

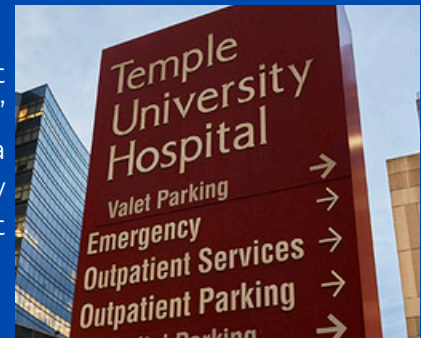
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## OEM Minute

The Office of Emergency Management held a successful Code Pink drill at Temple hospital. In the event of a suspected or actual abduction, "Code Pink" would be announced for an infant less than 12 months of age. Imagine being a parent and your infant is abducted from a place of safety - we need to know what to do. Thank you to the police officers, security and dispatchers for all that you did to maintain our level of safety. Safety is everybody's responsibility.

-Len Clark, Director of the Office of Emergency Management



Temple Police Officer Arashdeep Bawa at a recent football game.

## Behind the Badge

Temple Police Officer Arashdeep Bawa was recently featured in a [Temple Now story](#) about being one of several Temple Police Officers who provide protection for the Owls at every game, whether they are playing at home or on the road. In particular, this quote from Ofc. Bawa stood out to me: *"I like to build a rapport with the team. It's important because when we go back on campus, I want our student-athletes to know that they can be comfortable to contact us at Temple Police if they ever need anything."* Ofc. Bawa's comments are a great reminder of why we wear our badge and uniform every day. To the public, a badge symbolizes the oath you have taken, the duty you uphold and the people you serve. A badge is the most recognizable part of a police uniform and it symbolizes trustworthiness, safety, and protection to the people in your community. We are fortunate that Temple University Police Officers, like Bawa, remember the main assignment of protecting and serving the Temple community, whether on campus or traveling with the team. Thank you everyone for your service.

-Michael Smith, Deputy Director of Organizational Affairs

## 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!



We are preparing for a spook-tacular night of handing out candy to children in the community at our annual Trunk-Or-treat event! Please join is on October 28th at the Dunbar Elementary School parking lot from 5p-7p for an evening of fun, candy and getting to know our community!



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## Behind the Badge

Big kudos to the Engagement Unit for hosting a half-dozen Cookies with a Cop events already this semester. Students enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, coffee and more while we remind them about our safety resources. We were so happy to see so many familiar faces and excited to get to know many new students, as well. This is a great way to build a bridge with our Temple community!

-Denise Wilhelm, Executive Deputy Operations



## Tech Bytes

The Office of Emergency Management recognized World Mental Health Day in a big way. This day is held every year on October 10th and spotlights mental health around the world, raises awareness of mental health issues and encourages efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. In lieu of this, OEM partnered with multiple other university offices and added a new feature to the TUSafe app called 'Health and Wellbeing.' Now, students can access services like Student Health Services, Employee Health Services and Owls Care easier than ever. We also added the direct number to the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Philadelphia Behavioral Healthline in this new section of the TUSafe app. To see the update, you need to re-download the TUSafe app. You can do that [here](#).

## Meet our new Police Officers

After working in the narcotics unit of the Philadelphia Police Department for 24 years, **Richard Rivera** developed a passion for community policing. Now, Rivera looks to bring his enjoyment of



Ofcs. Richard Rivera & Patrick Longo

community engagement to Temple. Another fresh face to Temple Police's roster is **Patrick Longo**, who earned a criminology degree from Penn State University. He spent two years with the Millbourne Police Department in Delaware County. Congratulations and welcome!

## Coming Out Week

Temple University's Department of Public Safety was proud to be a part of IDEAL's annual National Coming Out Week festival. This event provides the community with an opportunity to engage with various campus and local resources that promote LGBTQIA+ inclusivity. This year's theme for National Coming Out Week at Temple University is "Transformative Love." A big thank you to everyone who participated!

